

# RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.



A SAFE PLACE TO SHOOT

May 2020 Newsletter

## UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS...

### May MEETING

Cancelled due to Alcoa has the Clubhouse for use for a COVID-19 testing location through end of May. Alcoa may continue in June as well. More in the next Newsletter.

On April 25, 2020, the Board of Directors held a special board meeting to discuss the fate of shooting events at the range.

Amid concerns for the safety of all members, and, the appearance the Covid-19 virus continues unabated, the BOD has voted unanimously to discontinue all scheduled shooting events for the month of May.

### RANGE ADDRESS

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### RANGE HOURS

Sun – Thu 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Fri – Sat 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ**

Members, please extend a special thanks to Bob Adams for his diligent efforts in wiring the new 500-yard rifle range shelter for down range warning lights that will eventually enable the opening of the 500 yard range for the membership use. Bob spent countless hours at the range to connect the 400- and 500-yard down range warning systems. Thanks Bob.

Respectfully,

Joe Lutz

## **FROM THE RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY**

### **RANGE OPEN – SOCIAL DISTANCING STILL IN EFFECT**

Thank you all for your patience while the range was closed in accordance with Governor Holcomb's Stay-At-Home Order.

While the range has been allowed to reopen for member use, we are still subject to some provisions until at least May 1, including:

- Do not come to the range if you are ill or showing symptoms. If you have experienced a fever, please wait 72 hours after the fever has resolved before coming.
- Limit your shooting group to only immediate family. Please do not bring guests to the range at this time. All leagues and events are suspended.
- Keep a safe social distance. Please stay at least 6 feet from others.
- Regularly wash your hands or use hand sanitizer. The bathrooms are open but be aware that they will not be sanitized after each use.
- There are special times exclusively for those "who are elderly and vulnerable". Each Tuesday and Thursday, from 6:30 AM to 12:00 PM (noon) has been set aside for just those members who fall within this requirement.

### **A notice will be sent when these restrictions are lifted.**

For those interested, here are some details on actions we took after the order was issued. Early on, there was some confusion on whether firearm ranges were subject to the order. We received clarification from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), our industry trade group, that while Indiana law exempts firearm manufactures and dealers from such emergency orders, ranges are not exempt. We also contacted the Governor's task force both directly and through the NSSF regarding other exemption possibilities, such as for recreation purposes. They responded that we did not qualify for any of those either. While we were pursuing all options at the state level, the NSSF, NRA, and several other groups were pursuing exemptions at the Federal government level. Ultimately, they were successful in having ranges placed on the Department of Homeland Security list of essential organizations. Since Indiana's order recognized these DHS classifications, this allowed us to reopen the range in a limited capacity in alignment with CDC guidelines.

### **DOWNRANGE WARNING SYSTEM EXTENDED TO 500 YARD LINE**

Through the efforts of Robert Adams (thank you!), the downrange warning system has been extended to the 500-yard firing line. Activating a switch on either the 400-yard or 500-yard line will now activate an alarm and lights on both.

There are two switches on the 500-yard line. The one at ground level in about the center of the line is for normal use during those times when the 500 is in operation. The second switch located on the West end second level is

for emergency activation if an unauthorized person is observed going down range on the 400 when both are in use during league events.

Please note, the range rules regarding the use of the 400/500 rifle bay have not changed. When not in use by a league, only one or the other line will be in use. And, as explained in last month's newsletter, line commands must still be used to change the status between clear and hot. The downrange warning system is just another layer of protection on top of this.

### **DRY PRACTICE AT HOME IS A GREAT OPTION**

For those who are still concerned about coming to the range given the COVID-19 pandemic, 'dry' practicing at home may be a good option. This is when an **unloaded** firearm is used to practice drawing, aiming, trigger control, follow-through, and other skills. It is a wonderful way to improve your skills and it is free! Just remember these safety best practices (you might want to print these out and review them each time before practicing).

1. **Eliminate all distractions.** It is important that full attention be given to the firearm. Therefore, turn off the television, put your phone on mute, close the drapes, etc.
2. **Use a dedicated dry practice target.** Create a target which you use only when dry practicing. This will help create a mental note that this target should only be 'shot at' in dry practice when the firearm has been verified unloaded. At the end of dry practice, remove this target from view. This way you will not be tempted to fire at it with a live firearm should you see it.
3. **Remove all ammunition from the dry practice room.** No ammunition should be allowed in the room when dry practicing. In fact, if possible, it is best to have a dry practice room where loaded firearms and ammunition are never allowed. In this way there is never a chance for a firearm to be unintentionally loaded.
4. **Verify firearm is unloaded and magazines are empty before entering the room.** It should be verified three times that the firearm is unloaded before entering dry practice room. Also, there should be no loaded magazines or loose rounds on your person. Check your pockets or firearm case to make sure no stray rounds sneak in.

Here are some interesting articles on dry practice:

Dry Fire Training: Come out of Quarantine a Better Shooter: <https://www.outdoorhub.com/how-to/2020/03/26/dry-fire-training-come-quarantine-better-shooter/>

Ammo Shortage? Dry Practice: Shoot Better Without Firing a Shot: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYVToNQC6Zw>

Dry firing ensures no dry spell for Indian Olympic shooters: <https://www.olympicchannel.com/en/stories/news/detail/indian-shooting-dry-firing-practice-lockdown-tokyo-olympics/>

### **FROM THE GROUNDS CHAIRMAN, JEFF WEBBER**

I want to thank Don Hargrave and Bob Adams for braving the odds and coming out to help.

For May, I plan on having a CDC compliant workday. If you have a buddy and want to pair up to perform tasks, we can do that. I have painting and carpentry work in store along with the normal cleanup operations. Also, I need weed eaters and chainsaws to clear some brush. Bring them if you got them.

See you at the range.  
Jeff Webber

## GUNS FOR SALE

### Gary's guns for sale

Mfg. / Model / Caliber / Action	Price
<b>Browning - Belgium</b> .25 auto in original case, excellent cond.	<b>\$450.00</b>
S&W Model M&P 1905, 38 spcl, w/lanyard 6 inch bbl.	<b>\$400.00</b>
Howa rifle in 204 Ruger W/2 scopes,300 rnds.ammo	<b>\$800.00</b>
Browning A-5 12 ga. Excellent condition !	\$850.00
Call 812-490-0949 to see .... Mike Maurer	

## LOST AND FOUND

Members continue to leave items behind at the range, and other members are really 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) ).

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