

# RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.



July 2023 Newsletter

## July MEETING Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

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

Education/Training Building  
at the Red Brush Range

## RANGE ADDRESS

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## RANGE HOURS

Sun – Thu 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Fri – Sat 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

## UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS...

### IDPA Pistol – Sat Jul 1

Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)

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

### AR-15 & 22 RF Match – Wed Jul 5, 12, 19, 26

Jason Short (812-455-3455)

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Weather permitting), 400 yd. Bay.  
400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED for other shooting.**

### Range Maintenance – Sat Jul 8

Jeff Webber (812-431-6226)

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Rifle Range**

Come out to help and get your hours.

### Red Brush Steel – Sun Jul 9

Doug Kemmerer (see email below) Signup on [practicore.com](http://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 also 8 & 10.

### Bowling Pin Shoot – Thu Jul 13, 20, 27

Charlie Hallam (812-424-2358)

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Bay 1

### Sub-Gun – Sun Jul 16

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

Setup at 10:30, Event 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bay 4 ([see details](#))

### WW2 Military Rifle Match – Sat Jul 22

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

Setup at 10:30, Event 12:00 PM, Bay 4 ([see details](#))

### Precision Rifle Challenge C.F. – Sun Jul 23

Adam Leonberger ([redbrushprc@gmail.com](mailto:redbrushprc@gmail.com))

Time: 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the 500 yd. Bay.

See [Attached Flyer](#) at the End of the Newsletter.

400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED**

### Indiana State Steel Challenge Championship – Sep 8, 9, 10

Douglas Kemmerer ([dkemmerer1192@gmail.com](mailto:dkemmerer1192@gmail.com))

**All Pistol Bays will be CLOSED**

## FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ

PLEASE NOTE above that we will start to use the new Education/Training Building at the Red Brush Range starting this month.

Respectfully  
Joe Lutz

## RED BRUSH GUN OF THE MONTH

**Springfield XD 45**



(stock photo)

Firearms provided by:

Randy Hansen

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

**CZ 75 P-01 in 9mm**



(stock photo)

## FOR SALE BY OUR MEMBERS

### Red Brush

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

**Bob Cleveland** 812 470-3482 ([bob.cleveland@aol.com](mailto:bob.cleveland@aol.com))

- Kimber R7 Mako w/Shield RMSc red dot. (<100 rnds) \$550
- Vortex Diamonback 4-12x rifle scope w/Vortex cantilever mount \$250
- Mossberg Shockwave, 12 ga \$350
- Binelli M2 Field 12 ga (100 rnds, total) \$1000

All are in excellent, like new condition and priced to sell.



## YOUTH DAY, CHARLES HALLAM

We had 66 kids at the event. I would like to thank the 77 volunteers; Bob Adams, Grant Barnett, Eric Beier, Brad Betsworth, Kelly Betsworth, Pete Blanc, Victor Bowden, Andy Breaker, Bryan Brehold, Pat Brenner, Faith Burgard, James Burgard, Mark Burgard, Kyle Cambell, Dan Campbell, Dean Carter, Phil Cauthen, Juan Chavez, Clinton Combs, Greg Combs, Bill Cusic, Jonathan Cusic, Erica DeJong, John Doty, Brent Downen, Walter Estep, Bret Fitzsimmons, Kirk Freeman, Mark French, Roger Garrett, Jim Gowen, Adam Greenwell, Chris Guthrie, Bennet Hall, Carl Hall, Charlie M. Hallam, Charlie R. Hallam, Mark Haymond, Jay Herron, Kathy Hile, Robert Kalt, Beth Kemmerer, Doug Kemmerer, Randy Kemp, Doug Klueh, Lisa Matsko, Mike Matsko, Terry Maurer, John May, Larry Nisbeth, Russell Osborne, Greg Pattersen, Charlie Perry, James Perry, Rebecca Perry, Mike Rasche, Jason Reynolds, Tracy Reynolds, Brian Schaefer, Sandy Schirmer, David Scott, Bob Simonsen, Cory Smith, Allen Spurlock, Kevin Stiles, Nathan Tester, Michael Tiberi, Pete Tofani, Peewee Vasquez, Michael Wagoner, Adam Weil, Brent Weil, Leonard Welte, Larry White, Dewayne Wilhite and David Wyatt.

Thanks, Charlie

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

### **MAGAZINES MUST BE REMOVED FROM FIREARMS DURING CLEAR PERIODS AND FIREARMS MUST NOT BE HANDLED WHEN PEOPLE ARE DOWN RANGE**

There were several reported incidents of violations of the safety rules in June. They all revolved around the condition and handling of firearms during the clear period on the 400-yard rifle bay. So, we are reminding members of a few points:

Magazines must be removed from firearms during CLEAR periods. The exact wording from the range rules is:

“Unloaded condition for the range means that all ammunition has been verified to be removed from the gun and the action is locked open (if locking open is practical). This includes completely removing easily detachable magazines. All rounds must be removed from fixed magazines and revolver cylinders. Black-powder firearms must have no ball or powder in chamber, and for percussion guns, the caps must be removed.”

Do not handle firearms when people are down range. This includes adjusting scopes and bringing firearms to the line. This is a violation of Fundamental Rule of Gun Safety #1 and constitutes “muzzling” a person. This is a severe breach of safety.

Do not cross the firing line to set up equipment while the bay is in a HOT condition. Even if it is only a couple feet, it is extremely dangerous. If you see someone break the plane of the firing line with their body, please immediately use the CEASE FIRING line command to stop the shooting on the bay and have the person get back behind the line.

With summer we are having a lot of members come out to shoot who haven't done so for a while. Please help them “get the rust off” by alerting them if they are violating or it looks like they may be about to violate our safety protocols. And if someone points something out to you, please do not be defensive. They are only helping keep Red Brush remain “A Safe Place to Shoot”.

### **REMINDER: NO EXPLOSIVES – INCLUDING FIREWORKS – ALLOWED ON THE RANGE**

Please remember that no explosives are allowed on the range without explicit board approval. This includes fireworks and the use of exploding targets such as Tannerite®.

### **MEMBERSHIPS SUSPENDED FOR SHOOTING BOTTLENECK CARTRIDGES ON BAYS 1 & 2?**

We are reincluding this information in our newsletter because there have recently been additional instances of bottleneck .223 cartridges being shot on Bays 1 and 2. Please be aware that the typical board-imposed penalty for this is suspension of range privileges for 30 to 90 days. In malicious instances, the board may even choose to expel the member.

One of the reasons for this level of penalty is the damage which has been done to steel targets and equipment placed on these bays. Stated simply, considerable damage has been done in the past and this has cost substantial money which otherwise could have been spent on range improvements. It is also a safety issue as holes and indentations on steel can send bullets in unpredictable directions including back at the shooter. Here is an example of such a damaged plate:

For those who are not familiar with this topic, here are some questions and answers:

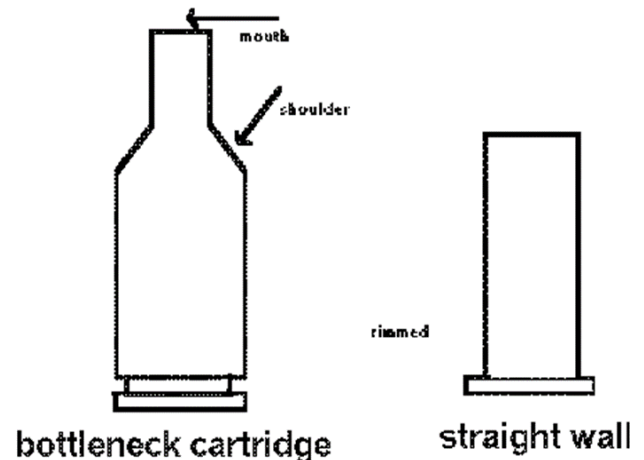


*What is a bottleneck cartridge?* A bottleneck cartridge is one that has a shoulder that narrows down the case to create a small mouth (see below diagram). This allows for a similar amount of powder to be loaded as a similar sized straight wall cartridge but places it behind a smaller diameter, and therefore typically lighter, bullet. Because the bullet is lighter, it has a comparatively greater velocity when fired. It is this increased velocity which leads to the damage of steel plates.

*Are rimfire and pistol caliber bottleneck cartridges included in this restriction?* Yes, it is not just a restriction on rifle centerfire bottleneck cartridges. Pistol and rimfire bottleneck cartridges are also not allowed on these bays. Respective examples are the 22 TCM and 17 HMR.

*Are there any exceptions to this rule?* The board has approved the following bottleneck cartridges for use on pistol bays 1 & 2: .357 Sig, 30 Mauser and .44-40 Winchester. These are the only explicit exceptions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. And if you see other members about to shoot bottleneck cartridges on Bays 1 & 2, please inform them of this restriction. Enforcement of this rule is being aggressively pursued.



## **BATFE PISTOL BRACE RULE CHANGE HAS MAJOR NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS FOR DISABLED SHOOTERS AND POTENTIALLY ALL GUN OWNERS**

Recently the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) has changed a longstanding rule on the legality of pistol braces. Since its invention in 2012, the pistol brace has been considered a perfectly legal accessory for large pistols that did not change the firearms status as a pistol. But as of June 1, the ATF has, without any law change by congress, declared that these devices convert pistols to NFA restricted short-barreled rifles (SBRs), with associated penalties of fines up to \$250,000 and 10 years in federal prison for possession.

This is a terrible hit for disabled shooters. The first pistol brace was invented by Alex Bosco to help disabled veterans shoot the popular AR-15 pistol more accurately and safely. This empowered them to participate in popular AR shooting activities. Without the stabilization afforded by pistol braces, these shooters cannot appropriately handle the firearms and therefore this change essentially constitutes a ban on their involvement in the shooting sports, hunting, and other second amendment protected activities. Here is a video testimonial from such a veteran on how he has used his brace: [How Pistol Braces Help The Disabled Shoot Safer And Better.](#)

Gun rights organizations including, among others, the National Rifle Association, National Association for Gun Rights, Gun Owners of America, the Second Amendment Foundation, and the Firearms Policy Coalition, are working through congress and the courts to get this capricious and abusive rule change overturned. The majority of States, including Indiana and Kentucky, are also suing to protect the rights of their citizens. From their perspective, allowing the precedent of the BATFE to arbitrarily change rules puts all firearms and firearm accessories at risk of being restricted. Many argue this isn't a slippery slope but rather a steep cliff. Please consider supporting these efforts by letting your congressional representatives and senators know where you stand on this issue.

## **COPPERHEAD SNAKES SEEN AT RED BRUSH**

Members have recently reported seeing copperhead snakes on the East side of our property near the lake. Copperhead snakes are one of the few indigenous venomous snakes in Indiana. They are rarely aggressive so will generally leave you alone if you leave them alone. But if they are startled (e.g., stepped on) they may bite defensively.

For more information on identifying them and safety tips, please see the below article from the Indy Star newspaper and video from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources:

Indy Star article: <https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2016/07/18/what-you-need-know-copperhead-snakes-indiana/87243736/>

DNR video: [Copperhead Snakes | Indiana DNR](#)



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

I would like to thank those who came out for the May workday. They are; Anthony Schnarr, Jose D Coby, Matt Gehlhausen, David Weber, Rob Miles, Scitt Titzer, Ryan Cosby, Kevin Dugan, Scott Lever, Scott Teter, Terry Risner, Frank Kosobicki and Brent Johson.

I would like to thank those who came out for the June workday. They are; Clayton Knight, Wes Knight, Kyle Vickers, Mark Buddeneyer, Andrew Christie, Craig Arnold, Keith Toone, Carl Wunderlich.

Greetings Everyone, the forecast for the July workday is unseasonably cool. This would be a great time to get your workday in before the heat arrives. I need chainsaws and brush cutters; we are going to tackle some of the growth in the back bays. I also plan on painting so dress accordingly.

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)).

## FROM THE CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP), MIKE RASCHE

The Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association is holding a **Vintage Sniper Match** on 09/24/2023. The location of the range is: 2665 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN. Match Begins: 1:30PM.

For more information you may contact the match director: Kyle Kirschenmann at [orsacmpgames@gmail.com](mailto:orsacmpgames@gmail.com).

The Ooltewah High School JROTC is holding a **Frights and Sights Zombie Shootout Air Rifle Postal/Virtual Match** Ooltewah High School JROTC on 10/01/2023 - 10/30/2023 as well as the Pellets and Pumpkins Thanksgiving Shootout Air Rifle Postal\_Virtual Match Ooltewah High School JROTC on 11/01/2023-11/30/2023.

For more information you may contact the match director: Michael Dupre at [dupre\\_m@hcde.org](mailto:dupre_m@hcde.org).

## UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS INFORMATION

- **Sub Gun Match, Sunday Jul 16<sup>th</sup>** stage set up 10:30 on Bay 4, shooting starts at 12:00 noon. Pistol caliber sub-Guns only. We shoot paper and steel targets at 25 yards. Bring yours or come out to watch. Mike Maurer 812-305-2767.
- **Military Rifle, Saturday Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>** stage set up 10:30 on Bay 4, shooting starts at 12:00 noon. M1 Garand, M1 Carbine, and any military iron-sighted BOLT Action rifle. Shoot 1, 2, or all 3, \$1.00 per entry. The winner of each rifle class takes the cash prize.

## AREA GUN SHOWS

**None found in the Gun Show Trader for July**

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



# 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.

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