



Official Publication of the Old Fort Gun Club, Inc.

The objectives of this organization are to establish and maintain a permanent organization, for the benefit of its 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, or rented, for the use and benefit of the members.



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OFGC Web Site

www.OFGC.org

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2nd Amendment

“A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”

Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Range Improvements



Two of Three New Pistols Bays



Raising the 100 yard back Berm

Have you been to the River Range lately?

You should

More to come.

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Over 29 New Families Joined in July and August

Old Fort Gun Club welcomes new members. Look for these families on the range and give them a good old-fashion warm and friendly welcome.

William Allison	Brand Cole	Billy Hunt	James Peirce	Herman Yakely Jr
Paul Anderson	Greg Crawford	Matthew Ketcham	David Redding	
John Beasley	Gary Crawford	Randy Knapple	Mark Schoen	
Dewayne Bell	Lee Eastridge	Nathan Jones	Wesley Stuart	
Chuck Burnett	Roy Freeman	Luke Mackey	Greg Thomas	
Robert Clock	Brian Hall	James McKnight	JD Williams	
John Cockerham	Lewis Haggard	Jim Melvin	Robert Wilson	

Outdoor Air Pistol Silhouette

At the last BOD meeting they approved the purchase of a set of Air Pistol Silhouette targets. James Slusher will run matches during his normal shooting time on the first Saturday of each month. Also he will have matches on Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm until October or when it becomes too dark to shoot. Shooting fee will be \$5.00 per match or \$10.00 per night.

It is a must to see how small these targets are and see if they can be hit.

James Slusher—Outdoor Air Pistol Director

CMP

Shooters have rediscovered CMP matches. The interest is growing. There were over 18 shooters last month. Age is no limit. Shooters include a 12 year old boy and several 70 plus years old, with skill levels from Beginners to Master. If you have not tried this sport (they shoot a paper target 100, 200 and 300 yards away, from standing sitting and laying down) you have missed a good time. This just might improve your hunting skills too.

Steel Challenge

What fun is. Shooting over 150 rounds at steel in one day! Anyone can shoot from kids to great-grandma. From .22 to .45 caliber. Single Action to semi-auto.

Next Steel Challenge matches will be Saturday, September 5 and October 3. Start time is moved up to 10:00 am., Match fee will be \$10, or shoot two different guns for \$15. Join us at the River Range for some great family fun. Hint—Have your Front sight other than white. (Your shooting white steel targets)

Ken Bulter — Steel Challenge Director

Labor Day Pot-luck Picnic

The OFGC will have a Labor Day pot-luck picnic at the River Range on September 7 at noon. The Club will provide plates, bowls, and plastic ware. Members need to bring everything else. POT-LUCK. This is a great time to meet new members and old ones too. After lunch everyone hits the range for a good time shooting.

.22 Rifle Silhouette

The rifle silhouette shooters from our club turned in quite an impressive showing at the nationals held at the NRA Whittington Center in Raton New Mexico earlier this month. In small-bore Kolby Rasmussen successfully defended his Standard Rifle Intermediate Junior National Championship. Kolby shot very well against the best of the best from 5 countries. He is 16 years old. 10 year old Mallory Nichols, in her first appearance at the nationals won 2 of the 6 small-bore matches in A class and finished 2nd overall in A class Hunter rifle. She turned in some very impressive scores shooting a 25 in her first match and picking up her first leg in her Standard Rifle Grand Slam with a perfect 10 on the pigs. Both these fine young shooters earned the respect of their peers from all over the world and conducted themselves in a way that all of our club would be proud of. In high-power silhouette Kolby swept both standard and hunter Intermediate Junior Nationals Championships and won the 5th match in Standard Rifle outright, beating several former national and world champions. We cannot stress enough how incredible this feat is for a young man who just got old enough to drive on his own and isn't even shaving regularly. In the team championships OFGC earned a 2nd place in finish Standard rifle. Team members were Kolby Rasmussen, Mallory Nichols, and John Neihouse.

John Neihouse —Small-bore Silhouette Director

NRA Day Camp

Open to the Public

NRA Day Camp

September 19th and October 31st, 2009 at
Old Fort Gun Club River Range (off of Hwy 59)

It is ALL Free

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

- 1) .22 Rifle Silhouette
- 2) Shotgun shooting -Sporting Clays,
- 3) Pistol bench rest
- 4) .22 Rifle balloon bust

We will have Home Firearm Safety, Range Safety, and 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 divided into groups and allowed to try shooting sports. Ammo, Targets and Firearms are provided.

Range Officers at all locations.

Bring safety glasses, earplugs, lawn chairs and a lunch

Call by the Friday before the day of classes

Pre-registration is required, limited to 40 participants

For more information please contact:

Don Shamp, Youth Firearm Director,

jgreywolf@centurytel.net or 479-996-4778

Lost Membership Card

Over the past several months we have received many requests for replacement membership cards. In 2010 there will be a charge of \$5.00 for each replacement card.

Extra Help is Still Needed

Range maintenance projects are on the rise. We still have many projects that we would like done in the next couple of months. Building sheds, painting, repair work, weed eating, and on and on. We do need your help. Best way to work off your range maintenance fees for next year. Give David Gant a call and he will set you up.

Range Improvements

The Board of Directors approved work on the 100 yard range, raising the back berm and enlarging pistol bay #1 by moving a berm. While getting bids they also discussed adding 3 smaller pistol bays next to the 300 yard side berm. The Board approved the project and now the bays are finished. It will take a month or so until the grass starts to grow but they look great. They also discussed the usage of these bays, it was agreed that these bays will be open all the time and will not have any shooting competition in them. We will build covers and have multi shooting targets and benches in each of the new bays with concrete slab floors soon. These bays are about 25 feet deep, just what pistol shooters want and need.

There will be other improvements to come at the River Range soon with more target stands in the bigger pistol bays and improved flooring under the shooting covers.

Many thanks to the BOD's and to the Members of Old Fort Gun Club for making this happen.

Sporting Clays

Have you come out to shoot sporting clays lately? If you have not you are missing a great time shooting clay birds with other shooters just like you. Some say it is just like golf but with a shot-gun. Every golf course is different and so is sporting clays. The course changes every month. September birds will be mostly on report. What is on report? The shooter calls for the bird by saying PULL (when it is their turn) and a bird (clay) takes off, the shooter shoots at the clay when the gun goes BANG the next clay takes off. Then the shooter tries to shoot the second clay. There will be a couple of station might have true pairs, two birds take off at the same time, sometimes together or from different locations. Does that sound like fun too?

In July we had 48 shooters and in August we had 55 shooters. That was fun too. This sport is growing thanks to shooters and to the Board of Directors that support Sporting Clays. We shoot the second Saturday of each month from February through October. We start around 9:00 a.m. 50 birds for only \$10.00. In October shooters can shoot 50 birds for \$10 or shoot 100 birds for \$15.

Thanks to all that come out early each month to help setup and stay a little late to help put everything back up after the match is over. Next year we will be doing something a little different to encourage more helpers. More information to come later.

Johnny Cole—Sporting Clay Director

In Principle

"When you say that you agree with a thing in principle, you mean that you have not the slightest intention of carrying it out in practice." - Otto von Bismark. I have often said that the RIGHT to own a firearm carries with it the OBLIGATION to learn to use that firearm safely and efficiently. How many of us truly carry out the practice that we agree in principle is necessary to meet that obligation. Participation in one of the organized shooting sports is a form of forced practice. Shooting a handgun while under the clock teaches us control in a pressure situation. More importantly by far, organized competition forces us to think and practice SAFETY every time we pick up a firearm. Next time you are at the range just plinking with friends, look around for signs of imbedded safety practices by other shooters. Does everyone keep their firearms cold until they are on the line, pointing downrange. Is the 180 degree rule followed, or do you see muzzles swinging around behind the shooter, sweeping others on the range. Is the trigger finger *always* kept out of the trigger guard until the gun is on target and ready to fire. These safety habits become second nature with people who shoot competition.

Shooting safely may get old, but so do those who practice it.

Bruce Bethell—Director, Practical Pistol

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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.

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Old Fort Gun Club Match Schedule for 2009

Match Description	Jan	Feb.	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
CMP (High Power Rifle) 3rd Saturday 10 am	NM	21	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	NM	NM
Cowboy Action S.A.S.S. 2nd Saturday 10 am	10	14	14	11	9	13	11	8	12	10	14	12
Practical Pistol/ IPSC 3rd Sunday 10 am 3-Gun/ Multi-gun	18	15	15 29	18-19	17 31	21	19	16 29-30	20	18	15 29	20
Steel Challenge 10:00 a.m.				4	NM	6	NM	1	5	3	7	
Hunter's Pistol & Cowboy Rifle Silhouette & Outdoor Air Pistol Silhouette 1st Saturday 10am Special 2nd Sunday 1 pm Tuesday's at 6:30 pm until Oct.	NM	7	7 8	4	2	6	NM 12	1 9	5 13	3 11	7	NM
.22 Rifle Silhouette 2nd Saturday 10am 4th Saturday	NM	NM NM	NM 28	11 25	9 23	13 27	11 NM	NM 22	12 26	10 NM	NM	NM
Sporting Clays 2nd Saturday (Alma Range) 9am Apr-Oct	NM	14	14	11 25	9 23	13 27	11	15	12	10	NM	NM