

RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.



December 2023 Newsletter

December MEETING Thursday 7th

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

Education/Training Building
at the Red Brush Range

RANGE ADDRESS

3299 West Eble Rd.
Newburgh, IN 47630

www.redbrush.org

UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS...

IDPA Pistol – Sat Dec 2

Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)

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

AR-15 & 22 RF Match – Wed Dec 6, 13, 20, 27

Jason Short (812-455-3455)

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

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

Red Brush Steel – Sun Dec 10

Doug Kemmerer (see email below) Signup on 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.

Precision Rifle Challenge C.F. – Sun Dec 31

Adam Leonberger (redbrushprc@gmail.com)

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

400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED**



RANGE HOURS

Sun – Thu 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Fri – Sat 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the November general membership meeting the election of seven Board of Directors occurred. We welcome a new director to the board, Ms. Kathy Herron. Retaining their seats on the board are Frank Findley, Kevin Snodgrass, John McQuay, Jeff Webber, Russell Osborne, and Robert Lawrence. Leaving the board is Danny Grimm. Please give Danny a much deserved "Thank You" for his years of service to Red Brush.

On November 16 the election for Officers of the Board of Directors was held. Adam Leonberger made a motion that the officers of the club remain the same. That motion was seconded and approved. The officers are as follows:

Joe Lutz	President
Mike Rasche	Vice President
Russell Osborne	Secretary
Robert Lawrence	Treasurer
Frank Findley	Range Officer

Jeff Webber retains his Workday Chairmanship position.

Mike Maurer retains his Membership Chairmanship position.

Bob Adams retains his Range Scheduler and Events Coordinator Role

Jim Michaud will continue as Newsletter Editor.

Ben Swartz IT Director.

ATTENTION:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, IS THE ANNUAL RED BRUSH AUCTION AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY. NOW IS THE TIME TO GATHER NO LONGER WANTED ITEMS AND LABEL THEM FOR THE AUCTION.

Respectfully
Joe Lutz

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, MIKE MAURER

A note from the Membership Chairman Your 2024 membership dues should be paid no later than December 31st to avoid problems keeping your membership active. You should have received an invoice reminding you how much and when to pay. Send your payment to "**Advantage Tax and Accounting Service**". If you did not receive the email, please call me at 812-305-2767 or email me at mikemaurer10055@gmail.com, as soon as possible.

RED BRUSH GUN OF THE MONTH

Mauser 7.65x53 with 380 rounds



(stock photo)

Firearms provided by:

Randy Hansen

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

S&W M&P 2.0 in 9mm



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FROM THE RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY

REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT SHOOT ANIMALS ON RANGE PROPERTY

Wildlife is quite active on the range right now. Deer have been moving through regularly and a large hawk has been hunting the 400 and 500 yard bays. Please remember that hunting is not allowed on our property and killing the wildlife is prohibited. A ceasefire should be called whenever they are in danger of being hit.

MEMBER SHARES PERSONAL STORY OF A TUBE MAGAZINE CARTRIDGE EXPLOSION

Last month we mentioned the need to be careful when loading certain tube magazine rifles such as the classic Henry design. Releasing the tube follower on such rifles can lead to a cartridge explosion within the magazine tube. After reading the post, member and firearm instructor Doug Sprick reached out to share his own personal experience with such an explosion at Red Brush. Here is a summary of his experience (with a few additions for background information):

I had a similar issue with a Henry Rifle at Red Brush years ago. I use reloads and one went off in the loading tube when I let the tube load spring snap in place.

I had the rifle's butt on the ground with the tube opening facing outward and down range when it went off. All the forces were directed away from me and my friends at the time. Needless to say, the shooting day was ruined.

There were no injuries, as all the force went outwards away from me and I have a nice example of a 45LC round split with the bullet embedded in it. Would make a nice safety example for display. I had gunsmith Brian Cosby check the rifle out afterward and all was in good working order but realized more short comings in the Henry design. Still a fun rifle to shoot.

Upshot:

- 1. I lost concentration in what I was doing but I had the sense to keep all parts of the rifle pointed in a safe direction.*
- 2. I have lost faith in Flat Nose Bullets and prefer hollow points in lever guns now, or the new Hornady FTX bullets. (Note: information on Hornady FTX Flex Tip bullets and Ammunition for lever action rifles can be found here: <https://www.hornady.com/ammunition/leverevolution#!/>).*
- 3. Keep safety in mind at all times.*

Thanks for sharing this information, Doug! We are happy that you and your friends were not injured.

FORTRESS SAFE ANNOUNCES RECALL OF BIOMETRIC GUN SAFES DUE TO SERIOUS INJURY HAZARD AND RISK OF DEATH; ONE DEATH REPORTED

A defect has been found in the biometric locks on Fortress brand safes. This defect reportedly allows non-authorized users to be granted access to the safe. In one instance, it is alleged in a lawsuit that a 12-year-old boy died from a firearm obtained from one of these safes because of the defect. These safes were sold at Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Scheel's, Sportsman's Guide, Optics Planet, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander, Rural King, Lowe's, and other stores nationwide and online at Amazon.com and Ebay.com. If you have a Fortress Safe, you should immediately check the model to see if it is subject to recall. More detailed information can be found here: <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2024/Fortress-Safe-Announces-Recall-of-Biometric-Gun-Safes-Due-to-Serious-Injury-Hazard-and-Risk-of-Death-One-Death-Reported>

FROM THE DNR, JIM MICHAUD

Members, it is with great please that I can announce that the Board has approved the Department of Natural Resources to use our new club house for Hunter Education classes this coming year 2024. The hunter education class allows future hunters to be able to hunt safely and is required to get an IN-hunting license.

I plan on running a hunter education class, date TBD, this summer at the range. Since we are the Red Brush Rifle Range, I also hope to have a shooting portion of the class if cleared by the DNR. Most classes do not do shooting. If you are a certified DNR instructor, and willing to assist, please send me an email to james.e.michaud@gmail.com, with the subject titled “**RBRR DNR Class**” with your preferred area of instruction. If we are able to do the range, and would like to be a range coach, please also send me an email with the above subject and your qualifications as a coach.

The board has also approved workday credits for Club Members that volunteers. The minimum course time is 10 hours for an instructor and 1 or 2 hours for a range coach. The course will run two days, usually a Saturday and Sunday, with the shooting on Sunday. More to come...

FOR SALE BY OUR MEMBERS

Mike Maurer 812-305-2767 (mikemaurer10055@gmail.com)

Numerous guns (rifles and pistols) for sale. Call for description and prices.

Rick Arnold 812-454-7170 (rodsnguns@hotmail.com)

RCBS Matchmaster seating die, 308 cal, micrometer adjust, never used new in box, \$80.

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) or Joe Lutz (812-431-3672 or joerlutz3@gmail.com).

FROM THE CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP), MIKE RASCHE

The Ooltewah High School JROTC is holding a 2024 OHS JROTC Shamrock Shootout on 03/01-31/2024. For more information you may contact the match director: Michael Dupre at dupre_m@hcde.org.

AREA GUN SHOWS

Bloomington Gun Show

Saturday Dec 2, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 3, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Monroe County Fairgrounds
5700 West Airport Rd
Bloomington, IN 47403

General: \$6.00

Children 12 & under: Free

18 & Under must be accompanied by an adult.

Madison Arms & Blade Show

Saturday Dec 9, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 10, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Indiana National Guard
1533 Clifty Dr
Madison, IN 47250

General: \$6.00

Children 12 & under: Free

Louisville Gun & Knife Show

Friday Dec 29, 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday Dec 30, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 31, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Kentucky Exposition Center
937 Phillips Lane
Louisville, KY 40209

General: \$15.00

Kids: \$6.00

Clay City Gun & Knife Show

Saturday Dec 9, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 10, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Goshen Memorial Park
Orange Building
200 Nye St
Clay City, IN 47841

General: \$5.00

Children 11 & under: Free

New Albany Arms & Blade Show

Saturday Dec 16, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 17, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

National Guard Armory
2009 Grant Line Rd
New Albany, IN 47151

General: \$6.00

Children 12 & under: Free

Columbus Arms & Blade Show

Saturday Dec 30, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Dec 31, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

National Guard Armory
2160 Arnold St
Columbus, IN 47203

General: \$6.00

Children under 12: Free

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



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