

OFGC Director Interview
With
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 present 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 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.



Mallory, a multi-time silhouette champion, and John's granddaughter and pupil

Question: Who got you started?



Long Tom" single shot 12 gauge shotgun

Answer: I was a self starter. I was a "change of life baby" and by the time I came along my dad had little interest in teaching me anything other than not to 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 to commit to hunting with all the other things I give my time to..



Directing an OFGC Silhouette Match

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 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 be my Anschutz 54:18 custom silhouette rifle. Built to my specs to fit me the Annie and I have been all over the country and she has brought me to 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



Revelation 16 Gauge



Remington Model 11



2013 OLD FORT
RUGER RIMFIRE CHALLENGE



May 25th
&
May 26th



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.



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



Classes for all 22 rifles and pistols (doesn't have to be ruger)



- Great match for beginners and Pros
- Classes for Youth shooters 7 years old through senior shooters 65 and older
- Drawings for guns and accessories included with entry.

For complete rules search "ruger rimfire" or go to ofgc.org for entry forms



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CMP High Power

By Fred Ayers



Competitive 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.



If you're new to competitive shooting, CMP and its affiliated clubs and organizations continually sponsor clinics and workshops to help get 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

Old 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.



Staff will shoot the match on September 4 and 5, followed by competitors on September 6 through 8. Sunday's culmination 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

Old Fort Gun Club Hunter Pistol Cowboy Action Rifle By Fred Ayers

A silhouette is a steel profile of an animal (chicken, pig, turkey, or ram) standing on a pedestal. The object of the game is to knock as many silhouettes as possible off their pedestals, shooting one round at each 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.

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.



Practical Pistol
By Bruce Bethel
Practical Pistol
Director



The 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.



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

Bruce Bethel, 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).



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 with each other on a national level at their local club. 3GN does this through the use of classifier stages and a national database. Once a classifier has been shot and scores submitted, individual members 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



Old Fort Gun Club
Steel Challenge
By Jamie Shelly

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!

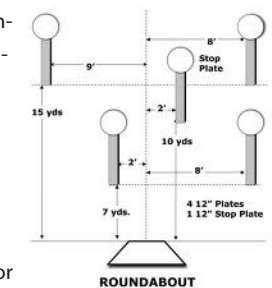


A highly popular event at the Old Fort Gun Club, Steel Challenge matches appeal to shooters of all ages and is a Saturday morning of fun for the whole family. Matches are held the 1st Saturday of each month from March through November. Setup begins at 8am, Sign-In at 9:30 and Shooters meeting at 10am. 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, Jason and the rest of their volunteers to put on a quality match each month and we thank them for their efforts!



Multi-Gun Continued

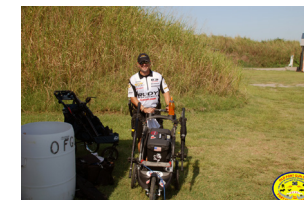


one (1) classifier stage in order to receive a 3GN ranking and compete in four (4) classifiers to be eligible for the points series.

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 rifle to the winner of each division in the National 3GN Club Series points race.

Looking forward to seeing you on the range!

Debby Pankratz



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

Apr 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Easter	1 April Fool's Day Forecast for 72901	2 Forecast for 72901 4pm - Cowboy	3 Forecast for 72901	4 Forecast for 72901 7pm - OFGC Monthly	5	6 9am - Hunter Pistol / 9:30am - Steel
7 Hunter Pistol /	8	9 4pm - Cowboy	10	11	12	13 9am - Small-Bore 9am - USPSA
14 9:30am - USPSA	15 Tax Day	16 4pm - Cowboy	17	18	19	20 9am - Old Fort 9:30am - Judge
21 9am - Judge Parker - 9am - Old Fort	22 Earth Day	23 4pm - Cowboy	24	25	26	27 9am - CMP High 9am - Small-Bore 9:30am - 22
28 CMP High Power @ 1:30pm - CMP	29	30 4pm - Cowboy	1 7pm - OFGC Monthly	2	3	4 9am - Hunter Pistol / 9:30am - Steel

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

May 2013 (Central Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 CMP High Power @ 1:30pm - CMP	29	30 4pm - Cowboy	1 7pm - OFGC Monthly	2 7pm - OFGC Monthly	3	4 9am - Hunter Pistol / 9:30am - Steel
5 Cinco de Mayo Hunter Pistol /	6	7 4pm - Cowboy	8	9	10	11 9am - Small-Bore 9am - USPSA
12 Mother's Day 9:30am - USPSA	13	14 4pm - Cowboy	15	16	17	18 USPSA Set-UP @ Old 9:30am - Judge
19 9am - Judge Parker - 9:30am - IPSC	20	21 4pm - Cowboy	22	23	24	25 9am - CMP High 9am - Small-Bore 9:30am - 22
26 CMP High Power @ 1:30pm - CMP	27 Memorial Day	28 4pm - Cowboy	29 John F. Kennedy's	30	31	1 9am - Hunter Pistol / 9:30am - Steel