RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.

November 2026 Newsletter

November MEETING

Thursday 5th

Club Member's Meeting – 6:30 PM
Board Meeting – After the General Meeting

Education/Training Building
at the Red Brush Range

RANGE ADDRESS

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Newburgh, IN 47630

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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…

500-yard rifle range – Tue Nov 3, 24
The 400-yard range will be closed.
7:30 AM to 11:30 AM. (see Upcoming Events)

AR-15 & 22 RF Match – Wed Nov 4, 11, 18, 25
Tony Short (812-455-3455) isetta1956@gmail.com
Time: 8:00 PM at 400-yrd (Weather Permitting)
Note that there will be no match on the 25th.

IDPA Pistol – Sat Nov 7
Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Bays 2,3,5, MR

Red Brush Steel – Sun Nov 8
Doug Kemmerer (dkemmerer1192@gmail.com)
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Bays 1,2,3,5,6,7 WTF (see Upcoming Events)

IDPA Pistol Evening – Thu Nov 12
Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Bays 4 and 5

Trail Life USA Youth 22 rifle competition – Sat Nov 14
50 feet 25 - 40 kids
6:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Bay 1

Annual full auto Pumpkin shoot – Sun Nov 15
9:00AM - 5:00 PM
Bay 2

Appleseed Known Distance Rifle Event – Sat Nov 21, Sun Nov 22
Ben Swartz
Sat 6 AM - 6 PM. Bay #4,
Sun 6 AM - 6 PM, 500 Yard, WTF

Precision Rifle Challenge C.F. – Sun Nov 29
Adam Leonberger (redbrushprc@gmail.com)
Time: 7:30 Am to 3:00 PM at the 500 yd. Bay. On the 27 the WTF.
400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED**

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ

Good Neighbor Practice

I recently received a call from a Range neighbor who requested I remind the membership to be respectful of the speed limit when traveling to or leaving the range. The neighbor has concerns for the safety of children and farm animals near Eble Road. Let's all practice being a good neighbor by being respectful of our Range neighbors.

It's that time of year again to notify members of the upcoming November BOD election. The election for the Board of Directors will be held at the November 5th meeting. Each year seven of the twenty-one positions are open to those individuals wishing to run for the Board. Those members 21 years and older, in good standing for thirteen months, wishing to run for the Board of Directors may do so. Those interested need to contact Club Secretary Russell Osborne, (812) 431-5703, or any Board member by October 23, 2026.

Respectfully,
Joe Lutz

GUN OF THE MONTH

- Weatherby PA-08 12 Gauge "Ducks Unlimited" Edition
- Ruger Security 9 - 9mm
- Winner takes both



FROM THE GROUNDS CHAIRMAN, JEFF WEBBER

I want to thank the members who came out and got our range looking so good in September. They were Dan Bullock, John Oxby, Mark Dilger, Troy Billman, Kevin Guest, David Scott, Tony kirsch, John Flesburg, Mark Hodoval, Greg Blank, Terry Floyd, David Stevenson, Davis Barron, Adam Greenwell, Clayton Knight, Wes Knight, Ryan Cosby, Ryan Filson, Ted Kumer, Zachery Collins, Matt Lyles, John Breeden, Khalis Jalilpour, Kile Busler, Matt Berg, Eroicka Berg, Robert Birkle, Bruce Russell, Kathy Herron, Doug kimmerer, Ben Swartz

What a great way to end the workday season. I want to thank everyone who came out and made the last workday such a success.

During the winter months I ask everyone to help keep our range clean, please leave it better than you found it.

Thanks to everyone who came out this year and helped make our range so great.

See You at the Range,
Jeff Webber

APPLESEED, BEN SWARTZ

Appleseed Known Distance Event – November 21st and 22nd

Our annual Known Distance Event this year will be on November 21st and 22nd. Saturday will have instruction at 25 meters. Centerfire rifles are highly encouraged on Saturday. Sunday, we will move to the 500-yard bay to engage targets at distance. Centerfire rifles are mandatory for this portion of the shoot.

A "Known-Distance Appleseed" is a weekend-long program that teaches the secrets of shooting out to 400 yards, including target detection and ranging; measuring and compensating for wind; scopes and reticles; MOAs and mils, boxing your sights, battle-sight zero and come-ups, and much more.

Since this material requires previous exposure to the skills taught at an Appleseed, only students who have been to at least one Appleseed can attend a "KD Appleseed." Experienced shooters will find that shooting successfully at "Rifleman distances" is a major confidence builder and an opportunity not to be missed!

Here is a link to the How to Prepare document: https://appleseedinfo.org/pdf/How to Prepare - Known Distance.pdf

You can sign up at:

https://appleseedinfo.org/location/?locationid=152&eventid=10639

CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM (CMP), MIKE RASCHE

If you would like notifications of CMP gun sales, you can sign up for an email at info@thecmp.org. You will also receive CMP for monthly developments.

Please go to http://www.thecmp.org/ for further information.

RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY

FROM THE RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY

There has been a major change in the federal treatment of suppressors, short-barreled rifles, and short-barreled shotguns. Because this change affects what some members may bring to the range and because the federal guidance was only released on October 9, it is important to understand both what has changed and what has not. This month I would like to cover the background to the change, an important warning for members traveling from Kentucky or Illinois, and several safety considerations for anyone using these firearms or devices.

BACKGROUND – WHAT CHANGED?

For most of the last 90 years, the National Firearms Act (NFA) required registration and federal approval before a person could make or transfer a suppressor (the legal term in federal law is “silencer”), a short-barreled rifle (SBR), a short-barreled shotgun (SBS), or an NFA-defined “any other weapon” (AOW). Congress changed the tax portion of that system in 2025 by reducing the federal making and transfer tax on these items to $0. The registration and approval requirements initially remained.

That led to litigation in federal court in Texas. Two related cases were eventually consolidated. One was the GOA-supported Silencer Shop Foundation v. ATF case, brought by Gun Owners of America, Gun Owners Foundation, Silencer Shop Foundation, Palmetto State Armory, SilencerCo Weapons Research, B&T USA, the Firearms Regulatory Accountability Coalition, an individual plaintiff, and 15 states. The other was Jensen v. ATF, in which the plaintiffs included the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA), the Texas affiliate of the National Rifle Association, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA), the FPC Action Foundation, a firearms dealer, and individual plaintiffs. The NRA supported TSRA in that litigation.

On August 5, 2026, U.S. District Judge James Wesley Hendrix ruled that the challenged NFA making, transfer, and registration requirements could no longer be sustained as an exercise of Congress's taxing power after the tax had been reduced to zero. The court's injunction directly covered the plaintiffs and the other persons specified in the order. The government did not appeal the decision.

On October 9, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) released an Open Letter and a detailed Frequently Asked Questions document. Importantly, ATF went beyond simply applying the court order to the named plaintiffs. As a matter of enforcement discretion, ATF announced that it will not enforce the NFA's making, transfer, registration, and related requirements against anyone for SBRs, SBSs, silencers, and AOWs covered by the $0 tax provision. ATF specifically says that individuals no longer need to obtain ATF approval before making or transferring these items and no longer need to register them in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record.

This does not mean these firearms have become unregulated. They remain firearms under the Gun Control Act. A dealer must still complete ATF Form 4473, conduct the required NICS background check, maintain the required records, and comply with state and local law. ATF also continues to accept NFA forms voluntarily for people who choose to register these items.

Suppressor transfers have already begun under the new system. ATF says that silencers and AOWs should be transferred by dealers much like other firearms, using Form 4473 and a NICS check. SBR and SBS transfers are in an interim period: ATF says it is creating the forms and regulations needed for a formal non-NFA approval mechanism. In the meantime, ATF is exercising enforcement discretion concerning the separate Gun Control

Act authorization requirement. Dealers should therefore check with their distributors and ATF before assuming that every dealer is immediately prepared to transfer an SBR or SBS.

The change also applies to individuals who want to make their own covered items. Under the October 9 guidance, an individual no longer needs to file a Form 1 and wait for ATF approval before making a suppressor, SBR, SBS, or AOW. That is a significant change, but it should not be interpreted as a blanket statement that every such project is legal everywhere.

Before starting a project, check the law in your state and any state through which the item may be transported. State laws may still prohibit possession of some or all of these items, and ATF specifically warns that its federal enforcement policy does not change state law. Also remember that an individual may not manufacture or transfer these firearms as a business without the applicable federal licenses and taxes, and interstate transfers to another person remain subject to the Gun Control Act.

WHERE TO READ THE ATF GUIDANCE & HISTORICAL REFERENCES ON CASE

Members who want to read the current ATF FAQs and historic facts on the case can start with the following:

ATF – Update to NFA Transfer Guidance
ATF – October 9, 2026 Open Letter
NRA-ILA – Questions and Answers About the Texas NFA Case
GOA – Federal Court Rules Key NFA Restrictions Unconstitutional
GOA – First Suppressor Transfers Without NFA Registration
CCRKBA – Current and Future Members Covered by NFA Injunction
Second Amendment Foundation – NFA Injunction FAQ

IMPORTANT FOR KENTUCKY AND ILLINOIS MEMBERS BRINGING SUPPRESSORS, SBRs AND SBSs TO RED BRUSH

The federal change does not override the law of the state you are leaving, the state you are entering, or any state through which you travel. This is especially important for our members who travel to Red Brush from Kentucky or Illinois.

For SBRs and SBSs, there is an additional **federal transportation requirement that has NOT gone away**. The ATF FAQ states that an individual may transport an SBR or SBS across state lines, but must continue to file ATF Form 20 (ATF Form 5320.20) before the interstate transportation occurs—even if the firearm is no longer registered under the NFA. If you are bringing an SBR or SBS from Kentucky to Indiana, make sure the required Form 20 has been approved before the trip.

For silencers and AOWs, ATF says it will not enforce the NFA prohibition on interstate transportation of unregistered $0-tax items. However, ATF also expressly warns that state and local laws remain in force and that it cannot determine whether an unregistered item is lawful under a particular state's law. Do not assume that the federal change makes interstate transportation legal everywhere.

Illinois members need to be particularly careful. Illinois law separately prohibits private possession of a device designed to silence the report of a firearm and separately prohibits possession of rifles with barrels under 16 inches and shotguns with barrels under 18 inches, subject to limited statutory exceptions. The federal change does not repeal those Illinois prohibitions. Consequently, an Illinois resident should NOT assume that an unregistered suppressor, SBR, or SBS can simply be taken from Illinois to Red Brush because federal NFA registration is no longer being enforced.

If you are an Illinois member who believes a specific statutory exception applies to you, obtain advice from an attorney familiar with Illinois firearms law before transporting the item. When in doubt, leave it at home. A trip to the range is not worth risking a state-law violation.

The ATF FAQ also cautions that legal circumstances can change again. ATF says its enforcement policy could be rescinded, the court's injunction could be dissolved or overturned, or Congress could impose a new tax. There is no general federal provision that automatically “grandfathers” an unregistered NFA item if the legal circumstances later change.

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS FOR SHORT-BARRELED FIREARMS AND SUPPRESSORS

The removal of federal registration requirements does not remove the physical hazards associated with these firearms. In fact, some of the characteristics that make SBRs, SBSs, and suppressors useful also deserve additional attention on a busy firing line.

- **Continue to wear hearing protection.** A suppressor reduces muzzle blast; it does not eliminate it. The amount of reduction varies with the firearm, ammunition, suppressor, and firing conditions. NIOSH research has found that suppressed firearms can still present a significant hearing risk and recommends hearing protection whenever target shooting or hunting. At Red Brush, you also must consider the unsuppressed firearms being fired by other members nearby. Eye protection should continue to be worn as well.
- **Pay particular attention to muzzle location with short-barreled firearms.** A shorter firearm puts the muzzle closer to the people and equipment around the shooter. The same compact size that makes an SBR or SBS convenient can make it easier to lose track of exactly where the muzzle is pointing when moving, changing positions, or returning the firearm to the bench.
- **Keep every part of your body behind the muzzle.** This deserves special attention with short firearms. Under recoil, a support hand can move forward, especially if the shooter is using an extended or "thumb-over" support-hand grip. Before firing, consciously confirm that the hand and fingers are behind the muzzle. Hicock45 demonstrates the danger in this YouTube video: https://youtu.be/WUBIpsXtbFk



- **Consider using a handstop or a forward sling swivel as a physical reference point.** A properly positioned handstop gives the support hand a repeatable stopping point and can help prevent the hand from sliding forward during recoil or rapid fire. It is not a substitute for watching the muzzle, and it must be installed and used in accordance with the firearm and accessory manufacturer's instructions. A sling swivel can also be used in this manner.

  The images below illustrate the point: on a short-barreled firearm, the support hand can be surprisingly close to the muzzle. A forward handstop or sling position provides a positive physical limit for the hand and can reduce the chance of the hand creeping forward. The important point is not a particular grip style; it is maintaining a consistent support-hand position that keeps every part of the hand behind the muzzle.



- **Check suppressor mounting and alignment before firing.** A suppressor that is loose, improperly mounted, or not properly aligned with the bore can create a serious mechanical hazard, including the possibility of a bullet striking the suppressor. If there is any doubt about compatibility, thread pitch, mounting system, or alignment, stop and get the problem resolved before firing.
- **Remember that suppressors become very hot.** The suppressor is designed to contain and slow hot propellant gases, so it can heat rapidly. Do not touch it with an unprotected hand after firing, and be careful when placing the firearm on a bench, in a case, or near another person. Allow the firearm and suppressor to cool before handling them as though they were at room temperature.
- **Recognize that adding a suppressor can change the point-of-aim/point-of-impact relationship.** Adding or removing a suppressor will likely change the zero of your firearm. It is important to re-zero the firearm to ensure that there are no inadvertent hits on target stands, etc.
- **Use the correct ammunition and firearm configuration for Suppressors, SBRs, and SBSs**. Follow the firearm and suppressor manufacturer's instructions concerning caliber, ammunition, barrel length, and mounting system. Be aware that a shorter barrel can produce greater muzzle blast and can impose different stresses on equipment than a longer barrel.

WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK

The new federal policy is a significant change, but it is also a complicated one. The NFA has not disappeared, state laws have not disappeared, and the ATF has made clear that its enforcement policy can change. If you are unsure whether a firearm or suppressor is legal to possess, transport, or use, stop and verify the law before bringing it to the range.

As always, our goal is for everyone to enjoy the range while looking out for the safety of the members around us. A few extra minutes spent checking your equipment, and your handling technique can prevent a serious problem.

Sources used in preparing this article: ATF October 9, 2026 Open Letter and FAQ; U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Silencer Shop Foundation v. ATF / Jensen v. ATF; NRA-ILA; Gun Owners of America; Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms; Second Amendment Foundation; NIOSH/CDC; NSSF; Illinois General Assembly. This article is intended as general range information and is not legal advice.

Target Knock-off Stands



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 members' items. Unfortunately, I get both calls (finding and losing), but very few that connect.

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

Contact Mike Maurer (812-490-0949 or mikemaurer@astound.net) or Joe Lutz (812-431-3672 or joerlutz3@gmail.com).

AREA GUN SHOWS

Newburgh Gun Show

Saturday Nov 21, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday Nov 22, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

American Legion Post 44
711 State St
Newburgh, IN 47630

General: $5.00
Children under 12: Free

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

UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS INFORMATION

500-yard Precision Rifle Steel Open Member Days – Tue Nov 3, 24:

The 500-yard range will be open for members interested in shooting steel targets of various sizes at known distances. This will occur 1-3 weekdays per month. Set up will begin at 07:00 and break down at 11:30. These days will be posted on the calendar in the newsletter of the respective month. The 400-yard range will be closed during this time. We will do our best to coordinate this with the range schedule so that bay 4 is open for those interested in shooting paper etc. Eric Craig and Tom Ancona will be overseeing and acting as Range Officers for the 500-range on these days. We encourage anyone interested in long range shooting to come out and get involved! It should be a fun time and learning opportunity for everyone who chooses to take part (regardless of experience). We do ask that you have your rifle zeroed prior. We will be shooting steel only and spotting target impacts from the firing line. The line will remain hot unless target failure or other necessary reasons to go cold.

Red Brush Steel – Sun Nov 8

We shoot the 2nd Sunday of every month. The minimum number of rounds is 200.... if you don't miss. Standard safety equipment (eye pro, ear pro) required. If you shoot a .22 rifle or pistol you do not need a holster. Center fire pistols and revolvers require a holster. Your long gun, rifle or pcc, need to be cased. .22 pistols need to be cased.

Basic match format: there will be 6 or 8 stages. Each stage is 5 targets. Each stage is shot 5 times, with the slowest string being dropped. The farthest targets will be 35 yards. 7 of the 8 stages require no movement. One stage, outer limits, requires movement on the clock but you only move 6 feet.

There is a great YouTube video that explains everything:

https://youtu.be/fni4BlduAYY?si=acBXgm4TA_ttWz-c

Red Brush will also be holding the 2026 Wirthwein Guns Indiana State Steel Challenge Championship Presented by American Reloading. (See Below)

FROM OUR MEMBERS

From James Turner - 812-480-1266 Text Preferred - mailto:grosbahn@gmail.com

Glock 26 Gen 4.
It comes with 3 Magazines.
Price: $425.








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