

RED BRUSH RIFLE RANGE, INC.



A SAFE PLACE TO SHOOT

April 2020 Newsletter

April MEETING

Cancelled

Range is closed beginning at
11:59 PM on March 24 through
11:59 PM on April 6, 2020

(see below)

RANGE ADDRESS

3299 West Eble Rd.
Newburgh, IN 47630

www.redbrush.org



RANGE HOURS

Sun – Thu 6:00 AM – 10:30 PM

Fri – Sat 6:00 AM – 12:00 AM

UPCOMING RANGE EVENTS...

AR-15 Match – Wednesdays Apr 8, 15, 22, 29

Jason Short (812-455-3455)

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

IDPA Pistol – Saturday Apr 4 – Cancelled due Closure

Brad Eadens (270-854-4090)

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

Bowling Pin – Thursday Apr 9, 16, 23, 30

Charley Hallam (812-424-2358)

6:00 PM – 10:00 PM Bay 1

Range Maintenance – Saturday Apr 11

Jeff Webber (812-431-6226)

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Rifle Range Closed

Come out to help and get your hours

Red Brush Steel – Sunday Apr 12

Alan Cox (RedBrushSteel@hotmail.com)

Setup 7:00 AM, Registration 8:00 – 8:50 AM, Match 9:00 AM
Bays 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 & M.R.

Ultimate Bench Rest – Saturday Apr 18

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bay 1

Sub-Gun – Sunday Apr 19

Mike Maurer (812-305-2767)

12:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Bay 1

Appleseed Rifle Training 25 meter

Saturday & Sunday Apr 25, 26

Ben Swartz (812-549-5097)

6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sat. & Sun

Pistol Bay 5

Precision Rifle Challenge – Sunday Apr 26

Adam Leonberger (redbrushprc@gmail.com)

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM, 400- & 500-yard bays

400 yd. Rifle Bay **CLOSED**

FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOE LUTZ

Amid the growing concerns for the COVID-19 virus, recently enacted closures and government recommendations the April general membership meeting is cancelled. After the preparation of this closure notice, Alcoa notified Bob Adams that the Clubhouse will be unavailable through the end of May as it will be used for medical checks for people suspected of having the coronavirus. Please watch for notices on our website and newsletter for future meeting information.

Pursuant to Governor Holcomb's recent Executive Order directing all Hoosiers to remain at home, except those essential people listed in said order, the **range will be closed beginning at 11:59 PM on March 24 through 11:59 PM on April 6, 2020**. These dates could be extended beyond April 6th please check the website for updates or an e-mail blast may also occur.

When the range reopens, I encourage all members to be respectful of other members and encourage all who feel ill remain home.

Survey Results

Red Brush Members, I would like to thank those members for responding to the survey questionnaire. Approximately ten percent of the members responded with their preferred order of projects for the Board of Directors to pursue. In order of preference, the survey reflected members want a unified 500-yard rifle bay, a clubhouse, and then, property acquisition. This enables our Grounds Chairman, Jeff Webber, to pursue quotes from contractors to ascertain whether these projects are financially within the clubs' reach.

Many other great ideas were submitted. The BOD will consider these ideas and decide which ones will be able to be integrated into the current range configuration.

I would also like to continue to hear from the members. Should you have any recommendations, ideas, and concerns, please forward your thoughts to my email, joerlutz3@gmail.com. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Joe Lutz

FROM THE GROUNDS CHAIRMAN, JEFF WEBBER

I want to thank everyone who braved the rain and came out to help get our range cleaned from the winter month. We all got soaked and I appreciate your efforts. Those who participated were Andrew Merrick, Robert Adams, Bruce Russell, Jason Fredrich, Bret Mansfield, Doug Sprick, Andy Gallmeister, Tom Jameson, Doug Salm, Christopher Stewart, Stan Hutchinson, Kirk Freeman, Paul Wunderlich, David A. Hetherington, Ryan Meth, Adam Sleepyhead, Rick Baker

The April workday is right around the corner and I am planning a lot of wood construction projects and some electrical work. If you are interested, please let me know beforehand so I can plan accordingly. I also have a welding project that I need done before the workday. If you have the abilities to do so at your shop/home, please contact me.

See you at the range.
Jeff Webber

FROM THE RANGE OFFICER, FRANK FINDLEY

WASH YOUR HANDS!

You have probably seen this message a thousand times on TV regarding the coronavirus. But for guns enthusiasts it has a different connotation, lead exposure. Due to the lead primers and bullets, every time we fire a round small lead particles are ejected. These lead particles settle on our hands, arms and face. Because of this it is smart practice after a day at the range to wash your hands and face before eating or drinking. Use of cold water is recommended as warmer water can open pores increasing lead absorption into the body.

LINE COMMANDS MUST BE USED WITH THE DOWNRANGE WARNING LIGHTS/ALARM ON 400 YARD RIFLE BAY

We are reposting this as we had another report of improper member use of the downrange warning system. Instead of using line commands to first clear the line, a person again flipped the switch and preceded downrange while others were still shooting.

The 400-yard rifle bay has a downrange warning system which consists of lights and a brief alarm. This system consists of multiple switches installed on the posts of the shelter in front of the benches. When any of these switches are flipped on, flashing lights turn on and a brief alarm sound. Multiple switches can be flipped on and the lights will not turn off until all the switches are flipped off.

To use, first make eye contact with each person on the line and verify with each that they are ready to go 'clear'. Each person going downrange should then flip on the nearest switch to their bench. Then as each person returns, they will only flip off their own switch. This way the warning lights will remain on until all shooters return to their station. Even after all people have returned and the lights are off, the range is still considered 'clear'. Shooting can only commence when it is verbally confirmed with each that they are ready to go 'hot'.

EYE PROTECTION – WHAT TO LOOK FOR (reprinted by request)

Range rules require the use of eye protection whenever on the bays. But what should you look for in eye protection?

The most important item is protection from shrapnel. Shooting is a dynamic sport; cartridge cases, splatter off steel targets, wood splinters from stands all pose a risk to the eyes. U.S. standards have been developed for safety glasses and are known by the ANSI Z87 moniker. Eyewear which meets these standards provides protection well beyond that of typical eyewear. This video of tests done at COLTS laboratories shows how Z87+ high impact compliant eyewear performs vs. non-compliant eyewear on systematic tests:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddgHfoPgaAI>

It is easy to verify whether eye protection meets ANSI Z87 standards. When shopping for protection, look for a Z87.1, Z87.3 or Z87+ symbol somewhere on the inside or outside of the frames and oftentimes a similar peel-off sticker on the lens or logo on the product packaging.

Another important characteristic of eye protection is the degree to which it covers the eyes. Given that range debris can come from almost any angle, the various 'wrap-around' styles are preferred. Goggles are another, albeit less popular, option.

Another important consideration is making sure the eye protection doesn't interfere with your view. In fact, good shooting eyewear could improve your ability to see by matching the 'tint' of the eyewear to the light conditions. If you are shooting in bright sunlight you should consider smoked lenses to minimize sun glare. If you shoot in the shade or near dusk and dawn times, amber lenses can be very beneficial as they maximize contrast. If you are shooting at night, clear lenses maximize the amount of light that gets to your eyes. Other lens technology – for example polarized, anti-reflective coatings, photochromatic – can also be helpful in reducing glare and are worth a look if your pocketbook allows.

For eyeglass wearers the above are available in two options. One is purchase eye-protection which fits over your normal glasses. The second is to order eye protection in your prescription. Your eye care professional should be able to help with options. If you have insurance which covers annual frames and lenses, you can very often alternate years between general glasses and safety glasses.

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

AREA GUN SHOWS

Jasper Arms & Blade Show

Saturday Apr 18, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Apr 19, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

National Guard Armory

1481 Bartley S

Jasper, IN 47546

Adm: \$6, children under 12 free

Contact: George Smith

Phone: (812) 498-3833

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



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