



OKLAHOMA CITY GUN CLUB

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Your news and information about the nationally recognized Oklahoma City Gun Club – MAY 2025

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## Club Picnic May 3

The OKCGC Club Picnic and Member Meeting is Saturday, May 3 beginning 11:30 am. Great prizes (Guns! Guns! Guns!), reports from the division chairmen and the announcement of the newly elected Board of Directors. Bring a side dish or dessert, get the family out of the house and enjoy lunch with your fellow OKC Gun Club members.

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# Silhouette Orientation Rescheduled to May 4

An orientation will be offered at the Monthly Pistol Silhouette Match scheduled for May 4, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This will give you a chance to observe and participate and get a good feel for what we do and meet some of our shooters.

Bring a pistol of any caliber and or a .22 rifle. We will stop for lunch about noon and restart about 12:45. For more information contact Jim Meyers at 405-317-0151 or email [jimmeyers1951@outlook.com](mailto:jimmeyers1951@outlook.com).

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## 22 F-Class State Championship

The Smallbore Division will hold the 22 F-Class Oklahoma State Championship on May 10, 2025 at the Oklahoma City Gun Club's Smallbore Range. Preregistration runs through May 8. The

match is limited to 36 competitors and is open to the public. Match day registration runs 7:30–8:00 am, match briefing 8:15 am, and the match begins at 9:00 am. Contact [22fclass@okcgunclub.org](mailto:22fclass@okcgunclub.org).

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## Introductory Pistol Classes for Women

The Ladies Pistol League is now offering “Introductory” pistol classes for women who are interested in joining the Ladies Pistol League but have not had any formal training. Our Assistant Staff Instructor, Dee Porter, will be holding these training opportunities throughout the week for no cost. They are by appointment only and ladies do not need to be a member of the club to schedule a private session.

If you are interested in scheduling a class or getting more information, please contact Dee Porter at 405-627-4730 or email the Ladies Pistol League at [lpl@okcgunclub.org](mailto:lpl@okcgunclub.org).

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# Patriot Minuteman Trophy at the OKC Gun Club

Our National Rifle Association is the owner of multiple priceless pieces of art, mostly sculptures, which are our national trophies. One of which, The Patriot Minuteman Trophy, will be visiting



the Oklahoma City Gun Club in early June to be presented to the 2025 High Power Rifle Mid-range Champion. The NRA made the decision to decentralize our National Matches this year to bolster attendance, and the Oklahoma

City Gun Club was lucky enough to be one of the participating clubs in conducting the NRA Prone Mid-range Matches this year.

So, what's Mid-Range Prone all about? Mid-range Prone is a High Power Rifle discipline shot in the prone position (laying down) at distances of 300, 500 and 600 yards. In contrast, Long Range is shot at distances from 800 to 1200 yards. In both disciplines, competitors are limited to the aid of a shooting jacket and sling for support, so rifle rests and bipods aren't allowed. Any bolt action or gas operated rifle not exceeding .35 caliber is authorized. Many shooters opt for telescopic sights while others use open sights. The bigger calibers are generally not used because muzzle breaks are not authorized, and repeated heavy recoil is a factor in a competitor's ability to shoot well.

Before the advent of electronic targets, a relay of competitors would go to an

area downrange below the line of sight called the pits or butts to “pull targets” for the firing relay, meaning they would physically pull the target down, find the bullet hole, mark it with a spotter disc, then run the target back up so, using spotting scopes, the shooter and scorekeeper could annotate a score card. The shooter would then make a sight adjustment based upon the strike of his last round or changing conditions (wind and light), and fire again. The OKCGC’s High Power Division started using electronic targets about 5 years ago, so rather than having a relay in the butts pulling targets, shots are spotted using a smart device (iPhone, iPad, tablet, etc.) which displays the triangulated location of the bullet’s sound signature as it passes through an array of microphones. Some competitors miss the fellowship of pit duty, but this seems to be the way of our high-tech future.

Mid-range prone matches are all “Slow Fired”. During slow fire strings, only one

round of ammo is loaded at a time, and the target is marked after each shot, allowing shooters to make adjustments to the sights as the string is fired. Each string of fire includes two sighting shots or practice shots plus twenty shots for record in a time limit of twenty-two minutes. While one competitor is shooting, another competitor on a different firing relay keeps score. When the shooters on the first relay have finished their strings of fire, the second relay shoots while the first relay scores (in the case of only two relays). Once all relays have completed their strings of fire at a given yard line, everyone moves back to the next distance for subsequent strings of fire.

The 2025 National Mid-Range Prone Championships are scheduled for 5-8 June. This event is open to gun club members and the general public. The first 3 days are individual matches culminating with a 4-person team match on Sunday the 8th. There will be a practice session

starting at 1:00 pm on Wednesday the 4th of June followed by a competitor meeting and Shot Marker Electronic Target orientation at 6:00 pm at the Clubhouse.

The course of fire for the first three days' 12 individual matches consists of 20 shot strings of fire. Two matches will be fired at 300 yards, two at 500 yards and eight strings at 600 yards for a possible score of 2400 points. The team match consists of 4 shooters firing 10 rounds each at 300, 500 and 600 yards for a possible team score of 1200 points. All matches will include two sighting shots each. In the team matches, teams may use a "wind coach", or coach each other to evaluate condition requirements, and make sight changes for the firing members of the teams. There is no coaching allowed individual matches.

If you would like to find out more about the high power disciplines, feel free to come out and observe a match. If you think you



may be interested in shooting high power you'll find plenty of people there happy to explain what's going on and how we do what we do.

Learn more about the OKCGC High-Power Division here: <https://www.okcgunclub.org/high-power-rifle-division.html>. If you have questions regarding the match, please contact Pat Morris, Match Director, at [xuinloy@gmail.com](mailto:xuinloy@gmail.com), or text or call 405-999-0366.

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## High Plains Handgun Metal Silhouette State Championship

The Silhouette division has scheduled the High Plains Handgun Metal Silhouette State Championship May 29-June 1 on the Silhouette Range. This event will be a 60 round match. Targets are engaged with .22 rimfire pistols and rifles at 25 to 100 yards. The metal silhouettes consist

of chickens at 25 yds., pigs at 50 yds., turkeys at 75 yds., and rams at 100 yds.



In addition, big bore pistols are used at the same animals but at longer distances. Big bore is all center fire pistols such as .357, .41, .44mag, and many more. Single shot pistols and AR pistols will engage targets at 50 meters, 100 meters, 150 meters and 200 meters. Also, pistols will shoot from 200 meters to 500 meters.

Spectators are welcome. If you have questions please contact Jim Meyers at 405-317-0151.

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# Making the US National Rifle Team

BY CURT BOHLMAN

“Hey Curt, let’s make a run at the Palma Team!”, one of my buddies and fellow club members, Bill Meade, asserted following a match on the high power range in the Spring of 2018. “A run at the Palma team”, I thought, why not! I really had no idea what I was about to get myself into... I had shot a Palma match some years before, so I knew what it was: shooting an open sighted rifle chambered in .308 at distances of 800, 900, and 1000 yards with only a shooting jacket and sling for support. I didn’t do particularly well in that match, but I



was interested in improving, and I really couldn't imagine anything that might help me improve more than preparing for and trying out for a team that represented the USA every 4 years in a world championship.

Soon after this discussion with Bill, he and I recruited several more OKC Gun Club high power shooters, who had no Palma experience, to our cause. This was March and the National Rifle Association Long Range matches were in July, so we had to get moving! First task was gathering the requisite equipment. We managed to get rifles put together and had recruited a long-time coach, Pat Morris, to help us with the wind, a significant variable in long range shooting.

Palma is a long range discipline, we needed to test our rifle and ammunition combinations at 1000 yards before we went to a national championship. But where? At that time the OKCGC only had a 600yd range which was far better

than nothing, but some actual testing at 1000 was imperative. David Tubb, 14x national champion, offered his private range in Canadian, Texas. A day on his range proved our setups were adequate, and we received some individual position coaching from the champ. With the National Matches at Camp Atterbury, Indiana, just three weeks away, we had plenty of work to do – ammo to build and more practice at 600 yards.

The matches at Camp Atterberry started with a 1000 yard individual match in the morning and a team match at the same distance in the afternoon. The final two days, we shot an individual Palma match and a Palma Team match. In the individuals, I was just trying to keep my head above water. The team matches were much better for me. I had a wind coach by my side who I had been working with for over 20 years at shorter distances, and he was in charge of the windage knob on my sights. During one team match the wind switched from left to right

and picked up a bit. Without pause, Pat cranked 14 minutes of right windage on my sight and we shot a 10! We finished 4th of 13 teams – the highlight of my trip. The scope of what you can improve upon when just starting out is incredible when you can train multiple days at a time. Incremental changes to position are key and the conversation with others who have experience in the discipline is priceless. I came away from the 2018 Nationals with many ideas of how to improve my equipment setup and the experience of shooting a week of long range rifle.

While we were at the national matches, we ran into several competitors who were wearing United States National Rifle Team (USNRT) shirts. “These guys were the pros,” I thought. There were enough of them at Camp Atterbury to make up several 4-man teams and they were always at the top of the daily match bulletins. Bill Meade was squadded with one of the USNRT guys one day and was invited to try out for the team! But what’s

the USNRT and how does that fit into our goal of making the US Palma Team? I'll explain.

The USNRT is the developmental team for the US Long Range and Fullbore teams. To keep it simple, Long Range and Fullbore are pretty much synonymous. They are both prone rifle disciplines shot at 800, 900, 1000 yards (Long Range) and 300, 500, 600, 800, 900, 1000 yards (Fullbore) with open sight rifles and no mechanical support for the guns. There are a few more rules to it than just that, but this is the basics.

Fullbore is an international discipline wherein the premier team match in a world championship is called the Palma Match. To make the Palma Team, a US shooter must first make the USNRT, then try out for the Palma Team, which is what the US calls its premier international fullbore team. I make the distinction of "premier" because it's not the only US Fullbore team, it's just the "Top team." The USNRT

also recruits and trains individuals for the “Young Eagles Team” Under 25 yrs, and “Veterans Team” over 60 years.

USNRT tryouts are held at various locations in the US. Tryout consists of six twenty-shot strings shot at 1000 yards over a two-day period. The target is scored solely on the shooter’s ability to hold elevation when shooting on a bullseye-type round target. Points lost to windage (left and right of the bullseye) don’t count against the shooter, but points lost above and below the bullseye (elevation) do. As you can imagine, if you are depending on your position in a shooting jacket to support a rifle, there is some movement that is difficult to control. Through the process of refining the position, this movement can be reduced significantly. What’s more, when in a steady position and the shooter aligns the sights correctly, the shot must be triggered without disturbing the rifle. Once shooters make the USNRT, they are invited to training sessions to work on individual and team shooting skills.



From there, they are matched up with other USNRT shooters and coaches for competition at state, regional, and national levels. Tryouts are held for the three fore-mentioned teams based on a four-year world championship cycle, the last held in the Republic of South Africa in 2024.

My USNRT tryout was at the Whittington Center, Raton, New Mexico. I attended with four other Oklahomans – two of us made it. There were a couple more USNRT tryouts in the next year and by the time the international team tryouts came about, three Oklahomans made the Palma Team, and one made the Veterans Team. This is an extraordinary showing for our Oklahoma shooters. I can truly say immersion into the discipline with so many other talented and experienced shooters advanced my skill level quickly.

The OKC Gun Club now has a 1000 yard range so we will host a US Veteran's Team Tryout May 14-16, and a USNRT tryout with team and individual matches the

following weekend. If you are interested in learning more about the USNRT and Fullbore/Long Range competition, there's no place better to start than the USNRT website at <https://usnrt.com>, or email the OKCGC High Power division at [highpower@okcgclub.org](mailto:highpower@okcgclub.org). We will be glad to answer all your questions and we may even have some spare equipment to get you started - It's a great journey.



pictured: The 2024 Palma Team including OKCGC members Curt Bohlman, Tanner Burrows and Bill Meade.

The OKC Gun Club currently has 7 members on the 2024 US National Rifle Team, all with international experience. They are Curtis Bohlman, Tanner Burrows, Richard Ford, Bill Meade, Pat Morris, Randy Pike and Kent Shomber.

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Oklahoma City 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.

**CLUB CALENDAR**  
for up-to-date information.  
Go to the calendar [here>](#)



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# Action Shooting Division – May

Check out the Action Shooting Division and recent matches scores [here>](#)

May matches scheduled:

USPSA Match	May 3
Steel Challenge and ICORE	May 17
Practical Rifle	May 24
Bowling Pin Shootout	May 31

If you'd like to be on our mailing list, email [ipsc.mail@okcgunclub.org](mailto:ipsc.mail@okcgunclub.org). We normally send out match reminders the week before the match.

As always, CHECK THE CLUB CALENDAR for updates/changes. Go to the calendar [here>](#)

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# Construction Update

The berm modernization efforts on the Cowboy and Action Shooting ranges continue. These are the ranges located on Hiwassee Road north of the Shotgun facility consisting of 10 Cowboy bays on the south end, and 6 Action Shooting bays on the north end. Because of the scale of the project this is a multi-year effort and our goal for 2025 is to complete the remainder of the Cowboy bays this year. Then next year we intend to continue north hopefully completing the 6 northern Action Shooting bays in 2026. Because the contractor will be raising the berms above their existing height it is necessary to close the 5-Stand range as well as several Cowboy/Action bays on Monday thru Friday while construction is taking place, however all bays should be available on weekends. During the week there should be bays available for members to use (especially the south bays where the work has already been

completed as well as the far north bays). We expect the closures will continue into May and perhaps into June. Please be patient and as always be sure to check the club calendar before you come to the facility for scheduled events as well as construction closures. We have a lot going on at the club and we know it is frustrating to arrive and find out there are construction closures, or scheduled activities. If you have questions, please contact Matt Johnson at 405-637-6373 (call or text).

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## Membership Guide Highlight

**WORKDAYS:** There will be numerous opportunities for workdays now that the weather is nicer. A workday can be anything from helping with a match on one of the ranges to cutting brush and mowing. Various Divisions schedule workdays for just their range. You are

responsible for making arrangements and completing your workday obligation. Gun Club members receive an \$80.00 credit each year by completing a workday. Workday information/requests are sent out via email.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDE: Please review the current issue of the OKCGC Membership Guide [here](#)>

For all membership inquires please contact Carey Pribil, Membership Chair, at [membership@okcgunclub.org](mailto:membership@okcgunclub.org).

YOUR NRA MEMBERSHIP MUST BE MAINTAINED to be an Oklahoma City Gun Club member. Click on the NRA Seal to join or renew.

The link is also located at the bottom of the “About Us” page on our website. [Go here](#)>



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# OKC Gun Club Member Advertisements

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