

# RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.



August 2021 Newsletter

## July MEETING Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

Board Meeting – 7:00 PM  
Club Member's Meeting – 7:30 PM

**NOTE:** American Legion in Newburgh  
corner of State Road 261 and Sharon  
Road

## RANGE ADDRESS

3299 West Eble Rd.  
Newburgh, IN 47630

[www.redbrush.org](http://www.redbrush.org)



## RANGE HOURS

Sun – Thu 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Fri – Sat 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

## UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS...

### IDPA Pistol – Sat Aug 7

Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)

7:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Bays 1, 2, 3, 5 & M.R.

### AR-15 Match – Wed Aug 4, 11, 18, 25

Jason Short (812-455-3455)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Weather permitting), 400 yd. Bay.

400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED for other shooting.**

### Bowling Pin Shoot – Thu Aug 12, 19, 26

Charlie Hallam (812-424-2358)

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Bay 1

### Range Maintenance – Sat Aug 14

Jeff Webber (812-431-6226)

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Rifle Range Closed

Come out to help and get your hours.

**500-yard range open to members and their guests for shooting targets placed at any distance – Tue Aug 17,**  
Shooting 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the 500-yard shelter. The 400-yard range is **CLOSED.**

### Red Brush Steel – Sun Aug 8

Michael Loy (see email below) Signup on [practicore.com](https://practicore.com)

Setup 7:00 AM, Registration 8:00 – 8:50 AM, Match 09:00 AM

6 stages and up to 2 guns per shooter. Cost is \$10.00 for the first gun and \$5.00 for the second gun. Bays 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, & M.R. & Shelter

### Ultimate Bench Rest – Sat Aug 21

Chester Bradford (812-431-5254)

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

400-yard range

**500-yard range open to members only for scope setting and load testing – Sun Aug 22 – 500-yards only distance**  
Shooting 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM at the 500-yard shelter. The 400-yard range is **CLOSED.**

### Sub-Gun – Sun Aug 15

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bay 1

### Precision Rifle Challenge – Sat Aug 28

Adam Leonberger (redbrushprc@gmail.com)

500 yd. Bay. The 400 & 500 yd. Rifle Bays **CLOSED for other shooting.** See Attached Flyer - **Note this is the Season Finale**

### Military Rifle Match – Sun Aug 29

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

M1 Garand, M1 Carbine and any Military bolt action rifle. Iron sights only.

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bay 4

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ

Ladies and gentlemen, in last month's newsletter a new column appeared "Letters to the Editor". This was permitted at the request of a member who had questions, in reference to future plans for the range, concerning circulating comments found in the membership. Rightly so, these circulating comments, some accurate and some inaccurate, were the result of the Board of Director's not being as transparent as we should have exhibited. This fact was promulgated by the Board spending countless hours in discussion of these plans. Recently, the Board has reached a conclusion in one phase of these plans. In this newsletter Mr. Jeff Webber has done an excellent job in describing the future direction the club may take.

I have received several comments regarding this new column as it should not be a public forum open for discussion. I do consider the contributing members comments in whole as the Board should be aware of other members questions and concerns. I encourage members to attend the monthly meetings to be informed of range plans, events and safety issues that may arise. If anyone should desire to attend special board of directors meetings, please advise me of this desire. Should anyone have any questions, concerns or ideas regarding the range please contact me, Joe Lutz, at joerlutz3@gmail.com. Thank you.

Robert Adams recently received notice from Alcoa that the club house is no longer under their control and is no longer available for our use. For the time being the monthly meetings will be held at the Newburgh American Legion. However, this could change. Please watch for the meeting location in the newsletter.

Respectfully,  
Joe Lutz

## RED BRUSH GUN OF THE MONTH

Mossberg M44 US  
property Training  
Rifle .22LR



(stock photo)

Firearms provided by:

Randy Hansen

Winner of the Gun of the Month  
Raffle may choose either firearm!  
Tickets only \$10!

FNH 9MM



(stock photo)

## FROM THE NRA REPRESENTATIVE, BRENT WEIL

SAVE THE DATE - Mark Your Calendar - Southern Indiana Friends of NRA Banquet and Auction

Yes, the Friends of NRA Banquet will occur on Friday August 6, 2021, at the Vanderburgh County 4-H Center. All tickets, tables and sponsorships will be valid, and all raffles will be drawn at the Banquet. Tickets are still \$100 each with a raffle pack or Tables of 6 will be \$500 and we will try to maintain some distance at the tables. See you there or be Square. Indiana is having a record year despite in raising money at the banquets so let's break some records here in Southern Indiana. Let's top \$100,000 this year!

Please see the flyer toward the bottom of the newsletter.

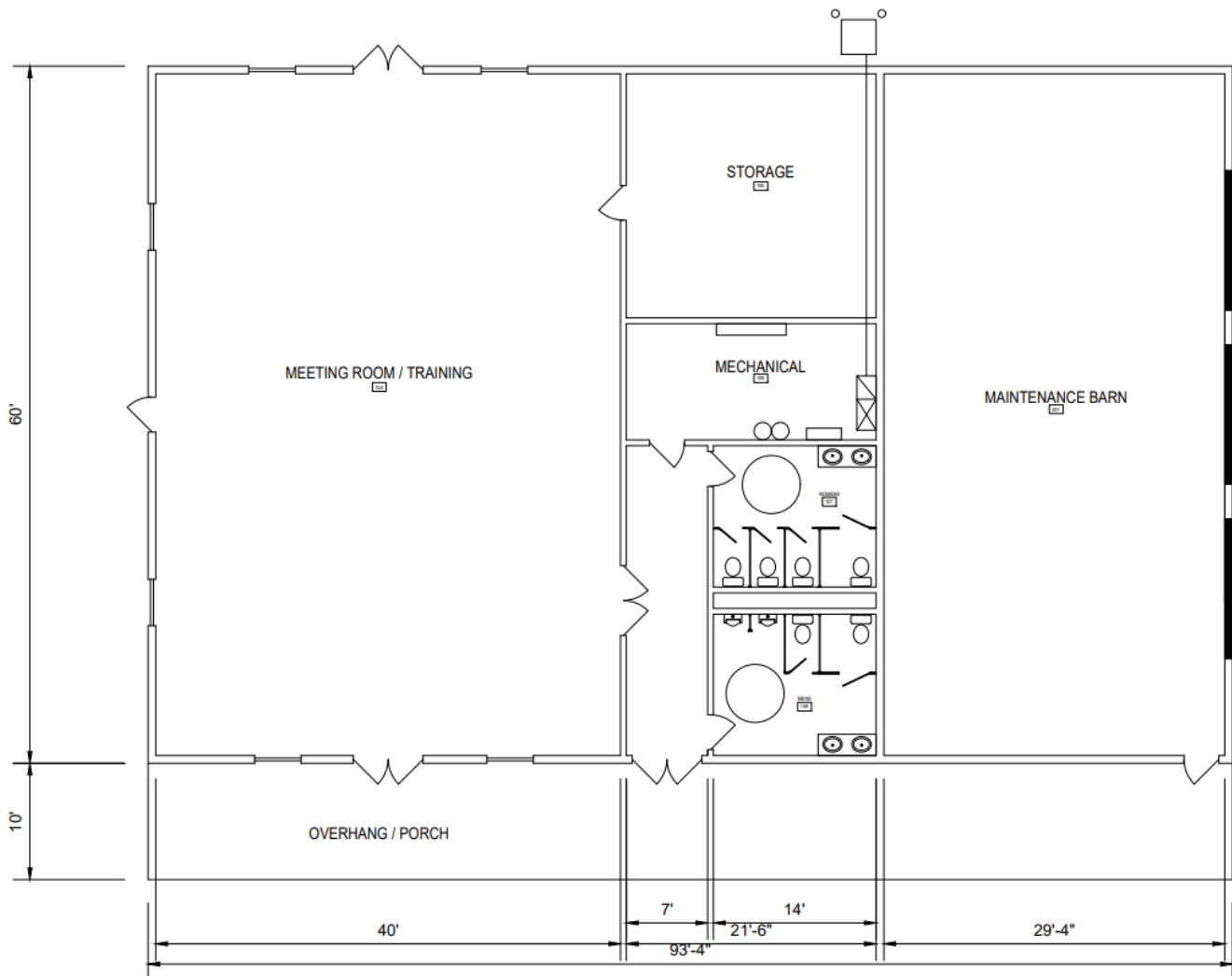
Brent Weil  
812-453-0969

## **FUTURE PLANS, JEFF WEBBER**

Many of you may have heard we have been planning the future of our range. Last month at the general meeting I presented our progress, and future plans, for expansion. To maximize the use of our property, we have had a planning committee working for the past few years to explore every possibility to get the most out of footprint. The hottest topic has been our own meeting/training center and the 385/500 range expansion.

The board has approved the layout of the building and we are in the process of getting the drawings and bids for construction. We are starting on the site preparation in the near future.

The new facility will be a combination of a large meeting/training room, bathrooms and maintenance facility. This has been on the want list since the inception of our club, and I am excited to be a part of it. Below is a layout:



This is an exciting time for our club. I have received many comments and concerns throughout this process and some good suggestions.

One comment I received had the most impact and I wish to share his words with you as I couldn't have spoken to them any better.

"I believe the majority of the membership is interested in promoting all disciplines of the shooting sports. Certainly, we all have our own special interests, but we are after all a shooting club. In recent years, Red Brush has made great improvements to our pistol bays. Fantastic! Those interested in utilizing the upgraded facilities are free to take advantage. I believe the vast majority of the club appreciates those upgrades despite a significant capital expenditure.

I am not privy to the details of the rifle range consolidation plan. At present, only one half of the 400/500-yard rifle range is available for daily use. I believe essentially doubling the rifle range area by combining the 400/500-yard ranges to one 500-yard line is a great idea. It will allow those who desire to utilize the wonderful new 500-yard line addition (as well as those who want to continue shooting shorter ranges), to do so at their leisure without the need of a special 500-yard line day.

Long range rifle shooting is one of the most popular and fastest growing shooting sports in the country. Red Brush is the only facility, as far as I'm aware, in the southern half of the state that has the capability of shooting at extended ranges. Why not put our best foot forward in utilizing the already available space to make a very nice rifle range even better? Let's continue to promote all shooting sports as one of the primary missions of our club."

I have dedicated about 1/2 of my adult life to this club for reasons I rarely express. Our founding members had such a simple and pure dream, "A Safe Place to Shoot ". While this was not my dream or vision, I realized that I could support it and help it grow.

I am grateful for their efforts, I am thankful they chose to share it, I am proud to be a part of it.

See you at the range,  
Jeff Webber

## **FROM THE 2021 YOUTH DAY CHAIR, CHARLES HALLAM**

I would like to thank all those who volunteered at this year's event:

Bob Adams, Steve Baresic, Rob Baxter, Brad Betsworth, Kelly Betsworth, Robert Bickle, Peter Blanc, Bryan Brehold, Phil Cauthen, Greg Combs, Kelley Crook, Bill Cusic, Jonathan Cusic, Kevin Day, John Doty, Mikki Estep, Walter Estep, Monte Fetter, Frank Findley, Bret Fitzsimmons, Will Flamion, Kirk Freeman, Mark French, David Garrett, Lorri Garver, Bennet Hall, Carl Hall, Charlie Hallam, Mark Haymond, Jay Hile, Beth Kemmerer, Doug Kemmerer, Michael Loy, Lisa Matsko, Mike Matsko, Mike Maurer, Terry Maurer, Cori Meunier, Greg Meunier, Jeff Miller, Larry Nesbith, Russell Osborne, Charlie Perry, James Perry, Rebecca Perry, John Petkovsek, Mike Rasche, Jason Reynolds, Tracy Reynolds, Kyle Rodionova, Mike Sanders, Brian Schaefer, David Scott, Allen Seitz, Adam Shiyab, David Shultz, Bob Simonsen, Kevin Snodgrass, Robert Stasi, Chris Steurer, Nathan Stevens, Kevin Stiles, Savannah Stiles, Neal Sullivan, Ben Swartz, Michael Tiberi, Michael Wagoner, Ed Walter, Patti Wazny, William Wazny, Dan Webb, Adam Weil, Brent Weil, Dewayne Wilhite, Rick Wilson and Don Wink.

## **Indiana Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) Shooters, Bradley Eadens**

On Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the IDPA of Red Brush Range will host a Tier 2 major IDPA match. The Nighthawk Custom Regional Championship will have approximately 125 competitors and is sponsored by Nighthawk Custom Firearms and many other great industry leaders. We will have 10 fun and challenging courses of fire that are sure to entertain new and experienced shooters alike. We would like to invite all members to shoot or attend as spectators. If you choose to shoot you can find the registration form on Practiscore.com. Just search the Nighthawk Custom Regional Championship. In order to shoot the match, you must be a member of IDPA and pay a registration fee. Your paid entry gets you registered to win a free Nighthawk Custom handgun valued at

\$3500. Registration will be open until July 4<sup>th</sup>. You may contact the match director Brad Eadens via email [glasskid81@yahoo.com](mailto:glasskid81@yahoo.com) with any questions.



## FROM THE RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY

### Update: Free Tool Available to Resolve Bolt Issue with Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22

In April 2019 Smith & Wesson announced a safety alert for all models of M&P15-22 rifles and pistols manufactured before February 1, 2019. Some bolts had been discovered to have been improperly manufactured which could lead to the firearm to fire upon closing (aka slam fire) and lead to multiple shots being fired without the trigger being depressed.

An M&P 15-22 should not be used until it has been inspected and the bolt replaced, if needed. Smith & Wesson has now made a free bolt inspection gauge tool available so you can inspect it yourself. Details on receiving the tool can be found here: <https://www.smith-wesson.com/mp15-22-consumer-safety-alert>

### Do Not Use Target Knock-Off Stands for Paper Targets or Centerfire Firearms!

Recently one of the range's knock-off target stands was severely damaged by improper use. It was used as a holder for paper targets and based on the impact marks, apparently was also hit by centerfire rounds. This means that the range will have to spend the money and time to replace or rebuild the entire stand.



This is unacceptable behavior. If you observe a member improperly using range equipment, please ask them to stop. If they don't, please contact a board member as soon as possible. The board will then act with an appropriate response including up to expulsion from the club.

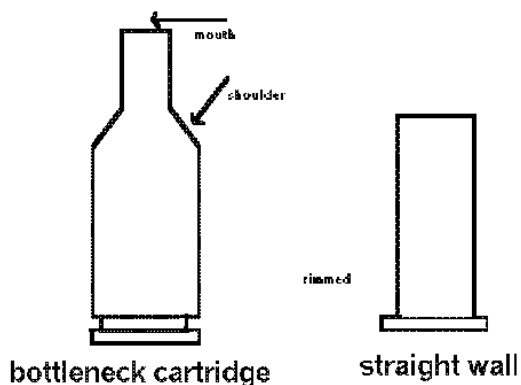
Regarding proper use of the target knock-off stands, please remember that these stands are only to be use for items that fall off, such as bowling pins, cans, and plastic bottles. Place these items only on the wooden crossbeam. Please limit your use of the target knock off stands to rimfire cartridges only as centerfire calibers will destroy the wooden crossbeam quickly.

### **Be Aware of Caliber Restrictions**

There have been reports of improper calibers being shot on Bays 1 and 2. Remember, outside of the very limited exceptions documented in the range rules, no bottleneck cartridges are to be shot on these bays. Yet, cases from .223, 7.62X39, and 17 HMR cartridges have recently been found on these bays. Shooting bottlenecked cartridges such as these on Bays 1 and 2 can lead to a suspension from the club.



For those who are unfamiliar with the term 'bottleneck' these are cartridges in which the case narrows so that its profile resembles a bottle (see picture). This allows for smaller, lighter bullets to be used with similar amounts of powder to the corresponding straight walled cartridge. The result is a significant increase in bullet velocity which, among other things, can damage the steel plates on Bays 1 and 2.



Also, please note that the 50 BMG cartridge, cartridges based on it (e.g., 416 Barrett, 408 CheyTac, 375 CheyTac), and more powerful cartridges than it is prohibited from use by the general membership across the entire range.

### **Thank You to Those Who Monitored Gates During Parking Area Construction**

An opportunity arose to speedup construction of the new parking area. The following members volunteered on short notice to monitor the gates: Bob Wefel, Tracy Hayford, Michael Mooney, and Wade Turner. Thank you!



## FROM THE GROUNDS CHAIRMAN, JEFF WEBBER

Workday credit for July:

Author Brunetti, Anthony Schnarr, C. Venditm, Kyle Bosler, Tom Gamache.

I want to thank the brave souls who came out despite the impending thunderstorms. With such a small crew we still managed to get a lot of work done and the weather held off for us.

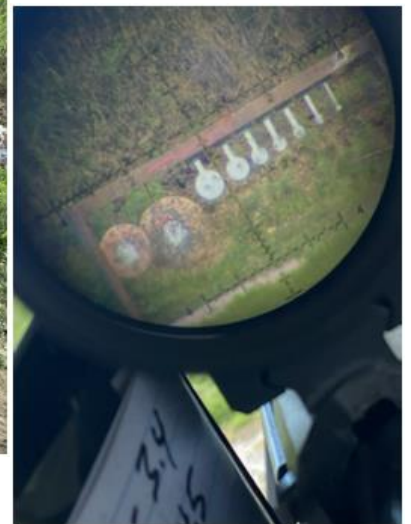
For our August workday I will need a lot of manpower to help clear the remaining brush around the perimeter of our property. Please bring your tools of destruction.

Also, I can still use electrical help so bring your gear.

I want to give a shout out to Mark Slow as I hoodwinked him into helping rebuild the tables on Bay3.

We have been busy with improvements to the range over the last month. All the gravel on the range has been leveled and compacted. Also, the turnaround on the 385 has been reworked and added some new gravel to the road.

A new swinging plate rack was recently installed on the 385-yard rifle bay. These AR500 1/2" thick plates are 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, & 2-inch circles. Please note, these should not be shot with Armor Piercing ammunition or ammunition with a muzzle velocity greater than 3200 fps. Thank you to Adam Leonberger for welding the carriages and to non-member Ron Straw for doing the on-site welding and installation. Work will be performed in the coming months to add similar plate racks to bays 1-5.



Thank You everyone.  
See you at the range,  
Jeff Webber



## LOST AND FOUND

Members continue to leave items behind at the range, and other members are great about finding and reporting them to me.

Please notify me if you lose or leave something valuable at the range. The same goes for finding other member's items. Unfortunately, I get both calls (finding and losing), but very few that connect.

If you take possession of found property, it must be reported within 24 hours.

Contact Mike Maurer (812-490-0949 or [mikemaurer@wowway.com](mailto:mikemaurer@wowway.com)) or Joe Lutz (812-431-3672 or [joerlutz3@gmail.com](mailto:joerlutz3@gmail.com)).

### PLEASE NOTE THIS LOST RANGE ITEM:

Lost at the range in June an "Omega" 30 caliber silencer. The owner has the description and serial number. The BATF frowns on anyone possessing one without the proper paperwork, especially if it is stolen. He has not reported it to them yet. He will accept it returned to him with no further questions or action. If you have information, contact Mike Maurer 812-490-0949.

## AREA GUN SHOWS

### SIGCA Boonville Gun Show

Saturday Aug 7th, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday Aug 8th, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Warrick County 4H Center  
133 East Degonia Road  
Boonville, IN 47601

General Admission: \$5  
Children 12 & under Free w/paid adult

### Loogootee Arms & Blade Show

Saturday Aug 21st, 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday Aug 22nd, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Martin County Fairgrounds  
2668 US-50  
Loogootee, IN 47553

General Admission: \$6  
Children under 12 Free

**\*\* Please confirm all dates and times of gun shows for yourself. Late changes do happen. \*\***



## FOR SALE BY OUR MEMBERS

Red Brush 20oz tumblers are now available for \$20 each. If interested, please send an email to [redbrushprc@gmail.com](mailto:redbrushprc@gmail.com).



**26th ANNUAL FNRA BANQUET AND AUCTION  
SW INDIANA FRIENDS OF NRA  
BANQUET AND AUCTION  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021, 5:00 pm  
VANDERBURGH COUNTY 4-H CENTER**

Come join fellow NRA members, gun owners, and sportsmen for a steak dinner and an evening of games, drawings, live and silent auctions, and raffles. Merchandise includes:

- Gun Safes    ●Dillon Reloading Equipment    ●Jewelry
- More than 50 firearms including collector's editions from Colt, Ruger, Remington, S&W, Marlin, Glock, Kimber, Weatherby, Winchester, Browning, and Savage    ●Collector Knives    ●Optics & Tactical Gear
- Historic Hollywood Collectables    ●NRA Merchandise
- Wildlife Sculptures & Prints

Tickets are \$100 each, which includes a \$100 packet of bucket raffle tickets and your dinner ticket. Reserved tables of six are \$500, which includes six \$100 packets of bucket raffle tickets and six dinner tickets. "Dinner only" tickets are \$50 and includes five Grand Raffle tickets.

Doors open at 5:00 pm – Dinner served at 6:30 pm

All proceeds go to fund firearms/safety education and training programs, both locally and nationally sponsored by the NRA Foundation.

Tickets can be purchased at local gun shows, Red Ghost, IMPOC Guns, or by calling Brent Weil at cell (812)453-0969



On-line ticket purchase: [www.friendsofnra.org](http://www.friendsofnra.org)  
Thank you for your support!

# Red Brush IDPA TIER 2 Major Match - August 7, 2021

## Bay Closure Schedule:

**Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Beginning at 7am, bays 6-10 will be shut down to begin construction of stages. We will start on bay 10 and work toward bay 6, shutting each bay down as we get to it. Stage construction on these bays will continue Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning at 7am, bays 5 and 3 will be shut down for stage construction. Stage assembly on these two bays will likely happen at the same time.

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning at 7am, bay 2 will be shut down to begin stage construction. We will leave the shooting area for the plate rack open so bowling pin shooters can confirm zero.

**Thursday Night:** After the conclusion of the bowling pin match, bay 1 will be shut down for stage construction.

**Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Beginning at 7am, stage construction will be completed on bay 1 and the staff will shoot immediately following.

**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>** – Main match will begin at 8am and conclude at approximately 4pm. After all scores have been entered and finalized the Awards and Prizes will be announced and will conclude tentatively by 6pm. Please note: These times are an estimation and are subject to change somewhat.

**Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>** – Match tear down will begin at 7am. We will start on bay 1 and work our around, clearing out our most used areas first. This process will likely begin after the conclusion of events Saturday evening.

**Need to Know:** Once bays are shut down for stage construction, they will remain shut down until the event is complete and the bay has been cleared of all match props. For the duration of the match, bay 4 will remain open for member use along with the rifle range.

**Note:** If permitted, we will consider coming in Sunday afternoon, August 1<sup>st</sup>, to begin setup on bays 9 and 10 if they are not in use. If possible, we would also like consideration for a workday credit to be awarded to any range member who is willing to come in on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> and assist with match tear down.



# RED BRUSH PRECISION RIFLE CHALLENGE

WHEN IS IT?  
LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

WHERE IS IT?  
385- & 500-YARD RIFLE BAYS

WHAT IS IT?  
ENGAGE STEEL STATIC AND  
REACTIVE TARGETS FROM 200-510  
YARDS – 100 ROUND COURSE OF  
FIRE – ALL STAGES TIMED

NEW MOVING TARGET SYSTEM

SIGN IN AT 8:00am, ZERO RANGE FROM 8:15-8:45am,  
SAFETY BRIEF AT 8:45, FIRST ROUNDS DOWN RANGE AT  
9:00am

REGISTRATION / WEB ADDRESS

[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/REDBRUSHPRCS](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/REDBRUSHPRCS)

[WWW.PRACTISCORE.COM](http://WWW.PRACTISCORE.COM) (SEARCH FOR RED BRUSH  
USING THE LONG RANGE RIFLE FILTER TOGGLE)

## MATCH FEE

\$20 FOR MEMBERS

\$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS

## EQUIPMENT

ANY RIFLE BETWEEN .223 &  
.30 CALIBER – MAX. 3200  
FPS, NO MAGNUM CALIBERS  
– 10 ROUND MAGAZINES  
NECESSARY FOR MOST  
STAGES

## AWARDS

-TROPHIES TO TOP 5

OVERALL

-SEASON POINTS RACE

-END OF SEASON FINALE  
WITH BANQUET AND PRIZE  
TABLE

## STYLE

50% PRONE OR MODIFIED  
PRONE FROM A BIPOD AND  
REAR BAG

50% POSITIONAL FROM  
VARIOUS PROPS SUCH AS  
BARRICADES, CATTLE GATES,  
TIRES, ROOFTOPS, ETC.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

### President

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### IDPA Pistol

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### Sub-Gun Event

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### Ultimate Bench Rest Event

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### WWII Military Rifle Match Event

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### Tactical 2 Gun Match Event

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