



The objectives of this organization are to establish and maintain a permanent organization, for the benefit of it's 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.

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New Members Joined in September

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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| Larry Medlock | Alma |
| Dubois Pettitt | Alma |
| Steve Seward | Alma |
| David Coots | Barling |
| Javier Trevino | Barling |
| Brian Sweeten | Barling |
| Fred Cloninger | Ft. Smith |
| John Furstenburg | Ft. Smith |
| Keith Joyner | Ft. Smith |
| Jake Kempton | Ft. Smith |
| Bill Lappa | Ft. Smith |
| Bill Pontoon | Ft. Smith |
| Keith Solley | Ft. Smith |
| John Spradlin | Ft. Smith |
| Billy McCoy | Fayetteville |
| Jim Carter | Greenwood |
| Paul Evans | Greenwood |
| Michael Kennedy | Greenwood |
| Lance Oakley | Greenwood |
| Mike Hamby | Lavaca |
| Ron Dalton | Van Buren |
| Enouch Diffie | Van Buren |
| Mark Friel | Van Buren |
| Tommy Taylor | Sallisaw |

Fun Shoot

Sporting Clays

October 13, 2007

\$25.00 Shooting Fee

Potluck Lunch

100 to 120 birds per shooter

Alma Range

Starting Time is around 9:00 a.m.

Shooters are asked to bring side dishes

Meat will be provided (Chicken and Hamburgers)

(Youth and new first time members — \$15.00)

For more information, email Johnny Cole at 12shotgun@sbc.global.net

River Range Closed October 18th – 21st

The entire River Range will be closed from October 18 to October 21 early afternoon. OFGC is hosting the Arkansas USPSA Section State Multi-Gun Championship. In Practical Pistol shooting, this has grown to be a major event. Last year, we welcomed 85 shooters representing 13 states. We expect 100 shooters from an even broader area. Good exposure for OFGC, and a nice money maker for the Club.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on October 4 at the Barling City Hall.

Practical Pistol and Multi-Gun

Ryan Hunt, Director of 3 Gun, put on a great show with a multi-gun match on Saturday, September 15. The next day we had our regular handgun match. The weather was great, and there were lots of new shooters on both days with quite a few newbies from Tulsa, North West Arkansas, and beyond. If you want to learn how to defend yourself with a firearm, come join us on the 3rd Sunday of each month, 10:00 a.m. start time.

The River range will be closed for shooting October 18th through 21st but everyone is still welcome to watch the best shooters in the area.

Bruce Bethell, Practical Pistol Director

Special Thanks

A big "Thank You" goes out to Bill Bryan for helping David Grant with range maintenance and grass cutting for the last two months while Cecil was out. Volunteers like him do not come around very often. Thanks again from David and every Club member.

Election Time

At the November club meeting we will electing or re-electing new Officers and Board Members of the Club. If you want to run for any Office or Director at Large position.

Please contact Ronnie Shoppack, Nominating Committee Chairman, at Danlee1938@cox.net

Sporting Clays Results

With rain predicted every day before the match, 38 shooters showed up. They fought the muddy road and heat. Everyone that showed up had a great time. Station 3 was a long shot and hard to hit, but most came out with one or two hits.

Our big shooters were Mark Hampton with 39, Heath Ewing with a 36 , JW Holmes and Tom Crutchfield with 35 each. Youth Shooters were Tyler Robbins with a 28 and Sonny Doddins with 21.

Next month is our Big Fun Shoot. I will need a lot of help setting up and tearing down. We will have tents, tables and chairs to set up for our potluck lunch. We're asking every shooter to bring side dishes. Couples might bring fix-ins. We need cold drinks, also. Please to let me know if you are planning to come and what you plan to bring. Email Johnny Cole at 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net for more information. Thank you.

Not Wanted

Someone has been dumping brush at the river range. This is not the dump and we do not want your brush or unwanted trash at the range. Please take it some place else. If we catch anyone doing this, we will have to take action. If anyone sees this happening, try to get a tag number or names and please contact a member of the Board of Directors.

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Introduction to Smallbore Metallic Silhouette Shooting

By Michael Coleman – Steelchickens.com

The shooting sports have more disciplines than you can shake a stick at. This article is an introduction to Silhouette Shooting, specifically Smallbore, for those people who want a little more fun than punching holes in paper.

Don't get me wrong. Paper targets are great at grading your shots, but there's an alternative, something for the decisiveness in all of us. That's where metallic silhouette targets come in. You either hear the 'Thwack!' of metal followed by the wildly spinning target headed toward the ground, or you miss. There's not much in between which is how we like it.

Silhouette Shooting sports have many categories. There's High Power, Lever Action and Handgun to name a few, but we're going to start with Smallbore first because it's the most affordable and most common. All you're going to need is a .22 LR rifle and a scope that will let you adjust for elevation. Technically, a scope is not required. I myself have a deep love for the challenge of iron-sights, but you'll find the targets can be difficult to see at times depending on the lighting.

Why the need for elevation? Well, a .22 LR drops about a foot at 100 yds and you'll be shooting targets at 40, 50, 77 & 100 yards/meters – so there's the challenge. You can use a single setting and use "hold-over", but dialing your scope to a known preset for each of the four distances is much easier. Thankfully the targets get bigger as the distance increases. Let's talk about those targets...

Silhouette Shooting is descended from an old Mexican sport using live animals and inherits the target shapes from that game; the Chicken, the Pig, the Turkey and the Ram. The targets are placed at the staggered distances in banks of five. Depending on the size of your match, you'll be shooting at 10, 15 or 20 of each animal. Chickens are about 2.5" square with the Rams growing to about 6" square. Pins are awarded for shooting multiples of five in a row.

You'll get 2.5 minutes to fire five shots at five animals, left to right, off-hand. Yup, no slings, no rests, just you holding still and plinking. A first timer with some reasonable skill can expect to clean 5-15 animals in a 40-shot match, at which point you'll be hooked. You may see some Master Class shooters take 35+ targets off the stands and wonder how they do it. Some will say they have good equipment. No doubt that a good rifle with a clean trigger and a nice scope will certainly help, but these guys can come close to shooting the same with off the shelf rifles too – they've practiced. Not to worry though, like most sports, Silhouette Shooting has different classes for shooters so they can advance and shoot against people at their own skill level.

Soon enough though, you'll be looking for ways to improve your score and send those little buggers into the dirt. Developing a good stance and follow-through on each shot are critical to getting better scores, more so than equipment. So feel free to bring that .22 rifle you have in the closet, or better yet, show up and ask if they have a range/loaner rifle to try, most do. And if they don't, you can bet someone would be happy to loan you their gun to try – it's a very friendly sport and shooters are always looking to help each other out, especially new shooters.

For more information, be sure to do an internet search or Wikipedia for "smallbore metallic silhouette". Here are a few sites to get you started: www.steelchickens.com, <http://www.nrahq.org/compete/silhouette.asp>

Old Fort Gun Club Silhouette matches on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month March through October. Come out and check us out

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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 |
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| CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday | NM | 17 | 17 | 21 | 19 | 16 | 21 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 17 | NM |
| Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday | 13 | 10 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 8 |
| IPSC 3rd Sunday 3-Gun/ Multi-gun | 21 | 18 | 18 17 | 15 | 19-20 | 17 16 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 20-21 | 18 | 16 15 |
| Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday & Special 2nd Sunday | NM | 3 | 3 11 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 7 8 | 4 | 1 9 | 6 | 3 | NM |
| .22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 4th Saturday | NM | NM | 10 24 | 14 28 | 12 26 | 9 23 | 14 28 | 11 25 | 8 22 | 13 27 | NM | NM |
| Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday | NM | 10 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 13 | NM | NM |