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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.



# The Old Fort Shootist

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## New Members Joined in June

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!

John Blackburn	Alma
Bobby Meledith	Alma
John Wolf	Alma
Edlen Applegate	Charleston
Bob Frasier	Clarksville
Christopher Chapman	Fort Smith
Julian Crunkieton	Fort Smith
James Harms	Fort Smith
Robert Hoetzeman	Fort Smith
Kern Keahacksa	Fort Smith
Charles Lawrence	Fort Smith
Bobby Pierce	Fort Smith
Joy Little	Fort Smith
Michael Porter	Fort Smith
Norman Russell	Fort Smith
John Schuch	Fort Smith
John Wasson	Fort Smith
Nathan Whalen	Lavaca
Randie Blunt	Greenwood
Donna McClure	Huntington
Walter Hollingshead	Van Buren

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 5th at Barling City Hall .

## NRA Women on Target Huckabee Wildlife Center Saturday August 4 at 8:30 a.m.

NRA Women On Target Clinic creates more opportunities for women to learn all about firearms, and to gain confidence in newly-acquired shooting skills.

- Learn safe firearms handling
- Learn how to store your firearm safely
- Learn to shoot
- Learn a sport you'll enjoy for a lifetime
- And much more ....

### What are you waiting for? Come join the fun!

Each student will receive a bag of goodies and catered lunch. After lunch you will go to the River Range to shoot pistols and shotguns.

**The cost is only \$20.00.**

For more information call John's Guns at 479-782-4867. Stop by John's at 420 N. Greenwood in Fort Smith to pay the \$20 to ensure your spot.

Space is limited to the first 40 ladies.

Howard Robinson [robinhs@valuelinx.net](mailto:robinhs@valuelinx.net)

If you are an NRA instructor, member or can help in any way please contact Howard.

# Charleston Youth Has Sights on National Title

By John Neihouse



Most 14 year olds spend their summer in pursuit of summer jobs to gain a little spending money, or while away the hours in front of the television set either watching programming or blasting whatever bad guy happens to be the subject of the current video game. Charleston's Kolby Rasmussen, however, has a different agenda. Kolby has his eye on a National Championship.

2007 is Rasmussen's first year to shoot the full National circuit. In 2006 he began to shoot a Smallbore Silhouette rifle as a cross-training element for the 4H programs he was shooting in. He quickly realized he had a talent for the game and shot a limited National tour last year, earning honors at the Southern Nationals in Winnsboro, Louisiana in June of 2006, and taking the Tennessee State Championship outright in August in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Then in September, at the Arkansas State Championship held in Benton, Arkansas, Kolby beat all comers to win the Hunter Rifle Resident Championship, becoming the youngest person to ever accomplish that feat.

This spring Rasmussen picked up where he left off, winning the Florida State Championship in AAA and then two weeks later winning the AAA Championship at the Conard Bernhard Cup in PeEll, Washington. The Conard Bernhard Cup, Silhouette shooting's equivalent of golf's Masters, pits the best shooters in the country against each other in a grueling two day-four match tournament that features the best offhand shooters in the country. Kolby went into the last match of the day down five targets and posted a personal best of 36/40 to claim the AAA championship by one target. In doing so, he served notice to the rest of the country that there was a new talent in town and he wasn't going to back down under pressure. In June, Rasmussen made the trip back to Winnsboro, Louisiana, where it all started for him, and swept the AAA Louisiana State Championship at the Southern Nationals and earned top sub-junior honors, walking off with over \$2,000.00 in prizes and awards.

Now the stage is set for Rasmussen to go head-to-head with the best of the best, not only from the United States but from Canada, Mexico, Australia, and Ireland in Raton, New Mexico at the NRA National Championships which will be held July 8-10. The Charleston middle-school student is one of the pre-event favorites to take the sub-junior National Championship.

All of this success in precision rifle shooting has not gone unnoticed. Upon his return from Washington State and his win there, Kolby was named Channel 5's Athlete of the Week, the only non-stick and ball athlete to be so honored. He has attracted the attention of several college coaches, especially University of Arkansas's Lion Rifle's Coach Roy Hill. "I'm very impressed with Kolby's work ethic and natural ability and coach ability. "When the time comes, we will certainly be interested in him," said Hill recently. And, most likely, so will a lot of other college shooting programs.

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## Hangin' Judge GLOCK Challenge I

The Hangin' Judge Glock Challenge, co-sponsored with the Glock Sport Shooting Foundation, was quite an event at our club on June 2 and 3. They recorded a total of over 160 entries. GSSF has quite a following. In addition to the local shooters, folks brought their Glocks from FL, AZ, OH, SD, TX (as far away as Brownsville, on the border with Mexico) and five other states to take part in the match.

Many thanks to a great staff who helped with setup, running the match, and tear down. For their help, with luck with the draw (raffle), Ryan Hunt and Bob Coons (Ozark Cop Shop), both left with a certificate for a Glock handgun. The South Sebastian County 4-H shooters did a great job with lunch both days, and Martha Traylor, who organized that part of the program, won a Glock in a raffle to benefit the FNRA. Club President John Malinowski had the winning ticket on the Glock raffle for the benefit of the Club. Finally, a bunch of kids and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 146 provided great stage help.

Thanks to all, we will look forward to another GSSF match next year.

Bruce Bethell

Next Practical Pistol match is July 15

## Sporting Clays

We had another good weekend with great weather and 45 shooters. There were some problems setting up but thanks to Lelan and Gayle and others they got it fixed. No one liked the speedy station 7 this month. It was fast and hard to see. In July I'll be changing Stations 1 and 2 a little so look out.

Our Big Youth Shooters were Tyler Robbins with 42 and Jonathan Parks with 38. Both went to Lonoke on June 21 to shoot in the Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports state tournament with the OFGC team. Howard Robinson, Brian Robbins and Martha Traylor are coaches. They have been shooting trap. This is a new program from Arkansas Game and Fish to promote youth shooting and the outdoors. Over 190 squads from all over the state were there. They placed 14th out of 90 squads in the junior division. More information next month.

Big thanks goes out again to Lelan Parks for bringing his and JP's throwers. Thanks also to everyone that comes out early to help setup and stays late to tear down each month. We still need more help setting up and tearing down.

Johnny Cole Sporting Clay Director

Next Match July 14 at 9:30 a.m.

## Safety Tips

**Don't rely on a safety. It is a mechanic device that can fail, especially since most of them only block the trigger, not the sear and hammer.**

**When shooting guns of different gauges or calibers, make sure to take different shell carriers so you don't mix ammunition.**

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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	20	17	NM
<b>Cowboy Action S.A.S.S.</b> 2nd Saturday	13	10	10	14	12	9	14	11	8	13	10	8
<b>IPSC</b> 3rd Sunday 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	21	18	18 17	15	19-20	17 16	15	19	16	21 20-21	18	16 15
<b>Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette</b> 1st Saturday & 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