

SUMMER 2021

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- 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 Face-book page to keep up on all things BRSC
- Springtime means more members at the Club on A more Regular Basis. Remember—Safety is Rule #1

**Blue Ridge
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BRSC 50 Years and Stronger Than Ever



Not many organizations can celebrate a 50th anniversary. The majority of organizations that operate like a business, fold within a year. The majority of the

others who make it through that first year, end up closing their doors within three years.

In a time where the discussion of the use of firearms is taboo in many circles a club like Blue Ridge Shooters Club stands out. The ability to maintain an organization where the main focus is the enjoyment and camaraderie that comes in the mutual interest in shooting sports for 50 years is quite an achievement.

Blue Ridge Shooters Club has had its ups and downs but overall the club has had some of the best people in our area who have placed the success of the club at

the top of their priority list. Blue Ridge Shooters Club has only been successful because of its members. The eagerness to have a place where shooting is taught, promoted & enjoyed safely by members and guests is a testament to its longevity.

Blue Ridge Shooters Club has developed over its 50 year history and continues to grow and improve every year. It's nice to think that 2780 South River Rd is hitting a milestone this year but the truth is that Blue Ridge Shooters Club is more than a piece of property...it's a family of members over a 50 year period of time.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars, Big Fun in September!

We couldn't let the 50th Anniversary of BRSC just go by and not have a birthday party. Our anniversary committee led by Chris Bowring, Roy Meditz, David Wright, Van Truslow & others have been working together to plan a party worthy of a 50 year celebration. Shooting competitions ranging through the

different shooting styles offered at BRSC, ending with a birthday fellowship dinner. Lets celebrate together and get everyone out to shoot together, eat together and have fun together.

There are several avenues for pre-registration for all events and there is a minimum number of entrants before the event will officially be scheduled so, register

today.

Details for the competitions and registration are on page 2 and 3.



These events are for all skill levels. We want to have fun and introduce new styles of shooting to the entire membership. No pressure if you haven't tried this before...we will help you be comfortable and remember the old saying about "Beginners Luck"

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another"

Proverbs 27:17

Good friendly competition makes us all better as long as we do it in the right spirit

50th Anniversary Celebration Shoot

September 25th, 2021

Here are the proposed shooting events for our 50th Anniversary.

We are planning on having shooting events for the following disciplines: pistol, shotgun, rimfire rifle, high-power rifle and cowboy shooting.

Event details are subject to change based on participation

Pistol: There will be 2 stages of fire, 5 targets each, on IDPA silhouette targets ranging from 5 -25 yds. Each stage will be timed with 2 shots each target with scoring. There will be classes for rimfire and centerfire, any sights. Required rounds of ammo, 40 rounds each class.

Shotgun: Event will be 2 rounds of trap 25 birds per round. Required rounds of ammo, 50 rounds.

Rimfire Rifle: There will be 2 different types of events.

Event 1 - 50 yard benchrest, 25 bull card in 20 minutes, unlimited sighters, ARA scoring. Any 22 long rifle chambered rifle, any sights, any rest. Required rounds of ammo, 25 plus extra for sighters. One box of 50 will be more than enough.

Event 2 - 3 different stages of NRL22 type firing scenarios. Distances will be from 25 yards to 100 yards. There may be different distances in each stage where you will have to shoot different targets at differing distances. Each stage will be timed for 2 minute max shooting time. All stages will be shot prone, bipods and bags permitted. Each stage will consist of 10 shots. Any 22 long rifle chambered rifle, any sights. Required rounds of ammo, 30 rounds.

High-power Rifle: This event is a bench rest event. Any centerfire rifle, any caliber, any sights, any rest(s). Distance will be 100 yards on a bullseye target (may have more than one bull) with scoring rings to determine score. Course of fire will be 10 shots plus sighters in 20 minutes. Required rounds of ammo, 10 rounds plus extra for sighters.

Cowboy: Event will be 2 stages of differing cowboy related scenarios. Max distance will be 25 yards, will involve shooting different targets at differing distances. Will be a timed event with scoring to include hits and time. Handgun only stages, no jacketed ammo. Required rounds of ammo, 48 rounds.

These are proposed events. In order for each of these events to succeed, we need a minimum of 5 shooters to participate. If we do not have the minimum 5 shooters per event, this event will be dropped from the overall celebration.

***“Democracy is
two wolves and
a lamb voting
on what to
have for lunch.
Liberty is a well
-armed lamb
contesting the
vote!”
-Benjamin
Franklin***

50th Anniversary Shoot Preregistration

September 25th, 2021

In order to know which events are going to be held, we need each shooter to preregister.

Preregistration:

Pre-registration can be done by following the link on the front page of the Blue Ridge Shooters Club website or you can email the address below, state your name and which event(s) you would like to enter. Use the numbers assigned to the event.

- 1) Pistol Centerfire
- 2) Pistol Rimfire
- 3) Shotgun
- 4) Rimfire Rifle Benchrest
- 5) Rimfire Rifle NRL22
- 6) High-power Rifle
- 7) Cowboy Action

Preregistration can also be done at any Board Meeting or Monthly Club meeting

The preregistration email is: brscmatches@gmail.com Subject: Match Preregistration

There is no charge for these events as this is for members only

Deadline for preregistration is the September Monthly Club Meeting, September 5, 2021 at 2 pm. At this time those events with qualifying shooters will be announced. Those will be the only events held on shoot day. Start times to be determined. Each event will only run in the time slot allowed.

We must emphasize the preregistration. It takes time to set up these events. If there is not enough interest in any of these events, they will not be held. Only those with a minimum of 5 preregistered shooters will be conducted. Once the minimum of 5 shooters have registered then and only then will registration be opened up for the day of the event.

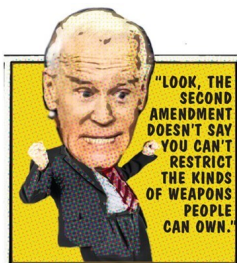
There will be awards for those placing in each event, trophies, plaques, certificates.

Date of shoot is September 25, 2021 starting at 9 am. Will run until completed before end of day.

All club members will then be invited to a celebratory banquet to be held on September 26, 2021 starting at 4 pm. Again, members only.

Preregister today to ensure a successful celebration shoot and have a great time!

Biden Reiterates Call to Ban 9mm Handguns



Joe Biden Wants Your Guns

During a July 21 CNN “presidential town hall,” Joe Biden expressed his support for a ban on commonly-owned handguns. Responding to a question about the recent increase in violent crime, the career politician stated,

I'm the only guy that ever got passed legislation, when I was a senator, to make sure we eliminated assault weapons. The idea you need a weapon that can have the ability to fire 20, 30, 40, 50, 120 shots from that weapon, whether -- whether it's a 9-millimeter pistol or whether it's a rifle, is ridiculous. I'm continuing to push to eliminate the sale of those things.

Biden's proposed ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms capable of accepting a detachable magazine is unconstitutional. The landmark Second Amendment U.S. Supreme Court case *District of Columbia v. Hel-*

ler concerned a complete prohibition on the ownership of handguns in Washington, D.C. The opinion made clear that the Second Amendment at a minimum protects the right to acquire and possess firearms “in common use at the time” for lawful purposes such as self-defense.

In the context commonly-owned semi-automatic rifles, *Heller* author Justice Antonin Scalia made clear that the Second Amendment prohibits governments from banning America's most popular rifle – the AR-15. In 2015, Justice Scalia joined Justice Clarence Thomas in a dissent from the denial of certiorari in *Friedman v. Highland Park*, a case concerning a local ban on commonly-owned semi-automatic firearms. Justice Thomas explained,

Roughly five million Americans own AR-style semiautomatic rifles. The overwhelming majority of citizens who own and use such rifles do so for lawful purposes, including self-defense and target shooting. Under our precedents, that is all that is needed for citizens to have a right under the Second

Amendment to keep such weapons.

A ban on semi-automatic pistols is even more at odds with the law. Semi-automatic pistols are America's favorite category of firearm. Moreover, pistols chambered in Biden's dreaded 9mm are the most popular pistol in this category.

At the same time semi-automatic handguns have become ubiquitous, support for a ban on handguns has plummeted. For six decades, Gallup has periodically asked Americans “Do you think there should or should not be a law that would ban the possession of handguns, except by the police and other authorized persons?” In 1959, 60 percent of respondents supported such a ban. In 2020, a mere 25 percent supported this unconstitutional measure.

Perhaps if Biden had spent more time studying, and less time transcribing, in law school he would have a firmer grasp of Constitutional law. As it stands, gun rights supporters will need to educate Biden and his political allies at the ballot box.

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



OK, Terry, You're Crazy

Virginia Democrat gubernatorial nominee, Terry McAuliffe, got in on the game of comparing guns to other activities by making a ridiculous, and false comment that puts him in the company of Obama.

"Call me crazy, but I think it should be easier to vote than to buy a gun," McAuliffe

For a response to candidate McAuliffe, please refer to the title of this article. And based on to his ill-informed message, we are not alone. When comparing two constitutionally-protected rights, neither should really be considered "easier" to exercise than the other. Amendments including the 15th, the 19th, the 24th & the 26th Amendments all strengthen and ease the right to vote for everyone.

But what of McAuliffe's implication that it is currently easier to buy a gun than it is to vote? If he truly believes this, then maybe he is crazy. at the federal level, there has been a steady drive to make voting easier, and the goal has been to remove any restrictions on voter eligibility. In fact, the only real federal "restriction" on who can vote is the requirement that one is a US citizen who is at least 18. That's it.

As for federal restrictions on who can or cannot purchase a firearm? Well, if you are reading this, then you probably know the comparison is like night and day.

Contrary to Joe Biden's recently debunked claim that the Second Amendment limits who can own what firearms, the numerous federal restrictions on purchasing firearms have been put in place by Congress.

Just relating to the purchase of firearms, which is what McAuliffe mentioned, there are any number of requirements and restrictions at the federal level.



When you go to a gun dealer, you must produce valid identification, fill out a federal form stating you are not prohibited from purchasing a firearm, then wait while a background check is conducted to make sure you are not prohibited from purchasing a firearm.

There are no comparable federal requirements to vote.

There are many people who would be prohibited from purchasing a firearm. Felons, of course, both violent and non-violent, as well as some with certain misdemeanor convictions. Those with certain mental health adjudications cannot lawfully acquire a firearm, as well as those who have had certain charges filed against them, but have not actually been found guilty of committing any crime. The list of disqualifiers for purchasing a firearm, under federal law, is long, especially when compared to the disqualifiers for voting.

There are no disqualifiers under federal law for voting. You must simply be a US citizen who has turned 18. So, at least at the federal level, there are virtually no impediments to voting, while there are many when it comes to purchasing a firearm. Federal law even allows you to register to vote, and vote, by mail when overseas. Try buying a gun that way.

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Maybe Terry was talking about restrictions in Virginia.

Voting in Virginia is neither difficult nor complicated. You can register to vote in a number of easy ways, including online. You can vote absentee by mail, drop off your absentee ballot at a designated location, or go to the polls on Election Day. While some states require a witness sign an absentee ballot to ensure the person voting is the person who is supposed to be casting that ballot, Virginia has removed that requirement.

If you choose to cast your ballot at the polls on Election Day, just show up. While there is an extensive list of acceptable ID you can use to prove you are who you say you are (far more extensive than the list of acceptable ID for gun purchases), you are not actually required to present ID. You can simply fill out an ID Confirmation Statement. Try doing that at a gun store.

Speaking of going to a gun store, along with the aforementioned federal restrictions for purchasing a firearm, Virginia a number of its own restrictions on guns that go beyond federal laws. These include restrictions on purchasing firearms, both at gun stores and privately.

So, by virtually any metric available, it is demonstrably "easier" to vote in Virginia, where McAuliffe hopes to again be governor, than it is to purchase a firearm. Whether or not that means the candidate is truly "crazy" may be up for debate. What it does mean, though, is he has no idea as to what the laws are in the Old Dominion where he hopes to be governor (again), or he is being intentionally disingenuous, and simply regurgitating one of the standard anti-gun tropes so popular within the gun-ban community.

BACK IN

1971

World Population
3.78 billion
US Population
207.7 million



Born in 1971

Elon Musk
Jada Pinkett Smith
Tupac Shakur
Snoop Dogg
Mark Wahlberg
Winona Ryder
Idina Menzel
Sacha Baron Cohen



MOVIES

- ★ A Clockwork Orange
- ★ The French Connection
- ★ McCabe & Mrs. Miller
- ★ Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory
- ★ The Last Picture Show
- ★ Dirty Harry
- ★ Fiddler on the Roof
- ★ Kluge



SPORTS

World Series Champions:
Pittsburgh Pirates
Super Bowl Champions:
Baltimore Colts
NBA Champions:
Milwaukee Bucks
Stanley Cup Champions:
Montreal Canadiens



BIG EVENTS



- ★ The Voting Age is lowered to 18 yrs old.
- ★ The Walt Disney World Theme Park is opened.
- ★ NASA's Apollo 14 mission to the Moon is launched.
- ★ China is admitted to the United Nations UN.
- ★ A new stock market index called the Nasdaq debuts.
- ★ Greenpeace formally comes into existence.
- ★ Federal Express is started by Fred Smith.
- ★ Intel releases world's first microprocessor.
- ★ The First Internet Chat rooms appear.
- ★ Texas Instruments releases the first pocket calculator.

The USA President

Richard M. Nixon



LIFE EXPECTANCY

71.1 years

WHAT THINGS cost?



Yearly Income
\$10,600
New House \$25,250
Monthly Rent \$150
New Car \$3,580
Gas per Gallon \$0.40
Dozen Eggs \$0.64
Gallon of Milk \$1.16
Loaf of Bread \$0.25
Postage Stamp \$0.08



BOOKS



E.M. Forster, Maurice
John Hawkes, Blood Oranges
Frank O'Hara, The Collected Poems
Bernard Malamud, The Tenants
Cynthia Ozick, The Pagan Rabbi and
Other Stories

POPULAR Music



Won't Get Fooled Again - The Who
I Am...I Said - Neil Diamond
Whatcha See Is Whatcha Get - The Dramatics
Me and You and a Dog Named Boo - Lobo
Sweet and Innocent - Donny Osmond
Theme From "Shaft" - Isaac Hayes
Take Me Home, Country Roads - John Denver
Riders On The Storm - The Doors
Love Her Madly - The Doors
She's A Lady - Tom Jones





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.

BoD meetings held the Sunday before the Regularly Monthly Membership Meeting @ 4pm at the Clubhouse.

Reminders...

- ◆ There is a hand washing station in the Port-A-John with fresh water (not the blue water) , soap & paper towels for everyone's convenience. The fresh water is pumped from the fresh water tank by a foot pump at the bottom of the station.
- ◆ While shooting at the 100yrd range, if you are shooting 25yds or less—it is a much safer option to use the 25yd range. This ensures that your rounds will hit the berm and not ricochet into surrounding neighbors property.

BRSC Presidents Notes

What an honor to be President of our fine organization! I am especially honored to be present for the club's 50th Anniversary. We have worked hard to bring some updates to the club over the last couple of years such as the Security Camera System, Automatic Gate, Website, Social Media pages and we are continuing to improve our little happy place (as I call it). The buildings are all cleaned, maintained and painted, landscaping is done on a regular basis, new mower along with our grounds committee keep the place looking great. Our future plans as we implement them will make us the envy of private ranges throughout the Old Dominion. Expanding the 25 yard range to accommodate more shooters, the proposed patio where members can relax together and grill or just sit by

the fire, and the growth of our membership which allows us to create Safety Committees to guarantee that Blue Ridge Shooters Club is as safe and trustworthy environment as we can make it.

The next 50 years of shooting sports and enjoyment at Blue Ridge Shooters Club is depending on the legacy of the previous 50 years. We have the foundation to continue building upon that was started in 1971, a facility to be the "happy place" in generations to come. Most of us won't be around in 2071 for the Centennial but what a testament Blue Ridge Shooters Club will be to those who are, if we continue on the path we have set forth.

One final thing as I close...remember Safety is the most important thing at BRSC. Never get complacent and



always use common sense while handling firearms. Our safety rules are posted at both the 100yd & 25yd ranges. These are there to remind you how easy it is for someone to get hurt if we don't follow these simple rules. Finish out the rest of summer without any incidents or accidents...Please Be Safe.

Thanks for the last 50 years and onward to the next 50 safe & happy years at Blue Ridge Shooters Club