



Great help, great stages and great fun are what are making .22 Extreme one of the Old Fort Gun Club's fastest growing sports. Shot on the

4th Saturday of each month and normally consisting of 5 stages plus 1 qualifier. Those wishing to join in the fun should visit the .22 Extreme page on the club website to find out all the details about what to expect in regards to firearms, ammunition, classifications and rules.



In July and August of 2012 we added two more stages to the match, one called "Watch The Center" and one called "Ol' Smiley". Everyone seemed get a lot of enjoyment out of the new stages and we hope to add at least one

new stage to our line-up of stages each month.

Since this is a truly home grown match and style of competition it is continuing to evolve and we are learning more and more each month. At the January 2013 match we unveiled new score sheets and used in mass scale some incredibly fun stages utilizing walls, barricades, and more. With the addition of another assistant director be on the look out for many more fun and challenging .22 Extreme stages.



## Cowboy Action

By Fred Ayers



One of the unique aspects of SASS approved Cowboy Action Shooting™ is the requirement placed on costuming. Each participant is required to adopt a shooting alias appropriate to a character or profession of the late 19th century, a Hollywood western

star, or an appropriate character from fiction. Their costume is then developed accordingly. Many event participants gain more enjoyment from the costuming aspect of our sport than from the shooting competition, itself. Regardless of a SASS member's individual area of interest, SASS events provide regular opportunities for fellowship and fun with like-minded folks and families. Each Tuesday evening



beginning at 6:00 this bunch of ruthless banditos, hapless sheriffs and just plain old good guys get together to gang up on steel and paper targets...and most importantly introduce new shooters to their sport. If you have ever had the hankering to visit the old west this is your chance, just show up and before you know it you will have a gun in your hand and a smile on your face!

## Parting Shot

By Fred Ayers

I was doing a comparison to some of the gun clubs I have been a member of during my 40+ years of shooting and have come to the conclusion we are just pretty darn lucky to have a club like we do! Now granted, the club you see now is not club of 5 years ago but even then with fewer bays and buildings it was still a lot of "bang" for the buck. It took many hours of a few dedicated club members to create the club we have today. We have a club that always brings compliments from visitors. Next time you are traveling around search the internet for gun clubs in the area you are in, once you see some of the other examples of a gun range I think you would have a new appreciation for our local range.

A lot of work from club members, and contractors went into creating what we have, just as it takes a lot of effort for our fine match directors to put on such exciting and challenging matches each and every month. The sad thing about this is only a few people show up to help set up the stages and tear down after the match. It is nice we have a few dedicated members such as these folk, but eventually we will wear these people out and they will stop dedicating their time or even worse...stop shooting all together. It takes several man-hours to set up a typical Practical Pistol course or 22 Extreme match. When there are ten people helping set up the course it goes pretty fast, but reduce that number to three and it takes forever.

Come out early to the next match you participate in come out a little earlier and stay a little later, help set up and tear down and meet some new people. Remember, you can earn up to 8 hours credit at \$10 per hour by helping with directors with their matches. The club will also have two or three work days during the year where you can also work off the \$80 maintenance fee.

Our club looks great, only because of the effort our member put into making and keeping it that way!



# Hell On The Border 2013

By C.S. Brady



Pledge of Allegiance at the start of Day 1 of Hell On The Border

On Saturday July 20 and Sunday July 21, 2013 Judge Parker's Marshalls hosted our first annual match, "Hell On The Border" with 61 shooters ready to fight it out. The first time I heard what the name for the match would be I thought it was very appropriate for Arkansas weather in July. At this time last year, most of our area looked much like a desert with no rain and very high temperatures. Apparently my conception of Hell must be off a bit because we had cool temperatures and a great deal of rain for our match. I had chosen to wear my new hat with the pencil rolled brim and found that it was



"Just Charlie" doin' his thang in the rain

a poor choice the first time I looked down at my guns on the loading table and dumped a cup of water on them. Even with all the rain, everyone had a great time.



"Big Nasty" takes on the shotgun portion of a stage

I heard many people comment on how much fun the match was, how nice the range was set up, the straight forward stages, how nice the awards were, and on and on. Everyone worked very hard getting things together for the match and showed once again that we have one of the best bunches of Cowboys you will find anywhere. Lunch was equally wonderful with smoked brisket and all the fixings. Matt Sayers and Mike Clark brought Scout Troop 316 out and whipped up some very tasty cobbler in Dutch ovens while we were finishing the second half of our match. This was served with ice cream while we were



Matt Sayers and Mike Clark brought Scout Troop 316

having the awards ceremony. Sunday was a Wild Bunch/Cowboy match with shooters having the choice of shooting Wild Bunch or Cowboy. Everyone had a great time this day too.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all our sponsors and to everyone that spent countless hours making this match a great success. We plan to do it again next year and hope that you can join us at "Hell On The Border 2014." The winners and scores are posted here on the web site at <http://www.oldfortgunclub.com/hellontheborder>

**OFGC Director Interview  
With  
Dale Pankratz**

By Jamie Shelly

**How long have you been shooting/  
involved in the shooting sports?**

I started shooting Practical Pistol matches around 2000.



**Who got you started?/How did you, get your start?**



Dale had been shooting for several years and I supported him by helping tape targets and pick up brass at the different matches. We discussed how this could be something

we could do for fun after retirement together. I got my concealed carry permit and started shooting matches and have been shooting ever since.



**What are your main shooting interests?**

I enjoy practical pistol and multi-gun but also enjoy the .22 matches that OFGC has started the last few years. Dale and I also became Certified Range Officers so we could help work in the National , Area, State and



local handgun matches so we can give back to the sport. We meet some great people and get to watch some of the top shooters in the world.

**How long have been a member of the Old Fort Gun Club?**

**Club?**

I think we have been members for around 20 years.

**What is your personal favorite firearm and why?**

I enjoy shooting any type of handgun but my favorite gun to shoot is my AR15. With no recoil to speak of it is just a fun gun to shoot in short and long distances.



**USPSA / IPSC Area 4 Handgun Championship**

The Old Fort Gun Club is proud to host the 2013 Area 4 Handgun Championship Wednesday, September 4, 2013 through Sunday, September 8, 2013. The actual competition will start at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 5, 2013.

We are expecting 300 of the country's best pistol shooters to compete in this match including some from overseas. You could see Jerry, Kay and Lena Miculek, Jessie Duff, Shane Coley, Dave Sevigny to name a few.

The match will include 12 challenging courses of fire to test the shooter's skill with the pistol. The shooters will compete in regional titles in USPSA's Open, Limited, Limited 10, Production, Revolver and Single Stack Divisions.

Our range will be closed to shooting from members beginning Tuesday, September 3, 2013. Construction of the stages will start on Monday, September 2, 2013 through Wednesday, September 4.

We welcome everyone to come out to watch during this match. Please make sure to bring eye and ear protection for everyone that is with you.

If you would like to work off range maintenance fees for 2014 we need help during set up on September 2 and 3 plus we need help to tear down the props on Sunday afternoon, September 8 beginning around 2:00.

If you can help, please contact Debby Pankratz at openshooter12@gmail.com.

**3★GUN NATION**

**SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER MATCH SCHEDULING**

Our Multi gun match for September will be held on the 5th Sunday, September 29. We will not have a match in October since we will be hosting the Arkansas Section Multi Gun Championship that month. More details will be shared as soon as the stages are determined.

Thanks----Deb

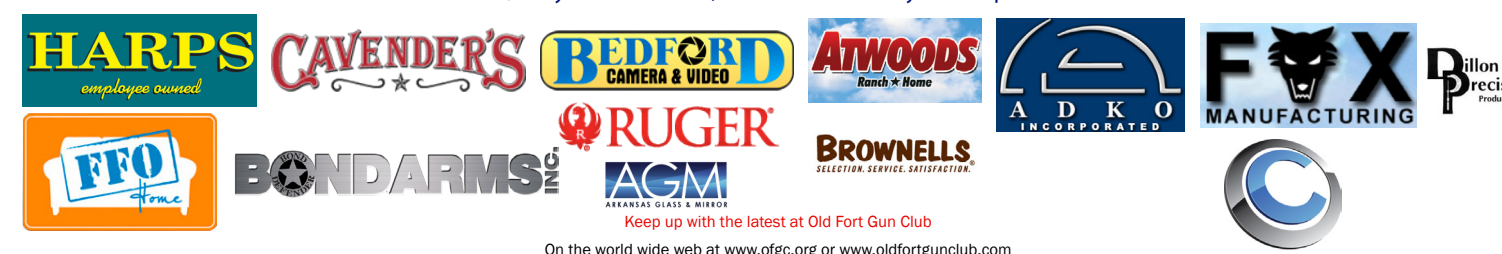
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## CMP High Power



By Jim Crockett

### JOHN C. GARAND MATCH 2013

Old Fort Gun Club Range

Van Buren, Arkansas

Hosted by: Old Fort Gun Club

General Information: Sunday, September 29, a 500 point 50 shot John C. Garand match with all shooters present at 8 AM. That same day at 1PM 300 point 30 shot Fun Shoot for F Class rifles, Palma rifles, and hunting rifles. The Garand match will be fired from the 200 yard line only. The Fun shoot will be fired from the 300 yard line only.

Rules: GARAND MATCH: The Garand match is a CMP match and CMP rules will apply and govern throughout the match. All Garands will be shot as issued. No modifications will be allowed to shoot for awards. However, if you have a Garand that is modified, you may shoot the match, however, you will not be eligible for the CMP awards. No alibi. There is a \$3.00 Challenge Fee. See rules as attached.

FUN MATCH: The Fun Match is just that, a Fun Match. It designed to give everyone who wishes to participate the opportunity to shoot their rifles (scoped or iron sights) from a 300 yard prone position and maybe even win some prize money. Winners will be selected by category, ie. Hunting rifles with scopes, hunting rifles with iron sights, Palma rifles, F Class rifles, lever action rifles, and single shot rifles.

Entry Fees: Sunday \$10. In the event the competitor does not fire, all entry fees will be refunded. Entry Fees will be paid in cash at the range.

Targets: GARAND MATCH: 200 yards – SR

FUN MATCH: 300 yards --SR

Safety: Open bolt /empty chamber indicators are required at all Old Fort Gun Club events and will be available for \$2.00 each. Competitors and spectators are urged to wear eye and hearing protection when appropriate.



## The President's Target

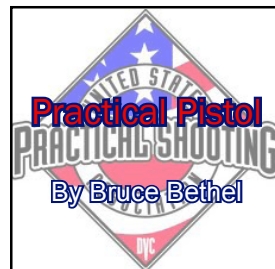
### WORK & PLAY

By Bill Striplin, OFGC 2013 President

It has been a different summer, rain in August, hot weather and lots to do. We have a great crew that has been working almost every Thursday trying to keep the range mowed and everything else in good shape. All this hard work has our range looking good. The same group has also been working hard getting ready for the Area 4 handgun championship. I have no doubts it will be a very successful match and our visitors will be well treated and impressed with our range.

Our new building is now up and ready for use on a limited basis. Hopefully we will one day have electricity on the range and the other building improvements will be completed. It is a very nice addition to our range.

It has not been all work. Our SASS group held their first annual shoot which was a big success. A lot of cowboy action shooters had a great time and ate some very good food. We have had other monthly shoots that are bringing in new shooters all time. Our club is continuing to grow with many new members each year. I see nothing but success in the future for Old Fort Gun Club. If you have not tried one of the monthly shoots, come on out and give one a try. You will have FUN!



USPSA AREA 4 MATCH COMES TO OFGC. Thursday through Sunday. Sept. 5 to 8. 75,000 (yes, seventy-five thousand) rounds, minimum, down range.

Old Fort Gun Club is proud to have been selected as host for the 2013 USPSA Area 4 Championship handgun match. Many of the top shooters from around the nation, as well as lots of regular shooters, will make up the 275+ competitors for the match. Several foreign countries will be represented, including 4 shooters from Thailand coming for this match.

Countless hours by dozens of volunteers made it possible for the Area 4 match to held for the first time at a location in Arkansas. Watch the web site for more details after the match is completed.

Bruce Bethel, Director, Practical Pistol

## Multi-Gun

By Debby Pankratz



Old Fort Gun Club will host the Arkansas Section Multi-gun Championship match October 24 through October 27, 2013.

We will have 10 challenging stages for around 125 shooters to test their skills. The staff will shoot October 24 and 25 with the other competitors shooting October 26 and 27th. The match starts at 9:00 a.m. each day.

We welcome spectators to come watch. We will have some well known Multi-gun/3 Gun Nation shooters at the range.

We want to thank our members again for the help and support to bring this type of match to our home range.

More details will come out closer to time of the match. Again, this is a time when we need lots of help preparing the range and setting up stages. You will get a chance to work off some of your range maintenance fees for 2014. Watch the OFGC website for more details.

Debby Pankratz

Multi-gun Director



Steel Challenge is an EXTREMELY popular organized shooting sport built on the principles of safe firearm handling, fast target acquisition and

most of all FUN!

A highly popular event at the Old Fort Gun Club, Steel Challenge matches appeal to shooters of all ages and is a Saturday morning of fun for the whole family. Matches are held the 1st Saturday of each month from March through November. Setup begins at 8am, Sign-In at 9:30 and Shooters meeting at 10am. During the peak heat of the summer months, general June-September, the schedules does change some with setup starting at 7am, Sign-In at 8am and the match starting promptly at 8:30.



Steel Challenge allows the use of many different styles of firearms from center fire calibers starting with 9mm for semi-automatics and .38spl for revolvers and .22 for rim-fire shooters. Center fire shooters must utilize a holster

which will secure the firearm to their person and must cover the trigger entirely while rim-fire shooters are allowed to start from the low ready position.

With today's economy being what it is, the rim-fire aspect of this sport continues to grow exponentially and economy aside the rim-fire also opens more opportunities for those just starting out in the shooting sports to try a competitive event with minimal cost in firearm and ammunition.



Attendees can always count on Ken, Loren, Jason and the rest of their volunteers to put on a quality match each month and we thank them for their efforts!

Old Fort Gun Club - Main Calendar, US Holidays, Weather

Sep 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	Forecast for 72901 Labor Day	Forecast for 72901	Forecast for 72901	USPSA AREA IV PISTOL MATCH SETUP @ OFGC River Range Forecast for 72901	USPSA AREA IV PISTOL MATCH @ OFGC River Range Forecast for 72901	
8	USPSA AREA IV	4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol	Patriot Day	8 am - Range		9 am - Small-Bore
15	9 am - Cowboy	4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range 4 pm - Savage Arms		8 am - Practical 9:30am - Cowboy
22		4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range	4:30pm - .22	9 am - 22 Extreme 9 am - CMP High 9 am - Small-Bore
29	CMP High Power @	4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range 7 pm - OFGC Monthly		8 am - Steel 9 am - Hunter Pistol /

Old Fort Gun Club - Main Calendar, US Holidays, Weather

Oct 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29		4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range 7 pm - OFGC Monthly		8 am - Steel 9 am - Hunter Pistol /
6		4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range		9 am - Small-Bore
13	9 am - Hunter Pistol /	4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		8 am - Range		8 am - Practical 9:30am - Cowboy
20	9 am - Cowboy 9:30am - Practical	AR Section Multi-Gun Match Setup @ OFGC River Range 4 pm - Cowboy		AR Sect. Multi-Gun Match @ OFGC River Range AR Sect. Multi-Gun Match-STAFF SHOOT 8 am - Range		
27	AR Sect. Multi-	4 pm - Cowboy 6 pm - Air Pistol		Halloween 8 am - Range		8 am - Steel 9 am - Hunter Pistol /