



PRIMER

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Military Bolt Action Bench Rest

By Curt Bohlman

Bolt action military rifles have been in production for nearly 200 years. As technological advancements are made, newer models replace the former and a military surplus results. It is not uncommon for a country to hold on to surplus rifles for mulita contingency, but as these rifles age out, they find their ways into the hands of sportsmen and enthusiasts. Today, many antiquated military rifles occupy the dark corners of gun safes, all but forgotten.

I have no idea where or when it happened, but someone got the idea that getting together with buddies and shooting these rifles in friendly competition might be fun. Thus, Military Bolt Action Bench Rest was born! All of the marksmanship fundamentals come to bear in this discipline where sights are rough, triggers are heavy, the target is small, and recoil is a reality. It's a great way to develop skills which easily cross over to hunting and other marksmanship disciplines, on a budget.

As you can imagine there is quite an exhaustive list of rifles that can be used in these matches. Some of the more common ones are the Springfield 1903 and A3O3, M96 Swedish Mauser, and 91/30 Mosin Nagant. Many competitors load their own ammunition at reduced velocity to tame recoil, and enhance accuracy. Some even shoot cast bullets to extend barrel life.

As Military Bolt Action Bench Rest implies, these rifles are shot from a bench, with the support of some kind of a front rest, but can't be the type that clamp the rifle in place. Other equipment such as spotting scopes, sight black, a rear bag, and even shooting jackets are allowed. Hearing and Eye protection is required. Guns and ammo must be proof tested prior to shooting in the matches as a safety precaution.

There is no national sanctioning authority that I could find but at least several other states shoot these matches. The participating clubs drafted a "Preamble" which provides some details and rules which can be found with a quick internet search.

The agreed upon course of fire is 10 shots for practice and 5 strings of 10 shots for record. The first two strings are shot for group size (smallest wins or course) and the final three strings are shot for score. The target agreed upon is the NRA SR-21 which has a 6.12" aiming black and only a .79" X-ring. This is a demanding target at 100 yards with iron or "open sights";

optical sights are not allowed. At the end of the match there are two winners identified, defined by Smallest Group and Highest Score.

To keep things inexpensive and "fair to all", rifles may not be highly modified to shoot more accurately, though some modifications like free-floating, paper shims, trigger work, and even some sight modification fits in the "ok" category of gun work. The spirit of competition dictates using "as issued" rifles. Four clubs in the Oklahoma have an annual Inter-club competition, which generally falls in mid-October. The clubs are Tri-City Gun Club of Norman, Oil Capitol Rod and Gun Club of Coweta, The Oklahoma City Gun Club of Arcadia, and Stephens County Rifle and Pistol of Duncan. This year's State Championship was hosted by Tri-City Gun Club of Norman and sponsored by the Oklahoma Rifle Association. Next Month's Primer will report on that match.

If you like the idea of improving your marksmanship skills on a budget MBABR is a great way to go. Reach out the OKCGC Benchrest Division, and get involved in 2026! As with most shooting sports, you'll get plenty of help if you ask.



Note to Members

Suzi Rouse, OKC Gun Club President

You may have noticed some new signs at the entrances of the club. These are meant to reaffirm to all “non-members” that we are a private club. The following information will be part of the next Members Guide and should be adhered to. If there are any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact a club official.



Rule #1. This range and associated facilities are for the use of OKLAHOMA CITY GUN CLUB members and their guests only. Members must wear their membership badges at all times while at the range. If you lose your membership badge, request a replacement by contacting membership@okcgunclub.org.

To deter non-club members from entering through an open gate and using the club at their leisure, the board has posted “no trespassing” signs at all entrances, a requirement for the prosecution of trespassers.

Please offer gentle reminders to your club mates to wear their badges prominently, and don't be reluctant to ask a stranger at the club to see his or her badge if not being worn. While we welcome non-members to participate in many of our matches and events, they must remain in the area of the activity while on our property. Non-members are not familiar with our rules and could pose a safety or security risk.

If anyone not wearing a badge offers any resistance when confronted, discretely get a picture of their license plate, and forward the picture, with time, place and other pertinent information to any board member. Non-compliant members will have the opportunity to explain their actions at a board meeting, and non-members will be contacted by police.

Thank you for helping make the OKLAHOMA CITY GUN CLUB a safer place for our members and communities.

OKCGC Membership 2026

It is that time of year once again for renewal of memberships. Invoices for 2026 dues will be sent out around December 1st via US Postal Service. MEMBERS WHO HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS ON FILE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN ELECTRONIC INVOICE EARLIER IN NOVEMBER. These members will have the option to pay online.

Member badges for 2026 will be mailed mid-January 2026. The gate code will change on February 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Carey Pribil, Membership Chairman, at 405-613-8755.

OKCGC Membership Guide

The UPDATED club membership guide is on the website under ABOUT US on the right-hand side of the page is the link. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REVIEW THE RULES SO THAT YOU WILL BE UP TO DATE. Thank you for your time and consideration. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions/concerns. Please review the membership guide [here>](#)

“Winter” 22 F Class Match

The first “winter” 22 F Class match turned out to be a beautiful day with only a bit of northwest wind to contend with and mild temperatures. The results are:

Sporter Class:

1st Jonah DeJonge 545-9X
2nd Joe Evans 541-7X
3rd John Behara 541-10X

Target Rifle Class:

1st Don Faulkenberry 592-31X
2nd Randy Buster 591-34X
3rd Woody Liddell 589-27X

Open Class:

1st Don Faulkenberry 596-42X
2nd Mike Tokar 590-22X
3rd Mark Walker 587-29X

Come join us in this simple game: 22LR rifles shot at 100 yards for score. Visit Smallbore Division for more info [here>](#)

The Oklahoma City Gun Club PRIMER newsletter is available online at www.okcgunclub.org. A print copy is mailed to those members who would like a paper version. OKC Gun Club board meetings are open to all members. They are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the main clubhouse.

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Training Division

As a part of our community outreach initiative, we are offering basic instruction shooting courses. These programs are open to both members and non-members. The Training Division's NRA Certified Instructors provide this training. If you or someone you know who would benefit from courses like these, please share the information.

For more information or to register online go to the OKC Gun Club's Training Division's website. Questions? Contact the Training Division Team at training@okcgunclub.org.

Jamie Meyer 405-613-6541 / Kemit Grafton 405-317-9517 / Jim Durham 520-249-5955

Ladies Pistol League Christmas Party/Toy Drive Sunday, December 7 1 pm – 6 pm, Main Clubhouse

For more information about the party, please contact Jamie Meyer at lpl@okcgunclub.org or call/text 405-613-6541.

[Link to RSVP >](#)

Oklahoma Self-Defense Act (SDA)/ Handgun License Training Saturday, December 13 9 am – 5 pm, Main Clubhouse

The successful completion of this eight-hour course provides the participant with handgun safety instruction and pertinent Oklahoma law training from state certified gun safety instructor(s), which meets the requirements to apply for an Oklahoma Handgun License.

[Register Here >](#)

Cover your Basics – Handgun Saturday, January 3, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm Main Clubhouse

This three-hour course is for the beginning shooter as well as anyone who would like to learn the fundamentals of shooting a handgun safely. The course includes live fire training where students will learn shooting fundamentals and range safety rules with personal coaching from experienced instructors/coaches.

[Register Here >](#)

NRA Training Counselor Development Workshop

The Training Division hosted the NRA Training Counselor Development Workshop held at the OKC Gun Club October 20 through October 24. This workshop is the pinnacle of NRA Instructor training. The NRA Education and Training Division holds six of these workshops a year, this was the only one outside of their home range in Virginia this year. It was 37 hours in length, including 10.5 hours of range time firing approximately 350 rounds, and 26.5 hours of classroom instruction with extensive practical applications. Evaluations included pistol qualifications, holster work, two exams, giving two presentations, and conducting proper feedback. We had candidates from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Hawaii and Guam.

The NRA goal is to be the Gold Standard for firearms training. This begins with having very qualified Training Counselors. To be eligible to be a candidate, one needs to be an NRA instructor for at least two years, be the lead instructor for 10 live fire classes

in two disciplines, with a total of 50 or more students. There were 12 candidates in this workshop, only 6 were considered fully qualified, a 50% pass rate. The other 6 were considered not ready and will have the opportunity to make up any areas they need improvement in. In addition, there were 4 current Training Counselors who audited the course. Overall, there were 19 people attending, including the three NRA staff members.

This was a very rigorous course, and our Training Division Chair, Kemit Grafton, is now an NRA Certified Training Counselor. This now authorizes him to conduct NRA Instructor Training Courses in the disciplines in which he holds NRA Instructor certifications.

Kemit said he looks forward to continuing to serve the Oklahoma City Gun Club and the community with quality firearms training.

Action Shooting Division – The Year in Review

By John Bent

2025 has been a banner year for the Action Shooting Division. We offer 8 different types of matches throughout the year, with one or more events taking place every weekend of the month.

A few highlights:

USPSA matches on the 1st Saturday continue to hold the record for largest turnout, averaging 108 shooters monthly.

Last year, we started offering Practical Rifle matches on the 4th Saturday for those who like the “run and gun” of USPSA but with rifles. It has proven extremely popular offering an opportunity for light carbine/rifles, PCC, Rimfire and Battle Rifle (6.5cm and larger).

Steel Challenge, GSSF and Shoot Sig matches are all very popular and offer excellent ways to get involved in shooting competitions with minimal equipment. They also offer rimfire divisions – almost everyone has a .22!

Our regular GSSF and Shoot Sig matches are considered practice matches. The major difference is you can shoot any centerfire pistol or rimfire pistol you want in equivalent divisions – you don’t have to shoot a Sig or a Glock. Official GSSF and Shoot Sig matches are also hosted by the club annually and are popular multi-day events.

In November, the 2025 Oklahoma Section USPSA Red Dirt Rumble “All Gas, No Brakes” Championship was held with 200 shooters, setting a new record for match turnouts.

For more details, check our division website at Action Shooting Division. Better yet, come on out and give it a try or watch an event. We almost always have some first time competitors.

Summary of Training Division Activities for 2025

By Kemit Grafton

In 2025, the training division conducted classes for a total of 218 students, which included 40 new NRA certified Range Safety Officers (RSO). We conducted over 100 classes including Basic Handgun, Oklahoma Self Defense Act (SDA), SDA Refresher, Buying Your First Handgun, Home Defense Carbine, Home Defense Shotgun, and NRA RSO.

We also hosted several outside training classes, with the Glock Armorer’s course and the Glock MOS Operator Course. Additionally, we hosted Brian Hill’s Pistol Essentials class. We also conducted 5 NRA Academies where we trained NRA Instructor candidates in Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun, CCW, Personal Protection In and Outside the Home, and Chief, Range Safety Officer. Furthermore, we conducted NRA Courses in Basic Pistol, Basic Rifle, Basic Shotgun, Basic Muzzleloader, and Personal Protection In and Outside the Home.

In addition to our classes, we hosted Scout troops for their merit badge qualifications, Civil Air Patrol cadets, and Sea Scouts for their rifle qualifications.

The training division also conducted Retired Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA) qualifications twice during 2025. We qualified over 50 retired officers in 2025. We do this for those retired officers in appreciation for their service to our community.

Our training schedule for 2026 will include many of these same classes and new ones we are adding to the curriculum, check the OKC Gun Club website for information about those upcoming classes. (note: these numbers do not include the Ladies Pistol League, or courses offered by other instructors).



NRA MEMBERSHIP

Renew or join the NRA through the Oklahoma City Gun Club website. The club will get credit for the transaction. NRA programs fund many of our activities, so this is a great way to support our club and the NRA.

To take advantage of this outstanding offer, click on the NRA Seal, or go to the bottom of the “About Us” page on our website at okcgunclub.org/about-us.html

2025 Oklahoma Section USPSA

Red Dirt Rumble "All Gas No Brakes" Championship

By Mitch Gibson Photos by Louis Renova

November 7th and 8th saw OKC Gun Club hosting its first USPSA section championship in many years, to great fanfare and wild success. The match sold out 3 months in advance and drew competitors mostly from Oklahoma and surrounding states, but also from around the nation, along with a couple of shooters from Canada and Sweden.

OKCGC member Mitch Gibson designed all the stages for the match, and a group of club members including Mitch Gibson, Yury Delendik, Aaron Armentrout, Tony Wall, and Luis Renova designed and manufactured the trophies. The trophies consisted of a 3D printed base housing electronics and battery compartment with a touch sensor, a large acrylic cutout of

Oklahoma with laser engraving, and a 3D-printed buffalo skull. The large trophies had lighting and audio, and the small trophies just had lighting, but all came with a remote control.

Gibson Custom Guns was the match sponsor, and we gave away two custom 2011 Limited Optics guns.

Many thanks to the folks who helped with the match including build and tear down: Mitch Gibson, Casey Cantrell, Greg Goode, Scott Graves, Aaron Armentrout, Kurt Miller, Micah Puckett, and Tony Wall.

Find match results and more photos on the Action Shooting Division web page [here>](#)



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OKC Gun Club Member Classified Ads

Glock 43X purchased new, fired less than 200 rounds (Winchester FMJ, 115 GR). No defects, no holster wear, it simply looks like a new gun that has been tested. Original case and accessories, etc. \$450. Pictures available. Text Brad at 405-308-1511.

Browning B2000 12 gauge semiautomatic shotgun, includes two steel barrels, one for 2 3/4" and the other for 3" magnum. \$700. Contact Gary at 405-820-9780.

Browning AB3 in 300 WMG, 26" barrel, without scope, including 40+ rds of Hornady Superformance, RCBS reloading dies, 2+ lbs H1000 powder, and 9 boxes of Federal GM215M primers. \$600 firm. Text Edwin at 405-514-6509.

Remington 700 7mm Rem Mag Magpul, hunter stock and bottom metal with one magazine, Timney trigger, Larue 0 MOA rail with Seekins precision matched rings, Vortex Viper 6.5-20x44, \$1,500 • Pietta 1873 45 Colt single action army clone with hammer safety bar \$500, OBO. Text Zac Thompson at 405-550-6942.

Aero Precision Atlas S-One M-LOK handguard, barrel nut and tool. 9.3" rail. \$115, OBO • Griffin Armament SPRM 35mm mount. 1.45" height, 0 MOA \$65, OBO • Vortex Viper PST Gen 2 3-15x44 with the EBR-7C reticle in MRAD, sitting in Christensen PRSR-HD medium height rings with built in bubble. \$850, OBO • Surefire XC1 weaponlight. \$150, OBO • Magpul Zhukov AK folding stock. \$65, OBO. For pictures, text Peter (520)591-1632.

Pappas one piece shooting rest with an Arnold roller bearing top. \$900, OBO. Text Jim Kunkel at 405-990-0842.

Magpul Pro 700 Lite SA Stock-Remington® 700 Short Action- never used \$400 • Leupold VX R Patrol 3-9x40 Fire Dot, mounted once. \$400 • Model 1898 Krag, Springfield Armory. 30-40 Krag. Decent shape \$360 • Vortex Strike Eagle 1-8x24mm rifle scope, 30mm Tube, Second Focal Plane, Black, matte anodized, Red AR-BDC3 reticle, MOA adjustment, SE-1824-2 mounted once \$400 • .30-06 M2 Ball, M1 Garand, Korean. • 150gr FMJ. 240 rds. \$180, and more. Email lakeray@msn.com

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Benelli 828U 12 gauge Over/Under shotgun, 28" barrel, AA grade satin walnut, right handed, 5 chokes (Crio choke tubes C, IC, M, IM, F and wrench), engraved, nickel plated receiver, red, fiber optic front sight, opening lever auto recocking, barrel contained ejector system, steel locking system, impulse activated ejectors, progressive comfort system, shim kit, removable trigger group, standard hard case and manual. Shot less than 1,000 rounds. \$2,800. Call Ernie 405-204-1146.

Trijicon RMR Type 2 Red Dot pistol optic. 3.25 MOA. Sight is new, never been used \$500. Contact Josh Mahan at 864-986-9081.

Savage .22-250 Model 16 with scope, stainless steel. NIB. \$350. Contact Mark Shideler at 937-219-8735.

Get ready for hunting season with a rifle scope. Leupold Vari-X 111 1.75 - 6x32mm matte finish, multicoat 4 Leupold 49209 \$400 • Leupold Vari-X 2 x 7 compact \$200 • Leupold VX -3 2.5-8x36mm \$400 • Leupold VX-3i 3.5 -10 x 40 Matte 1 inch Duplex 170680 \$400 • Swarovski AV3-10x42 Plex MA 7229463 • Leupold Vari-X 3 x 9 Compact, used \$150. Contact Kerry McNutt 479-879-1723. Phone or text. I will send pictures upon request. Will meet you at OKCGC.

Sig Arms TR40 Aurora O/U 20ga shotgun \$2,350 • Benelli M2 20ga, Left-Handed, 26" barrel \$1,100 • Benelli Nova 20ga, right-handed, 26" barrel \$375 • Springfield XD Mod2 (9mm), 1-13rd mag and 3-16rd mags \$450 • Glock 42, 2-6 round mags \$425. Will look at offers. Text inquiries to David at (405) 403-5319.

Caesar Guerini Summit Ascent, O/U shotgun. 32" barrels. Comes with a full set of Briley ultra light sub gauge tubes and factory case. \$6,500. Just returned from manufacturer after service and tune up. Contact Cary at carywilcox777@gmail.com.

Mossberg 20 gauge, model 500, pump shotgun, 18.5 in barrel, scope rail, red laser sight, AR type adj. stock, pistol grip for stockless carry, take down tool, very good condition. \$300 • Remington sport master, model 512, .22 LR, bolt action, long tube magazine, 24 inch barrel, good condition. \$200 • Sig Sauer model 320 XL compact, 9mm flat trigger, kydex holster, 4 magazines, can put a red dot scope on it, good condition. \$400 • New unfired Springfield Armory XD Model 3, optics ready, 9mm, 4 inch barrel, one 16 rd magazine in box, \$325. Text inquires only to John 405-820-9845 prices are firm, cash only, no warranty.

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Classified Ads, continued

New Lyman two cavity dies. 9mm - 120gr, 38/357 -158gr, 45 - 225 and 250gr. \$55 • Bags of clean de-primed brass, 30K pieces in various quantities. Contact me for list. Rifle 7mm, 30-06, 300 Win Mag, 30 carbine, 30/30, 30-40Krag (new), 223 Pistol. • 9mm, .40, 38Spec, 357, 44 Spec, 44 Mag, 45 Colt (some new), 45ACP. New factory bullets, Hornady/Speer/Sierra/etc. hunting & target. Quantities vary - 223, 30 cal, 7mm, 9mm, 10mm, etc. • MEC 650 12 ga reloader, good condition \$200. Contact Jeff (405) 370-6334.

Sig Sauer P320 9mm Nitron Compact (3.9" barrel) with two 15-round magazines and polymer OWB holster \$450, obo. Approximately 300 rounds on it. Has been through Sig's voluntary upgrade program. Contact Ted 937-232-2101, or email talfred87@gmail.com. Springfield Hellcat 9mm pistol with 3-13 round mags, and 1-11 round mag. Two holsters- one a Black carbon IWB with Ulticlip, one black carbon IWB with monoblock Clip. Great carry gun \$375. Contact Kerry McNutt 479-879-1723, or email klgmcnutt@att.net.

Winchester 101 Sporting 12ga shotgun. 2 years old. Great condition with attractive wood. Bought 2 years ago - \$1,700
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