



Official Publication of the Old Fort Gun Club, Inc.

The objectives of this organization are to establish and maintain a permanent organization, for the benefit of its membership and the general public, to promote the elements of the shooting sports, hunter education, marksmanship training, safe handling of all firearms, enforcement of game laws, the values of sportsmanship, and sportsmanlike conduct. In order to further these objectives, the organization will operate and maintain rifle, pistol, and shotgun firing ranges, owned, rented, or newly-constructed, to include a meeting house (when funds are available) for the use and benefit of the members.



# The Old Fort Shootist

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## New Members Joined in October

Old Fort Gun Club welcomes new members. Look for these families on the range and give them a good old-fashioned warm and friendly welcome!

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| Randy Coleman    | Alma       |
| Williams Menzies | Alma       |
| George Herbert   | Alma       |
| Wayne Corder     | Fort Smith |
| James Gaston     | Fort Smith |
| Jeffrey Holland  | Fort Smith |
| Michael Knight   | Fort Smith |
| Charles Lee      | Fort Smith |
| Rich Nolen Sr.   | Fort Smith |
| Lowell Person    | Fort Smith |
| Mark Rogers      | Fort Smith |
| Logan Shelby     | Fort Smith |
| Bob Coleman      | Rudy       |
| John Gardner     | Van Buren  |
| George Davis     | Van Buren  |
| Brian Miller     | Van Buren  |
| David Schook     | Van Buren  |
| Fred Wald Jr.    | Van Buren  |
| Michael Walker   | Van Buren  |

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 1 at the Barling City Hall.

## It's Renewal Time

November starts the renewal cycle. Inside this issue there is a renewal form. Please fill it out and send your money in as soon as possible. Also please update all information on the form. The gate combination will change again on February 1, 2008. We do not want to lock anyone out.

Current rates are \$40 per year for membership and \$40 per year for the range maintenance fee. The maintenance fee can be worked off if working at shooting matches or on work days. Members 65 years and older do not have to pay the range maintenance fee after the first year. Every member also must be an NRA member. This is a small price to pay for a safe place to shoot.

If you joined earlier this year, please notice that the maintenance fee was pro-rated for the 2007 year.

Please send in the form soon as possible. We have over 600 family members at Old Fort Gun Club and growing.

Membership forms and renewal forms can also be downloaded from the web [www.OFGC.org](http://www.OFGC.org).

## Election Time

At the December meeting (not the November club meeting), we will be electing or re-electing new Officers and Board Members. If anyone wants to run for any Office or Director -at-Large position, please contact Ronnie Shoppack, Nominating Committee Chairman, at [Danlee1938@cox.net](mailto:Danlee1938@cox.net).

# 2007 Old Fort Gun Club Directors

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## Shooting Tip 101

The best trigger device while hunting or shooting is your index finger. That's right...your finger. The finger controls the trigger. Most shooting accidents occur from poor finger control.

# OFGC RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2008

**OLD FORT GUN CLUB, INC.**  
**P.O. Box 2833,**  
**Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913**  
[WWW.OFGC.ORG](http://WWW.OFGC.ORG)

**Annual Dues** ( ) \$40.00  
**Range Maintenance Fee** ( ) \$40.00  
**Extra Donation** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Over 65 years Old** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

NAME:(Head of household) -----PLEASE LEGIBLY PRINT WITH INK-----  
Last-\_\_\_\_\_,First-\_\_\_\_\_,Middle-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
Last-(spouse)\_\_\_\_\_,First-\_\_\_\_\_,Middle-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(Single children under the age of 20 living at home or away at school) (if more than three, list on side borders or back of this application)  
Last-\_\_\_\_\_,First-\_\_\_\_\_,Middle-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Last-\_\_\_\_\_,First-\_\_\_\_\_,Middle-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Last-\_\_\_\_\_,First-\_\_\_\_\_,Middle-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Hunter Education Graduate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ State? \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Employer? \_\_\_\_\_ How Long \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. Have Lived In Area for \_\_\_\_\_ Years.  
Are You a US Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been convicted of a FELONY? \_\_\_\_\_  
Would these answers be the same for every member of your Household? \_\_Yes \_\_No.  
If No, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
List Membership in other organizations & positions held: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
List Your main shooting interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Club Officer Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Check here if you wish to receive the newsletter my Email  
( ) Check here if you do not wish to receive the newsletter

**\* CLUB BY-LAWS REQUIRE that you are member of THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION -**  
**NRA - primarily for range insurance purposes. Old Fort Gun Club is authorized by NRA .**

Enter NRA data below:

Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ & expiration date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ , example: 09/01.

*\* As a member of **OLD FORT GUN CLUB**, I will abide by and uphold the Constitution & Bylaws of the Club, protect Club property and abide by and enforce all rules, posted or otherwise approved for Club operation. I will do my part to promote the shooting sports, hunter education, marksmanship training, and safe handling of all firearms. I will adhere to wildlife game laws and conduct myself in a sportsman-like manner at all times. I will maintain my membership with The National Rifle Association. The information I have given above is true and correct. I understand that any falsification of entries on this application, subsequent criminal convictions, or failure on my part to abide by club rules and regulations will be grounds for the immediate termination of my club membership. I have read, understood, and will abide by the rules and regulations for club operations and membership conduct as currently published and as may be modified by the majority vote of club members during any regular business meeting. Read RANGE RULES on back of application before signing.*

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Renewals - Due December 31, is \$40.00 plus a Range Maintenance Fee is \$40.00 Total of \$80.00**

Current policy allows members to "WORK-OFF" this Range Fee (at a rate of \$5.00 per hour) for the Next Year's dues by volunteering their time in the many activities of the club.

All must pay the range fee unless you are 65 or older. If you have completed range work and not been given credit please describe the work and indicate the work below and indicate the number of hours due. This is on the honor system, be honorable. If you have any questions about renewals contact a Sharon Rasmussen [ronald308@centurytel.net](mailto:ronald308@centurytel.net) or attend a Business Meetings are held on the First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at the Barling City Hall located at 304 Church St. just off of Hwy 22.

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# OLD FORT GUN CLUB RANGE RULES

## \*\*\*\*SAFETY FIRST\*\*\*\*

1. Use of alcohol and drugs prohibited. Don't do it!
2. All firearms transported to/from the range must be in a safe & unloaded condition. Licensed concealed firearm holders may carry, on their person, a loaded firearm in a concealed manner, except if the person is participating in a sporting event. If the holder intends to fire the firearm it must be unloaded prior to entry to the range.

### **Remember \*\*\*\*SAFETY FIRST\*\*\*\***

3. When the firing line is made "safe", all guns must be made safe - - - (unloaded, actions open, pointed down range, and placed on racks or in appropriate cases).

### **Remember \*\*\*\*SAFETY FIRST\*\*\*\***

4. Remain behind firing line while any firearm is being fired or handled by another. Do not handle firearms if someone is down range!
5. Everyone at the range has the responsibility for safety. If you see someone acting in an unsafe manner, call a halt to the shooting and caution the person.
6. Children and juniors under 18 years old are not allowed on the firing line without direct adult supervision. Safety glasses and hearing protection is required. Small children must be supervised at all times.

## \*\*\*\*GENERAL\*\*\*\*

1. Membership card/badge must be attached to your clothing at all times while on the range. No exceptions -- no badge = no shoot! All members are required to enforce this rule.
2. Guests? Members may bring a local guest to range one time only. They are then required to join to enjoy the benefits of the club. No restriction on out-of-town guests over 50 miles. Members may bring visitors, age 17 and under, to the range with no more than two minors on the firing line per adult supervisor.
3. Approved targets: (do not shoot cans or bottles)
  - a) Paper targets attached to target frame centers.  
Do not put targets on frame posts; don't shoot the posts down!
  - b) Approved metal silhouette targets and stands.
  - c) Shotgun clay targets.
  - d) No incendiary ammunition, tracer rounds, exploding targets or fireworks are allowed at either range.

**Note:** Do not shoot at anything on the ground, as dangerous ricochets will occur. In particular, members must arrange targets so the rounds impact into the 100-meter berm when shooting at the 25 meter targets while standing. Do not attach targets to or shoot at the metal silhouette stands, as damage will occur. These are for scheduled matches only.

4. Trash cans are for burnable items only. Take all other items home with you for proper disposal. Police the area and leave it cleaner and neater than you found it. Practice courtesy.
5. Range gates and doors should be locked at all times except during scheduled events. Never leave the gate open when you leave unless 100% sure someone else will do it. Never leave the lock hanging with the combination showing. "Spin the dials ---protect your combination"
6. This is a private club for dues paying members only. Nonmembers are welcome to scheduled events.
7. All members must have a current membership to the National Rifle Association and report the info to the club secretary.
8. Violation of these rules is grounds for revocation of membership.

## Practical Pistol and Multi-Gun

In spite of heavy rains early in the week, weather was perfect for the Old Fort Gun Club to host the Arkansas Section Multi-Gun Championship match the weekend of October 20. Turnout was less than expected, due to some competing area-wide matches in Missouri and other places, but we still drew shooters from Nebraska, Kentucky, Texas, Michigan and other places beyond the border. When the match was over, shooters and staff shared in a prize table with about \$15,000 in shooting related goodies, including eleven guns, all donated. Every shooter left with prizes worth more than the match fee.

Thanks to all that helped with the match and the County Road Department who graded the roads to the Range.

Next regular match is Sunday, November 18, with the shooters meeting at 10:00 am. First time members shoot free, others pay \$15. Learn to defend yourself with Accuracy, Power and Speed. Check the [www.ofgc.org](http://www.ofgc.org), or e-mail me at [brucebethell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brucebethell@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Shoot fast, shoot good, but mostly shoot safe.

Bruce Bethell  
Practical Pistol Director

## Sporting Clays

This was the weekend everyone should have been shooting sporting clays at Alma. The weather was great, the birds were flying everywhere and the food was super. Even though the Hogs were playing up in Fayetteville that night and it also was muzzle loading deer season, we had a good group of shooters who came out to shoot and everyone had a great time. Jerry and Mike Knittig from the Tackle Box did our cooking. We had hamburgers and chicken strips for the main course and poppers that popped your mouth (HOT) and a big pot of beans. With all the other side dishes that shooters brought in to share, we had a great meal.

We set up 6 stations, shot 10 birds at each then had lunch and shot all over again. It was a funny thing how most scores went down after lunch. Everyone had fun visiting with friends. Some even want to do this every month.

There were some great scores. Big thanks to Jerry and Mike for the cooking and to JW and Christa Littlefield and Lelan Parker for use of their traps this year. Also, thanks to everyone that help set up and tear down each and every month. This was our last match this year. We should get started back in February 2008. Go to [www.ofgc.org](http://www.ofgc.org) to check the scores out.

Until next year, practice, practice, practice. If you go hunting, good luck and be safe.

Johnny Cole  
Sporting Clay Director

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**The Old Fort Gun Club meets  
the first Thursday of every  
month at the Barling City  
Hall, Barling AR.**

**Meeting time is 7:00 P.M.**

## Old Fort Gun Club Match Schedule for 2007

Match Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>CMP (High Power Rifle)</b> 3rd Saturday	NM	17	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	NM	17	NM
<b>Cowboy Action</b> <b>S.A.S.S.</b> 2nd Saturday	13	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8
<b>IPSC</b> 3rd Sunday <b>3-Gun/ Multi-gun</b>	21	18	18 17	15	19-20	17 16	15	19	16	20-21	18	16 15
<b>Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette</b> 1st Saturday & Special 2nd Sunday	NM	3	3 11	7	5	2	7 8	4	1 9	6	3	NM
<b>.22 Rifle Silhouette</b> 2nd Saturday 4th Saturday	NM	NM	10 24	14 28	12 26	9 23	14 28	11 25	8 22	13 27	NM	NM
<b>Sporting Clays</b> 2nd Saturday	NM	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	NM	NM