



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, or rented, for the use and benefit of the members.

The Old Fort Shootist

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New Members Joined in December

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!

Chris Anders	Alma
Ray Diaz	Barling
Edward Jordan	Farmington
Mike Brown	Ft. Smith
Jack Dolan	Ft. Smith
Aaron Frye	Ft. Smith
David Frye	Ft. Smith
Robert Frye	Ft. Smith
Robert Hinton	Ft. Smith
Stuart Hutchins	Ft. Smith
Hugh Jackson	Ft. Smith
Arnold Phillips	Ft. Smith
Don Reynolds	Ft. Smith
A.K. Sayvongsa	Ft. Smith
Jim Sharp	Ft. Smith
Jonathan Spicer	Ft. Smith
David Stallings Jr.	Ft. Smith
Wendall Stem	Ft. Smith
Levi Taylor	Ft. Smith
Larry Pankratz	Hackett
Michael Lewis	Mulberry
Brandon Ditthavong	Van Buren
Robert Meeks	Van Buren
Greg Thomas	Van Buren

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

Congress Strengthens Brady Background Check System

Congress passed a bill that will strengthen the Brady background check system. It will help ensure that fewer guns end up in the hands of dangerous people like felons and those who have been found to be threats to themselves or others because of mental illness.

After the Virginia Tech tragedy, our national leaders were asked, "What are you going to do about gun violence?"

The tide is turning. Congress passed the first major piece of legislation to reduce gun violence in over a decade.

The "National Instant Check System (NICS) Improvement Amendment Act of 2007" (H.R. 2640) was passed by unanimous consent in the U.S. Senate and House, and now goes to the President's desk for signature.

Special Dates to Remember

- March 2 — Introduction to Sporting Clay Class
- April 4-6 — Boy Scout Shooting Camp-O-ree River Range
- April 5 — Friends of the NRA Banquet
- May 4 — Ladies Only Introduction to Sporting Clays
- June 7-8 — The Hangin' Judge Glock Challenge II
- June 21 — Women on Target
- July 19 — Youth Shoot
- Sept 20 — Sight in Day @ 100 yard Range

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2008 Renewals

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008, please do it now.

Combination on gate locks will be changing on February 1st.

Practical Pistol

Mother Nature took her toll on the planned December Practical Pistol match. Her sky opened for several days, and a half-track would have trouble getting to the range for a match, so it was called off.

January is our annual Revolver match. As always, any qualifying gun is welcome, but a lot of us will dust off and oil the old wheel gun for that once-a-year opportunity to prove that we are still as good as we were at age 8, out shooting the Duke in the vacant lot down the street. This match is always entertaining. To fumble that many reloads takes practice.

Third Sunday of each month, shooters meeting at 10:00 am. Come join us. I guarantee you won't be sorry. If you have a carry permit, or have a gun close by in any event, you owe it to yourself and those around you to practice self-defensive use of a handgun. I assure you, there is nothing better than Practical Pistol to sharpen those skills you will desperately need if the situation ever arises.

An Invitation To Competition

TO OLD AND NEW MEMBERS ALIKE: When you joined OFGC, you heard a brief description of the various competition groups within the Club. Like me, you no doubt thought to yourself that this was the elite, the top shooters in the organization, and there was no way you would fit in with these groups. Well, I was wrong.

I shot my first Practical Pistol match in August, 2001, with a standard Glock Model 23 (my existing carry gun), with mags sticking out of my pocket rather than in mag holders on my belt. I knew one person when I got to the match. The first thing I was told was that like everyone else at the match had done in the past, I was shooting competition for the first time. They took me by the hand, led me through the entire process, and I finished the most exciting day of my life. I can honestly say that today most of my best friends are people I have met through competition shooting.

I am sure you will find the same warm welcome at any of the organized shooting events. As a new member, your first shoot at any of the matches is free. Match fees are usually only \$10 to \$15, cheaper than a movie, and we don't push \$5 buttered popcorn. The second goal (after safety) of every participant, regardless of skill, is to have fun. Shooting, like any other sport, requires practice to improve. Attend the event of your choice, and I promise that you will leave each match a better shooter with your gun of choice, and will have a great time in the process.

Bruce Bethell, Director, Practical Pistol

Handgun Self-Defense Tip

If you keep a handgun for self-defense, what is your "ready position?" With an intruder in the home, or a bad guy approaching, arms fully extended, gun pointed at the ground about 3 feet in front of you? Walk through a doorway, and the bad guy on the other side uses his left hand to block the rise of your gun while his right hand makes use of his gun or knife to cause serious injury. Try a two-hand grip, elbows bent, with the gun against the upper chest, pointed straight out and level. If the Threat surprises you, you can extend straight forward on target, or even fire from that position. You just won the fight. Try it at a few feet next time you are on the range.

Old Fort Shootist Changes

Last year the Board of Directors decided to put all members that had an e-mail address on a bulk mailing list to send out notices about the club and inform members when the Old Fort Shootist is on the Web site ready to view and download. This saved the club about \$100 per month. What we found out is that many of our members are not reading the Shootist. Last month we asked a question, "If you had one wish for the Club what would it be?" You would not believe the response we received: One and only One.

This year we are going to start publishing the Shootist every other month until we hear from our members that they want it. We would also like to know, do you like the idea of the email notices or do you prefer getting the Shootist by U.S. mail?

Johnny Cole, Old Fort Shootist Editor 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net

Introduction Classes

At our last Club meeting, a new member asked if the club had or could have introduction classes to our different shooting completions. Sporting Clays will be the first to offer these classes. First one will be on March 2, Sunday. The second one, just for the ladies, will be on May 4, Sunday, both at 2 p.m. at the River Range.

It will be a short classroom setting, with lots of hands-on shooting and one-on-one instructions. This will be for those that have never shot Sporting Clays before but would like to see what it is all about. Safety is number one, having fun is number two.

The cost will be \$10 per shooter. Classes will be limited to a small group.

For more information contact Johnny Cole, Sporting Clay Director, at 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net

Sporting Clays

We will start up again on February 9 at 10:00 a.m. at the Alma Range. We had a great time last year and are hoping to have another one this year. We have applied to the Arkansas Friends of the NRA for a grant for a new thrower for training both youths and adults. We will also be able to use it during our matches. Hope to see you in February.

Johnny Cole, Sporting Clay Director, at 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net

www.OFGC.ORG

Our Web site will be going through some updates on pages and information in the next few weeks. There might be times it will be down because of these updates. If this happens, we will get it up as soon as we can.

If there is something you would like to see on our Web site, please let me know. Send it to me and I will see if I can put it on our site. This Web site is to keep our members informed on and about the club activities.

Johnny Cole, Web Master, at 12shotgun@sbcglobal.net

OFGC Match Times

ALL TIMES AND DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO WEATHER AND OTHER CONFLICTS.

Cowboy Action —SASS

2nd Saturday each and every month January through December

Starting Time — 9:00 am Summer Time

10:00 am Winter time

Cost —\$10.00

Practical Pistol– IPSC

3rd Sunday each and every month January through December

Starting Time — 10:00 am

Cost — \$15.00

Old Fort Shoot Out

April 19 –20

Multi-Gun /3 gun

5th Saturday March 30, June 29, August 31, November 30 (Tentative dates)

Starting Time — 10:00 am

Arkansas Section Multi-Gun Championship

October 18 and 19 —Full Range will be used (Tentative dates)

Hunter Pistol/Cowboy Rifle—NRA

1st Sunday February through November

Sight-in 9:00 am shooting time 10:00 am

Cost — \$5.00 per gun

No match on April 5th

Special 2nd Sunday 80 round matches

April 13, June 8, July 13. August 10 and Sept 14

Starting time 1:00 pm

.22 Rifle Silhouette-NRA

2nd and 4th Saturday each month March through October

Sight-in and Practice 9:00 am 1st match at 10:00 am 2nd after the 1st match

Cost — \$5.00 per match

CMP (High Power Rifle)

3rd Saturday February through September

Sight- in 9:00 am match at 10:00 am

Cost —\$10.00

Sporting Clays (Alma Range at this time)

2nd Saturday February through October

Safety meeting about 9:30 Shooting about 10:00 am (February and March) (9:00 April—October)

Cost — \$10.00 Adults (50 shots)

Older Youth \$5.00 (50 shots)

Youth under 16 shooting only 25 shots free

First Time New members shoot Free

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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 2008

Match Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday 10 am	NM	16	15	19	17	21	19	16	20	NM	NM	NM
Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday 10am	12	9	8	12	10	14	12	9	13	11	8	13
IPSC 3rd Sunday 10 am 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	20	18	16 30	19-20	18	15 29	20	17 31	21	18-19	16 30	21
Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday 10am Special 2nd Sunday 1 pm	NM	3	1	NM 13	3	7 8	5 13	2 10	6 14	4	1	NM
.22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 10am 4th Saturday	NM	NM	8 22	12 26	10 24	14 28	12 26	9 23	13 27	11 25	NM	NM
Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday (Alma Range)10am	NM	10	8	12	10	14	14	11	8	13	NM	NM