

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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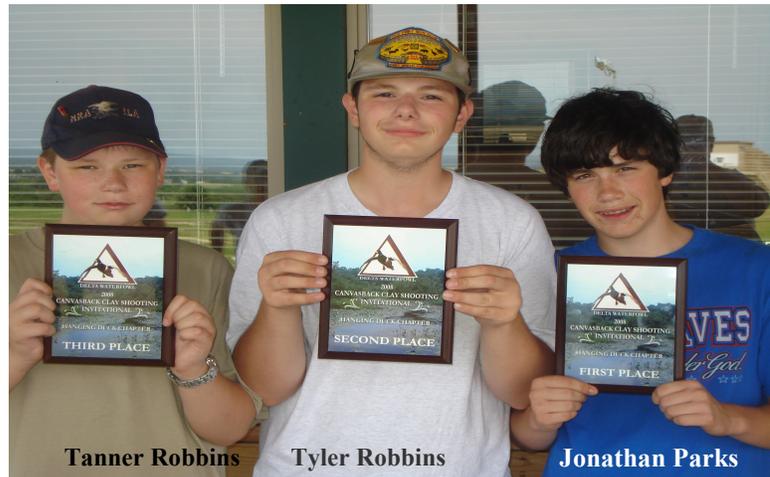
New Members Joined in May and June

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!

Ty Nutt	Alma
Daniel Stewart	Barling
JP Littlefield	Ceil
Chris Rambo	Charleston
Sam Savage	Conway
Jack Brook	Farmington
Robert Bowen	Fort Smith
David Bruce	Fort Smith
Stephen Chiovoloni	Fort Smith
John Davis	Fort Smith
James Eichling	Fort Smith
Jim Hauser	Fort Smith
Jerry Hart	Fort Smith
Robert Hawkins	Fort Smith
Jett Lance	Fort Smith
Larry Lawson	Fort Smith
Frank Koeth	Fort Smith
Mike McFerran	Fort Smith
Gary Parson	Fort Smith
Charles Wright	Fort Smith
James Branch	Greenwood
Eric Bicknell	Greenwood
Al Dimitro	Greenwood
Bob Floyd	Van Buren
Robert Hawkins	Van Buren
Marvin Mendenhall	Van Buren

The next meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on July 3rd and August 7th at Barling City Hall.

Youth Did Well



Three of our Old Fort youth shooters participated in the Delta Waterfowl Youth Invitational Sporting Clays Shoot that was held on Saturday 5/24/08 at the Pajaro Gun Club. The sporting clays shoot was challenging and was a 50 bird shoot. We should be very proud of the three shooters and how well they represented Old Fort Gun Club. The scores were as follows: Jonathan Parks, First place with a score of 44, Tyler Robbins, Second place with a score of 41, and Tanner Robbins, Third place with a score of 37. This was a clean sweep for the three Old Fort youth shooters.

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OFGC Trading Post

For Sale: Three Guns Mossberg 410 pump shotgun full choke, practically new;. Wolf 50 caliber inline muzzleloader, has had less than 50 shots put through it; includes a Lee r.e.a.l. mould, 250 grain, a bar of pure lead and 2 cans of 2F; and an Italian made steel frame 31 caliber (.315 ball) cap and ball revolver Call Harvey Wein @ (479) 635- 8102

For Sale: A Garand barrel and receiver for CMP. It had been refinished by the armory before I bought it and I had plans on building up a rifle. It is in very good shape, still in the box and wrapping. asking \$225 Larry Keys [hunterlak@cox.net]

Open to the Public

NRA Youth Sport Fest Camp

at the OFGC River range

Saturday, July 19th at 9:00 a.m.

All Youth 8-17 years old are invited to come out and try our Shooting sports.

TRY: 22 Rifle Shooting, Sporting Clays, Practical Pistol, Pistol bench rest

AND IT IS ALL FREE

We will have Home Firearm Safety, Range Safety, Basic Firearm Instruction, in the morning. (Attendance is mandatory to be allowed to shoot on the Range) The rest of the day Youth will be allowed to try what ever they are interested in.

Ammo, Targets, and Firearms are provided.

Range Officers at all Locations. Bring Safety Glasses, Earplugs and Lunch

Please call before JULY 16th to let us know how many to expect

Don Shamp

Youth Firearm Director

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OFGC Youth Shooting Sport Team

Our Old Fort Youth Shooting Sports Team did very well Saturday May 17 at the Regional Trap Tournament at Remington Gun Club. The tournament was sponsored by Arkansas Game and Fish Shooting Sports. We had three squads advance to the "Sweet Sixteen" round and two of those made it to the round of eight.

Senior Squad one shot a very good score of 222 out of 250 to advance. We also had two senior squad shooters and one junior squad shooter that shot clean rounds of 25. This impressed our line judge as well as several of the other teams.

Tyler Robbins and Jonathan Parks were the two seniors and Garrett Phelps was the junior. These kids did us proud!!

Old Fort Gun Club Claybusters were at or very near the top of the leader board all day. The Old Fort Gun Club was very well represented.

Howard Robinson, Brain Robbins, and Martha were the Coaches

Kolby Did it Again

Kolby Rasmussen won High Intermediate Junior in both Standard and Hunter Small-bore Silhouette Rifle at the Southern Nationals held in Winnsboro, LA on June 7th-8th. He completed his Master in Standard Rifle and is now Master in both rifles. Kolby placed 3rd in Master class out of 32 Master class competitors in the Hunter Rifle. For Kolby 3rd place, he won a shoot off against the former National Champion Troy Lawton. There were 212 competitors at the Southern Nationals.

This is how he did it..... just the highlights. He had some amazing shoot offs that his parents didn't know if they would survive. The first was against the World Champion's dad/coach Chris Winstead to win the 1st place Coonass Team Shoot. Chris had coached 3 of the top 5 in the world. Kolby won the shoot off against Chris. The final shoot off was for high turkey count against the World Champion Cathy Winstead and Mark Pharr. He lost that one but it took 3 rounds to do it and Mark Pharr lost it there too. After the shoot off a gentleman told Kolby that he was standing among the "Greats" being one of the final 3 out of 212 and for 1 of them being Cathy. He is friends with Cathy and beyond the shadow of a doubt the kid was rattled to be shooting against her. It may have been the first time but it won't be the last for them to meet on the line. After it was over Kolby beat the 2nd in World that weekend.

What is next for Kolby? Nationals in Ridgway, PA on July 6-8th Small-bore Standard and Hunter Silhouette Rifle then July 10-12 in High Power Standard and Hunter Rifle. Then in September 20-21 Small-bore Standard and Hunter Silhouette Rifle in Benton, AR

To learn more about Small-bore Silhouette Rifle shooting come out and visit and shoot on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at the River Range at 9:00 a.m. for warm up and matches start at 10:00 a.m.

Good Job Kolby

Pistol Bay Target Stands

Someone is shooting shotguns in the pistol bays and shooting up the target stands. Shotgun shooting is allowed only if shooting designated targets. (Steel knockdown or poppers) ALL other shotgun shooting is allowed in the open field, shooting clay targets or testing shot pattern. If anyone is caught destroying property they could lose their membership rights.

Glock Shoot

The Weekend of June 7-8, OFGC hosted their Hanging Judge Challenge II Glock shoot. The weather was hot with a slight breeze for most of the two day match. The gun could was down a lot but the shooters that came had a great time. We saw shooters from Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa , Oklahoma, Arkansas We should know in a week or so who won the shooting competition and other prizes. There was one drawing for a Glock it went to Bob Coons. There was also 2 guns for the Range Officers drawing, they went to Bruce Bethel and Johnny Cole.

Sporting Clays

Whether you have never shot or have shot sporting clays before you should come out to the Alma Range on the 2nd Saturday of the month and try it out. We have one of the best courses that everyone can have a good time on. All shots are close to medium range with bouncing rabbits, going away birds, crossing birds and going straight up, sometimes a incoming, just like a real hunting experience and nothing to clean when you go home.

This last month we had a great group of 51 shooters. Many shot better then they have ever done before. Even the better shooters had some problem with the creek and the rabbit shots. Check the scores on the Web. The Youth are showing up and having fun too. They had a shoot off for 2nd place. It took over a box of shells each to come up with a winner. I never saw a group having so much fun watching a shoot off.

Thanks again for everyone that comes out early to help set-up and stay to tear down each month. Hope to see you at out next matches on July 12 and August 9 around 9:00 a.m. at the Alma Range.

Johnny Cole—Sporting Clay Director

Practical Pistol

Twenty-seven thousand rounds of ammunition. That's my best estimate of the number of rounds sent downrange by the Practical Pistol shooters at matches since the last issue of The Shootist. Novice and expert alike, that represents a lot of increased confidence in handling a handgun in a potentially dangerous situation. That also represents a whole lot of fun for the shooters.

Our schedule looks full for the next couple months as well. June 29 holds a Multi-Gun match, where competitors shoot rifle, shotgun, and handgun, sometimes on the same stage. July 20 is our regular monthly match, and then we double up again in August. Club match on August 17. Then on August 30 and 31, OFGC will host the Arkansas Section State Multi-Gun Championship. Many of the top Multi-Gun shooters from around the country will likely be here, including a team from the U.S. Army at Ft. Benning.

New shooters are always welcome at Practical Pistol matches. Every one of us shot our first match at some time, and the thrill returns when we see a newcomer overcome by excitement when they finish that first ever stage. Join us the third Sunday of each month, 9:30 for registration, 10:00 for the first shot of the day. Check the OFGC website, or email brucebethell@sbcglobal.net for more details.

Each of us has at one time or another thought about what we would do if an assailant came at us, threatening with a firearm or other weapon. Could we make that first shot count? What if the threat was partially obscured by a wall, or a vehicle? Have you ever practiced that shot? If not, you owe it to yourself and your loved ones to give Practical Pistol a try.

Bruce Bethell ----Practical Pistol Director

Range Safety

Back in the early 80s, there was an infamous shootout in Florida between FBI agents and 2 bank robbers. Several FBI agents and the 2 robbers were killed. An interesting part of what led up to the robberies is that the robbers obtained their guns by going out into the country to places where people liked to shoot and in 2 instances they found a man who was out shooting alone. They would pretend to be there to shoot and then they shot the guy who was plinking. They did this so they could take his firearms. In one instance the victim died and in the other they forced him into a pond, shot him multiple times and left him for dead. He later crawled out of the pond and walked several miles before he found help. For more info go to <http://www.thegunzone.com/11april86.html>

Past Tuesday evening (6/04/08) about 6:00, I went with my 6 year old son to the river range. When we got there the gate was wide open and the lock was hanging open on the chain. I couldn't see any vehicles anywhere on the range. I loaded one of my pistols, got out and locked the gate behind me. Even though I planned to shoot only a few rounds of surplus ammo through an AR15 to see if they'd function, I drove around the range first to see who was there.

There wasn't anyone on the property but me and my son. We shot and then left, and closed and locked the gate behind us.

The last time I went to the Alma range, I found it wide open also--and no gun club members present. Several times in years past when going to the Alma range, I found it open and closed and locked it. On one occasion, a man at the range asked if I had locked it and when I said yes, he got mad and told me that he had a friend who would be there soon (obviously a non-member friend). I mentioned that the club rules require that the gate be kept locked except during matches--for our safety.

Please keep us all safe. You might not care if a criminal shoots you, but for our sake don't give him your guns and ammo. Lock the gates behind you. If someone at the range asks you to leave the gate open so they can drive out 5 minutes after you, politely tell them that the club rules don't allow it. Within those 5 minutes that once in a lifetime criminal could drive in and corner them. We're all friendly and thankfully can and do keep our guard down, but that gate is one of the reasons we can keep our guard down. Thanks Lee

Updated OFGC By-Laws

For the past year and a half the Board of Directors has been meeting and re-writing the By-laws of the Club. The last time it was updated was in 1991. The Board of Directors will introduce the new By-laws to the membership at the July Club meeting. They are posted on the Web for viewing. The membership will vote on the updated By-laws in August at the regular Club meeting .

If anyone has any comments concerning the by-laws please contact a member of the Board of Directors and come to the meeting to hear the discussion on the changes.

Range Help Needed

If anyone would like to work off their Range maintenance fee for next year or just have some fee time. We need some help replacing the shooting covers on both ranges. We need someone with couple extra ladders, saws and hammers

The wind and the weather has really been bad this year and we need some extra help. Our range crew cannot do this project alone. This is your range we need some help.

Contact David at (479) 522-0146 to find out when you can help 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 2008

Match Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday 9 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 30-31	21	19	16 30	21
Hunter's Pistol/ Cowboy Rifle Silhouette 1st Saturday 10am Special 2nd Sunday 1 pm	NM	2	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)9am	NM	10	8	12	10	14	14	11	8	13	NM	NM