.22 EXTREME

HOW FAST ARE YA?



J stages and great un are what are making 22 Extreme one of the Old Fort Gun Club's astest growing sports. By Jamie Shelly Shot on the 4th Satur-

reat help, great

day of each month and ormally consisting of 5 stages plus qualifier. Those wishing to join in ne fun should visit the .22 Extreme ge on the club website to find out the details about what to expect n regards to firearms, ammunition,

classifications and rules

n 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.

C ince 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 e unveiled new score sheets nd used in mass scale some ncredibly fun stages utilizing alls, baricades, and more. Vith the addition of another sistant director be on the look out for many more fun

and challenging .22 Extreme stages.





By Fred Ayers ne 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 appropri-

ate to a character or profes-

sion 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

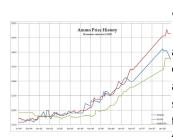


Tuesday evening beginning at 6:00 this bunch of ruthless banditos, hapless sheriffs and just plain old good guys get together to gang up on steel and paper argets...and most mportantly introluce new shooters to their sport. If

By Fred Ayers

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



Wow, how about this ammo craziness!? This is a phenomenon I want to take a Parting Shot at. Our sport and to a degree our craft depend on the ammo we use and the number of rounds we shoot in our practice. Panic buying and price gouging such as we are seeing now deprives us or greatly reduces the enjoyment of our chosen discipline by decreasing the availability of ammo and increasing the cost dramatically. Mary and I recently had a very nice evening at a local steak house and spent around \$60, quite interestingly 22Ir is selling for \$60 and more for a box of 550 rds on some Facebook pages! There are stories of gun show vendors selling bulk pack 22lr for over \$100 per 550 rd. box I know 🔜 for a fact many households would have to make a choice between having a steak dinner for two or a box of 22Ir! Center fire ammo is suffering the same problem. Currently (end of March) some calibers of ammo are slowly surfacing on the

shelves, and stay there for a day or two. Reloading components are showing up more.

have noticed more and more people are refusing to pay the inflated prices being charged by some dealers and price gougers. Ammo manufacturers,

powder and bullet manufacturers all say they are working as hard as they can to get ahead of the game and slowly are gaining. The climate for our shooting sports should improve slowly over the next few months hopefully, but keep those letters flowing to our Senators and Representatives, the really need to know how we feel! When prices of ammo and reloading components get back to a normal price, start preparing for the next big Anti-Gun hit by buying an extra box of ammo or pound of powder instead of just what you plan to use...2014 elections are not that far away!





2013 YOUTH FIREARM SAFETRY DAY



By Wesley Shelly, Youth Director **7** Kids swam to the gun range accompanied by 22 brave (and wet) adults to be trained by 13 OFGC members who walked on ater ... or slid off the road. The kids learned how to be

safe with firearms from club president Bill Striplin and Director Ron Everhart.

Δ fter their **H**minds were crammed with all the things to do and not do they could try shooting at various bays. Some started wit a new activity



to the Youth Day and shot Cowboy Action at the church on the range others were banging away at clay pigeons in the middle of the field, everyone shot handguns at steel plates that were set up in two areas



then walked all the way to the 100 yard rifle range and shot turkeys, pigs, rams and chickens (no abbits because it was the 💆 day before Easter). After expending 4000 rounds of 22 ammo and over 600

shotgun shells in the rain all the adults were ready to pack it in; the kids just said what's next.

want to thank all the members who gave

of their time on a wet cool day to make this event a success. I am proud of you!





PRACTFICE MAKES PERFECT

By Bill Striplin, Jr.

Ith the rising cost and limited ammunition issues we are now facing; it is becoming more and more difficult to spend time at the range practicing with our favorite firearms. Understand that any practice is better than no practice, but it is also important to maximize your bang for your buck. While I do not consider myself an expert by any means, there are some things I do that I feel improves the quality of my practice. I shoot several of the different competitions offered at OFGC and I carry for personal protection so my practice is geared towards improving these skills.

o begin with, one tool I think every shooter should not be without is a shot timer. This little tool can be used in an array of different ways to improve your shooting and actually measure your success. I don't go to the range without one. Now I know a lot of people can't justify spending \$150.00 for a dedicated shot timer. Well, you don't have to do without; I downloaded a shot timer app on my iphone that works very well. I think my app cost about \$10.00, but there are some that are free.



An assortment of diffe brands of shot timers

mptying magazines into a paper target can be lots of fun and even be a stress reliever, but in all senses it's a pretty ineffective way to practice. It lacks the real world elements needed for competitive and defensive shooting. For instance, the odds are that if you ever have to use your handgun in a defensive situation, it will most likely not be in your hand aimed at the target, you will be standing there waiting for a cue to retrieve your gun, such as a thug flashing a knife or breaking your window. When this cue happens, it is important that you get your gun quickly, grip it properly, put it on target and squeeze the trigger. This all needs to happen within a few seconds.

This is where the timer comes in. It will give you that cue and measure how long it takes you to shoot your first shot and each subsequent shot. One drill I do on a regular basis is set 2 targets in front of me at varied positions and distances. I set my timer for a random



technique

start. When the timer beeps, I retrieve my gun and engage one target with 2 shots, make a reload and engage the second target with 2 rounds. So, with only four rounds I am able to practice my draw, my grip, and my reload skills The timer will tell me how fast I am doing this and show me when my skills are improving, I

can tell if my grip is correct by where I hit the targets and how far spread my 2 shots were on each target. This is just one of many ways you can save ammo and still improve your shooting.

ow, if you have had no formal training on drawing a gun, you need to get some before you start practicing your draw. Taking a class is one way to learn the correct safe way to draw, or you could start shooting IPSC at our monthly matches, which happens to be the best practice you will ever get for a gun.

Happy and safe shooting to all! Bill Striplin, Jr.

OFGC Director Initerview John Neihouse

By Jamie Shelly

In what we hope to be an on-going method of helping our membership get to know their board of directors better, we prsent you with our first director

interview with John Neihouse. John is the Old Fort Gun Club Smallbore

Silhouette Match Director and is recognized nation wide for his prowess in coaching champions and understanding this particular sport down to almost microscopic detail.

Question: How long have you been shooting?.

Answer: One of my earliest memories was of my dad's "Long Tom" single shot 12 gauge shotgun that stood in the corner of his closet.

It was a single shot 12 gauge, make unknown with a 36 inch long full choke barrel. My dad was an avid duck hunter in his younger years, a time I, sadly, missed sharing with him. He told stories of market hunting the ducks that were plentiful then with Hollis Lake figuring heavily in his tales and he explained the 36 inch barrel was necessary to *"reach out and get them" I never got* ette champion, and John's

grandaughter and pupil to shoot that gun as it disappeared

from the closet, the victim of hard times and bills to pay. I got my own first gun when I was about 12. It was a single shot 16 gauge made for OTASCO by Stevens and marketed under the Revelation brand name. I have been shooting one thing or another since then and I am 55 now.

Question: Who got you started?



Answer: I was a self starter. I was a "change of life baby" and by the time I Long Tom" single shot 12 gauge shotgun came along my dad had little interest in teaching me anything other than not to

Mallory, a multi-time silhou-

shoot myself, my friends, or anything of value. I was never a member of any organized shooting groups or received any instruction from anyone till much, much later in life. I always remember being absolutely fascinated by firearms of all types. Most likely what ignited the fire that has never went out was that mysterious old shotgun in my dad's closet and it's link to his past and the wonderful hunting stories he could weave.

Question: What are your main shooting interests?

Answer: Easy question for me to answer. Rifle silhouette shooting, both smallbore and highpower. I am also very committed to teaching my love and respect of firearms to my grandchildren,

as I did my children. I love all of the competitive shooting sports in general and also treasure the many friends and contacts in the firearms industry that have been made possible by my involvement in competitive shooting. I do like to hunt, but it's hard to find time



Directing an OFGC Silhouette to commit to hunting with all the Match other things I give my time to..

Question: How long have you been a member of the Old Fort Gun Club?

Answer: Roughly 15 years. My children had grown and moved away. Finding a safe place to shoot was getting harder and harder. The Old Fort Gun Club was a natural fit for me.

Question: What is your favorite firearm and why.

Answer: I have two favorites and I own neither now. Both were traded or sold in pursuit of the next greatest gun and I have kicked myself many times over the years for letting them go. Favorite



would be that old Revelation 16 gauge single shot, my first gun. Killed many squirrels, rabbits, and dove with it and

Revelation 16 Gauge

the occasional unlucky duck. Shot my first deer with it too. Next favorite was the gun I traded it for, a well worn Remington model 11, which is a copy of the Browning A5. Nothing pointed as well as that old model 11 did, but it was a contrary thing and stovepipe *jams were common. But it introduced me to the world of more* than one shot and it really opened up my horizons. My favorite gun that I own currently would have to by my Anschutz 54:18 cus-

tom silhouette rifle. Built to my specs to fit me the Annie and I have been



all over the country and Remington Model 11 the winner's circle many

times. Gripping the stock and shouldering the gun is like shaking the hand of an old friend. It never fails to please.

John Neihouse. Smallbore Rifle Silhouette Director





The Old Fort Gun Club is proud to partner with legendary Ruger to hold our first Ruger Rimfire Match!

Ruger Rimfire Shooting Competitions are designed to be fun and safe shooting matches for the entire family. Incorporating both .22

LR pistols and rifles, courses of fire are created with safety as the top priority, but feature fun scenarios that meet any shooter's skill level. Whether you are new to shooting, or have become a seasoned pro, Ruger Rimfire matches will be an entertaining experience for you, your family members and friends.



 Great match for beginners and Pros Drawings for guns and accessories included with entry.

 Classes for Youth shooters 7 years old through senior shooters 65 and older For complete rules search "ruger rimfire" or go to ofgc.org for entry forms



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The Old Fort Gun Club is partnering with local and national business to help make a phenominal match for the entire family.

Classes for all 22 rifles and pistols (doesn't





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On the world wide web at www.ofgc.org or www.oldfortgunclub.com

CMP High Power

By Fred Ayers



• ompetitive marksmanship is a big part of CMP's mission. It reinforces firearms safety and enables competitors to further develop their marksmanship skills and in many cases, earn recognition for doing so. In the information that follows you'll find news and descriptions of upcoming matches, how to enter them and more information on course of fire and what you can expect from your participation.



f you're new to competitive shooting, CMP and its affiliated clubs and organizations continually sponsor clinics and workshops to help et you up to speed. We highly recommend participating in the CMP - USAMU Small Arms Firing School for pistol and/or rifle during the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio. By completing our one or two-

day schools, you will learn the fundamentals of firearms safety and marksmanship.



2013 Area 4 Handgun Championship

Id Fort Gun Club will be the host this year for the USPSA Area 4 Championship handgun Match. Area 4 encompasses AR, OK, TX and LA, but is historically one of the largest IPSC handgun matches in the country. Competitors will include many of the top IPSC shooters in the Nation, as well as guests from several other countries, with a total of near 300 entries. The match will consist of 12 stages of fire, requiring a minimum of around 285 rounds. For those keeping

count, that's at least 85,000 empty brass cases over a 5 day period.

C taff will shoot the match on September 4 and 5, followed by competitors on September 6 through 8. Sunday's m Jculmination will be a Prize Table with upwards of \$50,000 worth of guns, equipment and accessories.



The President's Target By Bill Striplin, OFGC 2013 President

Arkansas

Living in the Great State of Arkansas sometimes gives us a few problems we don't anticipate.

Weather, a drought last year and lots of rain even before our April showers. This year we have had to cancel matches, been delayed in getting our range projects started, but in all I believe we are living in a great area. Our last IPSC match was not canceled but we did shoot in some cold rainy weather. Still a fun shoot, but would have been a lot more fun without the help from Mother Nature. One of the things I have noticed that doesn't help our range appearance is paper targets that are blown off or soaked by rain and fall off the frames onto the ground. I would ask our members that when you are finished shooting, please remove your targets and take them home with you are throw them in a trash barrel or the dumpster.

As soon as the weather permits, we will get started on range improvements and projects. The less time we spend picking up trash and cleaning up the range will give us more time on work projects. Please help us out.

Thanks,

Bill

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silhouette is a steel profile of an animal (chicken, pig, turkey, or ram) standing on a pedestal. The object of the game is to Asilhouette is a steer prome or an annual concern, p.g. servey, and a steer prome or an annual concern, p.g. servey, and a steer silhouette. It is a very simple competition, with very simple scoring: You get a 1 for knocking an animal off its stand, a 0 for anything else. Although silhouette is an easy game to learn, it is not an easy game to master. The animals are rather small and the distances are rather large; you must shoot offhand (standing); a moderate breeze can move a bullet or a pellet the width of an

animal; your concentration becomes more difficult to hold as you knock down five in a row, six, These factors make silhouette an endless challenge







he IPSC Shooters will host the

18th Annual Old Fort Shoot Out at the River Range on April 20 and 21. Lots of shooters will attack 7 stages of fire on both Saturday and Sunday. A great opportunity to come out to the Range and see what Practical Pistol is all about. As always, eye and ear protection is necessary to observe.



ractical Pistol matches continue on the third Sunday of each month. Learn to use your handgun in a pressure situation. New shooters are welome.

Druce Bethell, Director, Practical Pistol

Multi-Gun

By Debby Pankratz



We have not given up on getting to shoot this year. The weather is not cooperating but we are planning a match for April 14, 2013-sign in 9:30, shoot starts at 10:00.

They will be the same stages we have tried to put on for the past

two months. Our club has signed up with 3 Gun Nation (see article below which is under the CLUB SERIES).

3*GUN NATION



You can become a member by going to: 3gunnation.com and signing up. The cost is \$25 a year to become a member and your classification to count.

The NRA Sports 3-Gun Nation Club Series, Presented by Remington,

provides an opportunity for shooters of all skill levels to compete rifle to the winner of each division in the National 3GN Club Series with each other on a national level at their local club. 3GN does this points race. through the use of classifier stages and a national database. Once a Looking forward to seeing you on the classifier has been shot and scores submitted, individual members range! will receive a designated ranking for their skill level.

Clubs that are part of the club series will submit scores from a minimum of six (6) 3GN classifiers in a season. Members must shoot

Dates for September matches are Sat, September 1, 9am – Sun, September 2, 8am Dates for October matches are Sat, October 6, 9am Sun, October 7, 8am. Events are held at the River Range 100 yard covered line.





C teel Challenge is an EXTREMELY pop-Jular organized shooting sport built on the principles of safe firearm handling, fast target acquisition and most of all FUN!

highly popular event at the Old Hort Gun Club, Steel Challenge matches appeal to shoots 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

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Steel Challenge

By Jamie Shelly

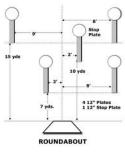


begins at 8am, Sign-In at 9:30 and Shooters meeting at 10am. During the peak heat of the summer months, general June-September, the schedules does change some with setup starting at 7am, Sign-In at 8am and the match starting promptly at 8:30.

C teel 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 econ-

omy aside the rem-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.



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

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one (1) classifier stage in order to receive a 3GN ranking and compete in four (4) classifiers to be eligible for the points series.

Each club member will have the opportunity to win a Remington VersaMax Shotgun as well as a HiperFire Trigger. One shotgun and trigger has been generously donated to each club for a random drawing. For every 3GN match you shoot, your name will be entered into the drawing. In addition, Palmetto State

Armory will award a PSA PA-15 3G 20" AR-15



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