

BLUE RIDGE
SHOOTERS'
CLUB

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

• Fall Work Day will be on Sep 28th 9am to 1pm

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Gov Northam Announces General Assembly Special Session for August 18

Gov. Ralph Northam announced he is calling the General Assembly into special session Aug. 18 for budget revisions and police reform. In the special session, the General Assembly will adopt a final budget based on the revised revenue forecast due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The governor will also work with legislators to propose additional criminal justice and police reform. Some of those reforms include measures aimed at police accountability and oversight, use of force, increased training and education, and officer recruitment, hiring, and decertification.

Gov. Northam will continue to work closely with legislators and community advocates on specific legislative proposals, according to a news release. "I look forward to bringing legislators back in session as we continue to navigate these unprecedented times," Northam said. "We have a unique opportunity to provide critical support to Virginians, invest strategically in our economic recovery, and make progress on policing and criminal justice reform. Let's get to work."

In the last newsletter we

reported the new Virginia laws going into effect this year that our anti-gun Governor had championed no matter its extreme overreach that gun owners believed violated the 2nd Amendment. As of July 1, cities, counties, and towns can strip you of your rights by passing gun control that forbids you from carrying in local government buildings, parks, recreation and community centers, and at permitted events and adjacent streets! That spiderweb is exactly what the gun-grabbers want. It makes carrying a gun such a headache because you have to know the gun laws of over 193 localities instead of just knowing state law. And it reduces where you can carry. Gun-controllers want to keep expanding that prohibited location list until gun owners will just leave their guns at home out of pure frustration. It has already happened in the cities of Alexandria and Richmond, emboldening other localities to do the same!

One of the most tyrannical Bill that will be revisited during this Special Session will be HB961. Delegate Mark Levine's HB961, which banned "assault weapons", suppressors, and magazines

that hold over 10 rounds, was continued to 2021 back in February. But Governor Northam recently said he wants to revive it and has said he will convene a special session of the General Assembly in August.

Besides HB961, these other infringements could also be voted on in August:

- repeal reciprocity with 25 states
- shutdown indoor shooting ranges
- restrict outdoor shooting ranges
- no open carry in vehicles
- proof of training to **purchase a firearm**
- 10% tax on guns and ammunition
- conviction for various **misdemeanors** or a "hate crime" will take away gun rights
- illegal to have guns in state or local government buildings
- illegal to carry in Capitol Square or in the General Assembly
- gun stores cannot employ anyone who is prohibited from owning firearms

June Work Day—A HUGE Success

Amazing what we can accomplish when we work together.

“But a constitution of government once changed from freedom can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.”

John Adams



The June/Summer Work Day was a Great Success. 38 members came out to complete some much needed projects around the facility. The list of projects prepared by the Board of Directors was met and surpassed due to the large turn-out.

New shelves and rests were installed for the Trap Shooters. Materials that were used were recycled and unused lumber that the club already owned so this much needed upgrade was done at no cost to the club. The old split rail fence dividing the Cowboy Range and the 100 yd Range has been unserviceable for years and has now been removed. The trees along the 100 yard range has

been trimmed and manicured to enhance the range appearance. The outside perimeter of the shoot house has been cleaned, the gutters were cleaned and the roof repaired in several areas. The growth around the pistol range was cleared and removed as well as the brush along the driveway up to the club. The pine trees behind the clubhouse were removed, the immediate perimeter of the clubhouse was raked and cleared. The doors of the storage units were modified to make it easier to operate. Overall the most productive Work Day that BRSC has had in many years. The Work Day was scheduled from 9am to 1pm but thanks to all the incredible effort of our members this work was completed by noon!

New Landscaping Around BRSC

The services of both the BRSC membership and BC Landscaping Design, our club has undergone some changes. The efforts on Work Day has allowed us to acquire landscaping services to plant shrubbery around the grounds to provide safety barriers, sound baf-

fling and a more pleasant visual appearance. This is the start of a facility plan to improve more of our club grounds in order to make it more appealing and enjoyable. These plans will work toward completing a facelift of BRSC that will include a 50th year anniversary celebration in 2021.



Va. Gun Sales Top 81,000 In June, A New Record, Amid Fears of Virus, Protests and Defunding Police

Virginia gun sales soared to historic levels in June, the second record spike in three months, in a tumultuous year marked by the long-term uncertainty of COVID-19, the economic turmoil it brought, protests over racial injustices and activists' demands to defund the police. Estimated firearm sales based on mandatory criminal background checks on buyers have smashed monthly records this year — first in March with 80,228 transactions, and again in June with 81,204 trans-

actions, according to newly released figures from the Virginia Firearms Transaction Center, which electronically conducts the checks on state retail gun purchases. The June figure is the highest monthly total on record for any month since state police began tracking the data in 1990. It represents an increase of 157% over the number of transactions conducted during the same month in 2019. Through June, there have been

Combination of events is driving the sales. At least one national gun control advocate largely agrees. They say it began with fears that increased firearm restrictions passed by the Democratic-controlled General Assembly would dry up the availability of some guns and magazines. Then the coronavirus struck, raising additional fears that the pandemic would lead to a breakdown in public order and economic ruin, which led to the government issuing \$1,200 stimulus checks that some used to purchase

firearms. The topper was the nationwide protests that in some cases have led to violence and destruction of property. "Civil unrest, rioting, looting and calls to defund the police are unquestionably motivating factors of why this trend is increasing," Mark Oliva, director of public affairs for the National Shooting Sports Foundation, told the Associated Press. "Americans are right to be concerned about their personal safety."



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 meet-

ings held the Sunday before the Regularly Monthly Membership Meeting @ 4pm at the Club-house.

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

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.



Aug Schedule of Events

- } Aug 2nd—Membership Meeting 2pm
- } Aug 9th—Regulators Cowboy Shoot—9am
- } Aug 15th—National Rifle League Shoot
- } Aug 30th—BRSC Board of Directors Meeting 4pm
- } Wednesdays—Firearms Training with Double A Tactical. All Ranges Open
- } Thursdays—Trap Shooters 11am

AUGUST 2020

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SEPTEMBER 2020

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Sep Schedule of Events

- } Sep 6th—Membership Meeting 2pm
- } Sep 12th—Scheduled Work Day. Ranges Closed 9am to 1pm
- } Sep 13th—Regulators Cowboy Shoot—9am
- } Sep 19th—National Rifle League Shoot
- } Sep 27th—BRSC Board of Directors Meeting 4pm
- } Wednesdays—Firearms Training with Double A Tactical. All Ranges Open
- } Thursdays—Trap Shooters 11am



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BRSC Presidents Notes

Everyday seems to bring another pending disaster or catastrophic event that will change our lives forever. The constants like family, faith and our desire to live in a world where freedom rings, seem to be under attack from within. The events in our country that we are all experiencing currently have had an affect on us all. From the social movements to the uncertainty of our governments requirements to counter the COVID-19 virus to the political grand standing in an election cycle. The ability of our medias influence over the masses has set a standard in modern warfare...their ability to give only a one sided view of events has twisted the truths and context of anyone who disagrees with their agenda.

Once our leadership positions in both state and federal government re-

ceived a level of respect no matter the political party who held it but that has now changed drastically. We are witnessing childish tantrums in both Washington DC and Richmond that is an embarrassment to us all. The inability to work together for the better of the people and settle differences on election day has turned into the constant infringements on our GOD given rights. It is time that "We The People" become the grown-ups who take these children over our knee and spank them out of office. Just voting is no longer enough, we have to become more involved in our community to make the changes in government that will make us proud. Americans have always been a stubborn people who demand nothing but the best in ourselves, our community and our country...where

did those Americans go? I believe that we at Blue Ridge Shooters Club represent a cross section of those patriots who stood up and demanded "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death." We all can make a difference starting in our communities...don't be afraid to speak out and demand a better country, a better community and a better self.

Jim
BRSC President

