



# BRSC News



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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

• The BoD are asking for members to become Committee Chairs for groups & special events / competitions at BRSC. If you are interested in new events at BRSC please attend BoD meeting or speak to a board member.

• Please "Like" the Blue Ridge Shooters Club Facebook page to keep up on all things BRSC

• Winter Work Day will be on Nov 8th 9am to 1pm

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## Amid Booming Gun And Ammo Sales, Arms Makers Aim Not To Get Burned Again

Gun and ammo makers are staying cautious ahead of the election despite surging sales, because they remember all too well the crash that happened after the election of President Trump.

Gunmakers can barely keep up with demand. Sales have been booming since the start of the pandemic, fueled by fears of coronavirus and civil unrest. FBI background checks have been breaking records. Makers of guns and ammo are reporting double-digit increases in revenue. Handguns are flying off the shelves and ammo is selling out and getting scarce.

"It's the 2013 shortage all over again," said Brian Rafn, a gun industry analyst who recently retired from Morgan Dempsey, referring to the run on ammo during the Obama administration. Rafn, whose family owns shares in Sturm, Ruger, said that nowadays buyers of popular ammo like 9 mm have to hunt for it from store to store like "the guy who's buying milk during the hurricane."

But gun and ammo makers are hyper-cautious about ramping up manufacturing capacity. They don't want to get burned like in 2016, when sales surged to record levels only to implode on Election Day. Sales then were driven by fears of gun control fueled by mass shootings, but those fears evaporated with the election of President Trump, a Republican endorsed by the National Rifle Association. Gun sales plunged immediately after his election, resulting in layoffs and sliding stocks for Sturm, Ruger and Smith & Wesson.

Gun makers fear that fickle con-

sumers could slow down spending, depending on election results, the severity of the pandemic, or the persistence of clashes between police and protesters.

"Firearm manufacturers are making prudent decisions to keep up with extraordinary demand during these past few months," said Mark Oliva, director of public affairs for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a gun industry group. "Manufacturers are producing firearms and ammunition as quickly as they can to meet customer demand." But he said that gunmakers must meet the skyrocketing demand, which has outstripped production, "in a way that is going to ensure sustained participation in tomorrow's market."

Sturm, Ruger displays the words "WE'RE HIRING" in a banner across its website, advertising 26 job openings in four states as it fills out shifts. Job listings range from tool maker to manufacturing engineer to the water spider who stocks manufacturers with enough material to keep production running smoothly.

But 26 is less than what one might expect for a company of about 1,580, according to 2019 figures provided by Rafn. Smith & Wesson is also advertising for 20-plus job openings, which pales compared to its recent tally of 1,970 employees. Liz Sharp, vice president of investor relations for Smith & Wesson, said the company maintains flexibility by outsourcing production of certain gun components when needed.

"While we may see some changes to our number of employees, we are likely to see more of that impact occur in outsourcing levels,"

she said.

Rommel Dionisio, a firearms industry analyst for Aegis Capital, said the popular AR-15s have a marketplace advantage: they were designed for wartime production.

"When you have these cyclical moves in the firearms industry, manufacturers can ramp up manufacturing quickly because many of these designs, like the AR-15 platform, were designed to be mass-produced quickly," he said.

Spikes in demand result in bullet shortages because the ammo manufacturing industry, dominated by Vista Outdoor and Olin's Winchester, is less flexible than guns. Dionisio said bullet makers manufacture huge batches of ammo with massive machines to maximize efficiency, with no wiggle room to match fluctuations in demand.

"That's an industry that has less of an ability to max up or max down," he said. "You're not going to buy this expensive machine just because demand is going to be up for six months."

Manufacturers are trying to forecast the future for firearms. Will the election results increase sales or trigger a decline? Will civil unrest and coronavirus continue to drive sales?

"Like any other manufacturing base, firearm and ammunition makers forecast their best analysis for what the demand will be for their products in the coming year," said Oliva of the NSSF. "That includes placing orders for raw materials, including bar stock to make barrels, component materials to make ammunition and predicting labor, warehousing and shipping costs, distribution channels and retail demand."

Considering all the new changes at BRSC the one thing that is the most obvious is that the best feature of BRSC is the members.

**One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors."**

— Plato

## Things Are Looking Good at BRSC



Another Work Day came and went with just as much success as the June Work Day. 29 Blue Ridge Shooters Club members showed up in the rain to accomplish

a list of tasks put forward by the Board of Directors

The tasks—some small, some large were accomplished with extra effort by members. The buildings on the grounds were organized. The new containers (CONEX) were divided and organized as originally planned. The CONEX closest to the 100 yd berm is being used



by the Cowboy Shooters. This allowed the cowboy crew to remove the old Rubbermaid containers by each of the shooting positions, which gives our range a cleaner look and one less place for snakes to hide. This also freed up the storage room at the 25yd range for more BRSC storage needs and future expansion. The middle CONEX is for tools and



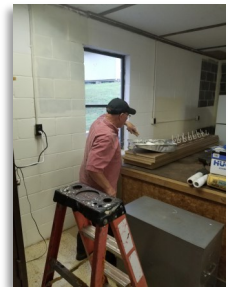
grounds equipment. The CONEX closest to the 100 yd building is for the NRL and other competitions at BRSC.

Chris Bowring led the charge to paint the clubhouse inside and out. The new paint job was long overdue and makes the clubhouse look much cleaner. This task actually started a few days prior to work day as volunteers came in and moved everything to the center of the room and cut it in. The cabinets and stove were also removed from the clubhouse which increased our capacity for meetings somewhere around 25 new seats. It looks like a new building.



The other outbuilding by the trap range was also cleaned and organized which was long overdue and David Wright also led a team that rebuilt one of the older cowboy props.

Thank you to everyone who participated.



## Membership Fees are Due Soon!

Annual membership fees and application are due by November 30th. This is the biggest overall change to policy at Blue Ridge Shooters Club this year. Your membership application will be processed and your new membership card will be available at the Annual meeting in

January. Moving the deadline will give us more time to process your paperwork more efficiently and also not interfere with the Christmas holiday. Anyone who does not return their application for 2021 membership by November 30th will be treated as a new member and will have to go

through the application fee process as any new member would. This is in compliance with Blue Ridge Shooters Club Rules & Regulations Article 3, sub-section B. Please do not be late with your application because there will be no grace period this year like last year. Nov. 30th is the deadline

# Joe Biden Told Voters the Second Amendment DOES NOT Protect an Individual Right

During a September 2019 "townhall" hosted by New Hampshire ABC affiliate WMUR, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden made clear that he does not believe the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms and that the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller* was incorrect. During the event, Biden was asked, "Do you agree with the *D.C. v. Heller* decision in regards to protecting the individual right to bear arms that are in common use and which are utilized for lawful purposes?" Biden responded in part, "If I were on the court I wouldn't have made the same ruling. OK, that's number one."

Aside from his denunciation of *Heller* and denial that the Second Amendment protects an individual right to keep and bear arms, Biden also displayed a fundamental misunderstanding of the Bill of Rights. The Second Amendment was not "given as a right" by the U.S. Constitution. Rather, as the U.S. Supreme Court made clear in *Heller*, the Second Amendment protects a right that pre-existed the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Biden's position on *Heller* and the Second Amendment is in line with that of his running mate Sen. Kamala Harris (D-Calif.). As District Attorney of San Francisco, Harris signed on to an amicus curiae brief in *Heller* that argued the Second Amendment does not protect an individual right to keep and bear arms. Advocating against the individual right to keep and bear arms, the brief argued, *courts have consistently sustained criminal firearms laws against Second Amendment challenges by holding that, inter alia, (i) the Second Amendment provides only a militia-related right to bear arms, (ii) the Second Amendment does not apply to legislation passed by state or local governments*. According to the document, the Second Amendment does not protect an individual right, but rather, the lower court in *Heller* "create[d]" this right. The brief stated, *The lower court's decision, however, creates a broad private right to possess any firearm that is a "lineal descendant" of a founding era weapon and that is in "common use" with a "military application" today.*

Biden's position on the Second Amendment is also in alignment with recent versions of the Democratic Party Platform. The 2004, 2008, and 2012 editions of the party platform recognized that the Second Amendment protects an individual right. Such recognition of the Second Amendment was conspicuously absent from the 2016 and 2020 versions of the platform.

The Democratic presidential ticket's rejection of the correct interpretation of the Second Amendment helps to explain the pair's advocacy for blatantly unconstitutional gun control measures. Both Biden and Harris have called to ban and confiscate commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms. Biden has made clear that his desired ban would extend to arguably the most popular firearms in America - 9mm pistols.

Knowing that Biden's true position on the Second Amendment is political poison, the Biden campaign and its surrogates have done their best to hide the candidate's views. In March, when a pro-gun Michigan autoworker accurately confronted Biden about the candidate's attacks on the Second Amendment, a visibly defensive Biden responded that the worker was "full of s\*\*\*." Biden went on to falsely claim "I support the Second Amendment."

More recently, longtime gun control activist John Rosenthal made the ludicrous claim that "a vote for Joe Biden and Democrats in Congress will... protect gun rights for law-abiding gun owners..." Rosenthal didn't address how Biden will go about protecting a right that the candidate does not acknowledge exists. The importance of Biden's radical view of the Second Amendment cannot be overstated. The fate of the Second Amendment literally hangs in the balance of this election.

## BRSC—Board of Directors



The Board of Directors are constantly looking for new ways to improve our club in all ways possible. The Board is only successful when the membership makes themselves available to be a part in those improvements. We encourage all membership to be a part of what we are doing. Come to BoD meetings held the Sunday before the Regularly Monthly Membership Meeting @ 4pm in the Clubhouse.

Board of Directors...

President - Jim Wood

Vice-President - Richard Elias

Treasurer - Jeff Grossman

Secretary - Hugh Bouchelle

Asst. Secretary - Val Martz

Members at Large -

Van Truslow

David Wright

Gary Hayes

## Oct Schedule of Events

## October 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
} Oct 4th—Membership Meeting 2pm					1	2	3
} Oct 7th & 8th—Regulators Cowboy Shoot Set-up for Annual Roundup—ALL RANGES CLOSED							
} Oct 9th thru 11th—Annual Cowboy Roundup—ALL RANGES CLOSED	4*	5	6	7*	8*	9*	10*
} Oct 17th—National Rifle League Shoot	11*	12	13	14	15	16	17*
} Oct 25th—BRSC Board of Directors Meeting 4pm							
} Tuesdays—Range Maintenance (mowing) 2pm to 4pm	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
} Wednesdays—Firearms Training with Double A Tactical. All Ranges Open	25*	26	27	28	29	30	31
} Thursdays—Trap Shooters 12pm							

## November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Nov Schedule of Events
1*	2	3	4	5	6	7	} Nov 1st—Membership Meeting 2pm
8*	9	10	11	12	13	14	} Nov 8th—Scheduled Work Day. Ranges Closed 9am to 1pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21*	} Nov 21st—National Rifle League Shoot
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	} Nov 29th—BRSC Board of Directors Meeting 4pm
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## Grounds &amp; Maintenance Committee -

BRSC has established a new GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE headed by Committee Chair, Chris Bowring and assisted by Bruce Puhle. These gentlemen have volunteered to oversee the weekly upkeep of the our club grounds.

To make their job easier BRSC has purchased a new Bad Boy 60" Zero Turn Mower. This reduces the time to mow our ranges by two thirds. Which means we have more time to shoot. Mowing will be done on Tuesdays between 2 & 4pm (unless weather forces rescheduling). Mowing will take priority to any other events during that time. Please be courteous to our volunteers.

Thanks to Green Valley Equipment in Verona for the "hook-up"!

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Seems that every election is billed as “the most important election in history”, but this time it really seems to be the case. Where you stand now will be the foundation of generations to come. The basic fundamental principles of our nation are on the chopping block and the effort you choose to put into it will determine the results that we will get out of it. The current Governor of Virginia said that “we will deliver the baby, make it comfortable and then decide what to do”. He was talking about post birth abortion—Infanticide! The party in which he affiliates believes this is normal. Killing babies outside the womb has become a normal topic of discussion for them. Any decent parent who has enjoyed the privilege of watching their kids grow into adults understand that this kind of “normal” is nothing short of evil. The party that believes this is normal has risen to the level of aggression that taking your rights by any means necessary is just another step to reach their goal. According to them our 2nd Amendment is just an outdated thought that is no longer relevant and in the way of them reaching their New World

Order.

It is up to all of us to stand and fight this New World Order and show that our 2nd Amendment Rights are there to protect us from their type of evil. How far is too far...how far will we let them push us? Fallen civilizations before us sat back and waited for someone else to fix the problem. We can't sit back any longer...this election you have to do more than just vote! There is work to be done in every community. Find your local party committee and volunteer, talk to your friends and family. Help register voters, give rides to the polling places do whatever it takes to guarantee that the basic rights afforded to us by GOD and our Constitution are not stripped away while we are waiting for someone else to fix it.

**VOTING IS NOT ENOUGH  
THIS TIME!**

Jim  
BRSC President

## BRSC Presidents Notes



Amanda Chase—Constitutional Conservative, Pro 2nd Amendment 2021 Virginia Governor Candidate



Del. Glenn Davis—Pro 2nd Amendment 2021 Virginia Candidate  
Lt. Governor  
Tim Anderson 2nd Amendment Advocate & Potential 2021 Virginia Commonwealths Attorney Candidate