

BLUE RIDGE
SHOOTERS'
CLUB

BRSC News

WINTER 2021-22



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTER- EST:

- **Annual Meeting Will Be Held At The Fairfield Resue Building, Jan. 9th at 2pm.**
- **Lunch Will Be Provided at the Annual Meeting by the Fairfield Ladies Auxiliary. There is no cost to the Membership for this Meal.**
- **Please "LIKE" the Blue Ridge Shooters Club Facebook page to keep up on all things BRSC.**

Blue Ridge Shooters Club

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2022 Annual Meeting

After Last years COVID-19 setbacks we are finally going to have an in-person Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the Fairfield Resue Building on January 9th at 2pm. There were plans last year to make the annual meeting bigger and better than ever before and we are happy to continue those plans for the 2022 meeting. There will be a 2pm lunch served by the Fairfield Resue Auxiliary of Chili, Cornbread, Desert and various non-alcoholic drinks. There will be no charge to the membership for this lunch

so come hungry!

As we complete our lunch we will begin to conduct the meeting. This annual meeting is to...

- ◇ Review 2021 Business
- ◇ New Member Requests
- ◇ Cover any Bylaw & Rule changes
- ◇ New BRSC Events for 2022
- ◇ Election of 2022 Officers

There are several other topics of discussion to be addressed as well but these are the main points.

After the business is completed we will be hosting a Swap Meet! Empty those closets, gun rooms and basements of anything you are not using, want to get rid of or Overstock of gun related items that you want to put up for sale or trade. This is merchandise ONLY! Due to Virginia Expanded Background Check laws guns cannot be traded or sold at this event. Tables and chairs are provided and this event is open to BRSC Members Only.

BRSC Shooting Competitions & Events

The BRSC Board of Directors encourage anyone with ideas for future competitions or events to bring a detailed layout of the plan to any Board of Directors meeting. These meetings are normally held the last Sunday of every

month at 4pm in the BRSC Clubhouse.

We are always looking to increase participation in our clubs events so, any fresh new ideas or events are always welcome to be discussed. The National Rifle

League events are a perfect example of newer competitions that are doing well at BRSC. The NRL Competitions are the 3rd Saturday of every month.



Paul Abbe 1947-2021

Paul Lee Abbe, 74, went to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, December 18, 2021. He was born Aug. 20, 1947, in Waseca, Minn., the son of the late Norbert and Geraldine (Langer) Abbe. Paul attended Waseca Ag School and graduated from Owatonna High School in 1965.

He served in the United States Air Force as a Sergeant and Weapons Mechanic Supervisor from 1966-1970. His time in the Air Force included service in Korea during the 1968 Pueblo incident.

He was employed in farm equipment sales and retired from Rockingham New Holland in 2014.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Christina Abbe.

Surviving family members include his wife, Rebecca "Becca" Abbe, of Staunton; his daughters, Heather Fincham, husband, John, and children, Brady and Carly, of Massanutten, and Crystal Graham and husband, Chris, of Waynesboro; two sisters, Kay Cassen of Owatonna, Minn., and Pat Wascovich and husband, Wayne, of Palmyra, Pa. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, and special friends Bryan and Miandra Cash and their two children which Paul loved as his own grandchildren.

Paul's favorite place to be was fishing in the Outer Banks with friends and family. He loved working out at the Staunton Y, going hunting, trap and target shooting.

He also enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson, listening to music at Marino's Lunch and going to the Waffle Inn for breakfast with his buddies.

He loved to spend time with his family especially watching his grandchildren grow up. He also enjoyed cheering them on at their athletic events.

Paul was an amazing husband, loving father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. He'd always welcome loved ones with his laugh, a cold drink and a warm fire. He could sit around all night swapping stories with friends and family. He enjoyed his last day here on Earth working out and spending time with his grandson. He will be dearly missed by all who loved him.

BRSC Reserve Fund

BRSC Board of Directors have made moves to guarantee the best outcome of any future unknowns that may arise. Unknowns being emergencies or potential growth of BRSC.

The discussion of a Reserve Fund has been kicked around for years but in 2021 it changed gears and moved forward to help facilitate those guarantees. There was a small amount of funds earmarked from the 2019 calendar year to begin this fund. The BRSC BoD voted to take bigger steps in this process and approved to roll over any funds left over at

the end of the calendar year to this reserve fund starting with funds left over from the 2021 year. This in no way affects our non-profit status due to it being categorized specifically as a reserve.

Our Treasurer, Barent Parslow has worked with our bank in order to find the type of account that will give us the most interest return on our fund. After careful consideration and discussion with all parties involved, the funds will be kept in a separate interest bearing Savings Account. The BoD are committed to the past, present & future of BRSC



Blue Ridge Shooters Club T-Shirts & Hats



You asked for it...You got it! BRSC now have T-Shirts & Hats for sale. Hats & T-Shirts are \$20 each or you can buy the pair for \$35. These are unisex sizes and available up to 3x (while supply lasts). These are a first come, first serve item where sizes are concerned.

Once these are gone we will be able to order more variety in styles and sizes.

All profit will be used for club improvements, club events and offering more variety in BRSC branded items for members & guests.



Proposed Defensive Pistol Shoots for 2022

BRSC Member Chester Burke will be proposing a Defensive Pistol Shoot at the Annual Meeting in January. The preliminary details are below (some details may be adjusted closer to events)...

- 1) Match is for BRSC Members only with no Match Fee.
- 2) 50 Rounds of Ammo will be required.
- 3) A Safety Meeting will be held before the Match. Anyone not attending the entire Safety Meeting will not be permitted to shoot the Match.
- 4) Match will follow IDPA Rules for Safety, Equipment, and Scoring, but these Rules will be modified as needed. 2017 Rulebook, Appendix C Carry Optics, Appendix B PCC
- 5) The following Modification to IDPA Rules will apply
 - 2.11.2 - "Cold Range with Hot Bays" will not be used
 - 2.11.3 - "Hot Range" will not be used.
 - 2.14 - Steel Targets will not be used
 - 4.1 - "Unlimited Scoring" will not be used
 - 4.12 and 4.13 - We will be using only

IDPA "Practice Targets" with the Club's Target Stands and Cardboard.

4.15 - This Match is not affiliated with IDPA. No Scoring will be reported to the organization.

4.17 - Reactive Targets will not be used

6 - Stage Design will be at the discretion of the Match Director.

8.2 - Safe Firearms from all Divisions and Specialty Divisions will be allowed to compete together. "Bring what you carry".

8.3.2 - Ammo Power Factor will not be measured.

9 - IDPA Classification will not be used.

10 - There will be no Appeals Process for Rules, Scoring, or Disqualification decisions made by the Safety Officer/Match Director.

The goal of these Matches is to make learning the limits of the Shooter's Skill and Equipment fun and safe. Allowing the Shooters to use their limited Practice Ammo and Time as productively as possible. Shooters of all skill levels will be allowed, and will be watched

closely for safe gun handling. Stages will be based on real situations as much as possible, and will increase in difficulty with each Match. I will offer "free advice" to new shooters who might benefit. Hopefully, this will create an environment where experienced shooters can help the less experienced. Including experiences with dry firing options. Manits X anyone?

If there is enough interest, we will alternate Matches between Pistols and PCCs.



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Range Training Double A Tactical	2 Trap Shooters	3	4
5 Membership Meeting 2pm	6	7	8 Range Training Double A Tactical	9 Trap Shooters	10	11
12	13	14	15 Range Training Double A Tactical	16 Trap Shooters	17	18 NRL
19	20	21	22 Range Training Double A Tactical	23 Trap Shooters	24	25 Merry Christmas
26 BoD Meeting 4pm	27	28	29	30 Trap Shooters	31	

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Happy New Year
2	3	4	5 Range Training Double A Tactical	6 Trap Shooters	7	8
9 Annual Meeting	10	11	12 Range Training Double A Tactical	13 Trap Shooters	14	15 NRL
16	17	18	19 Range Training Double A Tactical	20 Trap Shooters	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Trap Shooters	28	29
30 BoD Meeting 4pm	31					

Proposed Benchrest League for 2022

Submitted by: Roy Meditz

So you are updated on the proposal, I would like to make this a League Event. There will be a pre-registered fee of \$10 for each shooter. This fee will go into two accounts, one half goes directly to the club to offset the cost of targets, the only expense for this event at \$20 per 100 targets plus shipping. The other half will go into a prize account to be paid out to the winners of the League. There will be 6 shoot dates, one Saturday a month for 6 months, starting in April through September, currently the 2nd Saturday of the month. Shooters will pay \$3 per monthly shoot with that fee also going into the prize account. Shooters only need to complete 5 shoots for qualification for prizes, if they shoot all 6 they may drop their lowest score. At completion of League, the entry fees and one half the registration fees will be combined, by class, and the pay out will be divided by the number of places according to BRSC 22 Bench Rest Rules.

For this League to be successful, as mentioned previously, this needs to be a pre-registered event. Registration will open after the Annual meeting and be open until the April Monthly Meeting, were it will be determined if the League will be held. Registration will be online, similar to the system we used for the Anniversary Shoot Registration. In order for this League to be justified, closing the 100 yard range for one Saturday a month, we would need a minimum of 10 pre-registered shooters.

Presidents Notes

As we know, the devastating loss of our fellow BRSC member and friend Paul Abbe has made everyone pause to look at our own mortality and discuss how none of us are getting out of here alive. It can really make you think if that is the perspective you want to view it from but I would like to point out something that also happened on this tragic day.

Several of our members stepped up in a way that continues to give us hope in our friendships we make. Several members rushed forward to administer aide to Paul by giving him CPR and Rescue Breathing until the point of an Emergency Medical Services person arrived on scene. Andy Woods, Darrell Thompson & Gary Hayes are just three of the BRSC members who only thought of reviving our friend and

put the welfare of Paul above their own. Several people helped out that day including members, of Buena Vista & Rockbridge County Law Enforcement and the personnel from a couple of different Medical Emergency Rescue Units...people that put themselves out there everyday to simply do what is right. Our privilege to live in an area where we have the chance to get to know such incredible people and in some cases through something like shooting; get to become friends is a blessing that we can never take for granted.

We should all be proud of the compliments given by the Rockbridge Emergency Services on the reaction and care given to Paul by his Friends.

The club is moving forward on the purchase of a defibrillator and are looking to offer

classes to any interested members in First Aid & CPR in 2022. Sometimes were are our brothers/sisters keeper when we least expected, let us prepare the best we can.

GOD Bless each one of you and especially the Abbe Family in their time of grief.

Jim Wood

BRSC President

