



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
- This edition has been held so to be available for 2021 BRSC Election results announcements.

Blue Ridge Shooters Club

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BRSC 2021 Annual Meeting

When the Board of Directors sat down in the fall of 2020 to discuss the plans for the Annual Meeting there was a hope that the COVID-19 restrictions placed on us by Governor Northam would be lifted and we could move ahead with a bigger, better and more involved Annual Meeting. The Blue Ridge Shooters Club Bylaws stipulate in Article 5, subsection A...

Annual Meeting - The Annual Meeting of the BRSC shall be held on the first Sunday January in each year and Club officers and directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting. If the Annual Meeting does not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. Notice of the time, place and matters to be covered at the Annual Meeting shall be given in writing, either by electronic mail, if the member has provided the club an

electronic mail address or United States mail, to all Club members in good standing not less than seven days prior to the Annual Meeting. It is the responsibility of the member to provide the Secretary correct addresses, either for electronic mail or for United States mail or both.

The Board was excited about the 2021 Annual Meeting plans because they had included a catered lunch and a Swap Meet. The hopes that serving a nice lunch would inspire fellow shooting enthusiasts to come together and fellowship over a meal and encourage more people to participate in club events. The meal was going to be provided by the Raphine Rescue Auxiliary, which means our food cost and preparation was going to help a great cause in our community.

The Swap Meet was an idea to

help clean out those gun closets and gun rooms of that stuff we didn't need and refill it with more stuff we probably didn't need but was much more cool than the stuff we had before.

The Board of Directors was also planning to lay out the plan for the upcoming year of events including a large celebration of our 50th year anniversary. This will include a variety of competitions and events ending in a banquet for trophy presentations, bragging and fellowship. This is still in the plans (if the restrictions are lifted) there will be more info to come.

We are disappointed that our plans could not be fulfilled due to the current situation but just like 2020, we will persevere and go even bigger next year.

Happy 50th Anniversary

2021 Board of Directors Election

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions our process of electing officers for the 2021 year per our bylaws have had to be adjusted. The Board of Directors have followed the bylaws in the process as they are written but the BoD does not want to push the event of elections back any further. The decision has made to vote electronically. This after thoughtful deliberation, has been

agreed to be the best option available to us so that we can meet the requirements of the bylaws and also be as thorough and efficient as we can be under the restrictions placed upon us at this time. Especially when were cannot be sure of when these restrictions will be lifted.

An email went out the week of February 8th with a link to a site

where Hugh Bouchelle prepared an online ballot to place your vote. The process was simple and only took a few minutes. We would rather meet & vote in person but this was the best we could do under the current circumstances.

Note: Dominion Voting Machines were NOT used in this process.

Election results are on pg. 3

Scalpers Are Driving Up Ammunition Costs and Contributing to the Ammo Shortage

- Chris Mudgett 2/12/2021 outdoorlife.com

"If ye love wealth better than liberty, the tranquility of servitude better than the animating contest of freedom, go home from us in peace. We ask not your counsels or your arms. Crouch down and lick the hands which feed you. May your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that you were our countrymen."

-Samuel Adams

Just what, exactly, is causing the month's long ammo shortage and price increases that shooters and hunters are seeing across the country? After a series of interviews and private conversations, it's clear that the ammunition shortage is not the result of manufacturers dragging their feet. In fact, just the opposite is true: 2020 represented the absolute manufacturing limit of the firearms industry. Many have pointed to the panic-buying mentality of American consumers and, even more acutely, at the opportunists who are buying ammo in bulk and then selling it online at increased prices. But is that happening frequently enough to cause an overall rise in ammo costs and a shortage on store shelves? Let's take a look.

Understanding Ammunition Distributors and Dealers

If we're going to understand the ammo shortage, we must first understand how ammunition is distributed and sold. Ammunition traditionally flows from a manufacturer's facility to a distributor's warehouse, where it's then dispersed to dealers based on when they placed their orders and the quantity they ordered. I spoke with a large distributor who said that they, just like their competition, are getting the same regular shipments from manufacturers and those shipments are quickly broken down and allocated to dealers based on the timing of their orders. In other words, it's business as usual. If a dealer was asleep at the wheel and failed to plan, their order is processed when they're next in the queue. This could contribute to what customers are seeing in their local brick-and-mortar stores, and why some have empty shelves while others are getting pallets of ammunition delivered.

The Impact of

Online Retailers

As we all know, a ton of business is now conducted online. Many online retailers allow customers to backorder products and will fulfill those orders when stock is re-

plenished. Oftentimes, these products appear to be perpetually out of stock, when in reality, online retailers are regularly getting stock, yet that stock immediately ships to customers with current backorders. In other instances, online retailers allow customers to set notifications to alert them when an item is back in stock, which explains why you may come across ammunition that is listed as in stock, but by the time you punch your credit card information in for your order, the stock is completely wiped out. You can find complaints about this on almost any firearms-related forum or social page.

The Ammunition

Scalpers

Once customers realize that selling ammunition back to a local retailer is easy money, the next step is obvious: scour the internet and big box stores like Walmart to find ammunition for sale at normal pricing. At this point, the ammo scalper buys up all the ammo available, only to resell his haul back to a local retailer at scalpers' prices. Or, he'll resell it online. Those rounds, of course, are marked up and bought by anxiously waiting customers.

I also spoke with a scalper, who wished to remain unnamed, who told me that he had made approximately \$30,000 dollars in profit last fall by buying ammunition cheap and selling it locally, or on GunBroker.com, at heavily inflated prices. He said people are terrified of the future and are willing to pay almost any price today, for fear it will be even more expensive tomorrow—if it's even available at all. While there's no way to quantify how much ammo is being scalped, experts in the industry say that it's happening often enough to impact the market at large.

Retail Perspective

To get a better idea of how scalping is affecting the retail industry, I called Dave Michniewicz, chief firearm coordinator at Kittery Trading Post, one of New Eng-

land's largest firearms and ammunition retailers. Michniewicz says there was little doubt in his mind these customers weren't all stock-piling such a random assortment of calibers in bulk. His initial speculation was that they were reselling the ammo online at places like GunBroker.com and Armslist.com, at a significant markup. A quick search of these sites by his team helped verify that hunch. The firearms industry welcomed about 8 million new gun owners into the fold during 2020 alone, according to the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Let's take the 8 million figure and say for each gun sold, one 50-round box of ammo was also purchased. That is 400 million in unexpected rounds right off the top. Four. Hundred. Million. Rounds. While that may sound like a lot today, we may all look back at that number and mutter "those were amateur numbers," because 2021 is already off to a fiery start. January 2021 set the all-time single-month record for FBI firearms background checks, which is our closest measurement for tracking potential firearms sales. Another option is good old-fashioned bartering. If you've got an excess supply of 30-round AR magazines or a set of rings you're not using, use them to offset your ammunition cost on the secondary market. Internet forums and Facebook groups are great for working trades. Lastly, when you do locate a quantity of ammunition, and you will: please don't panic-buy the whole lot. That's only making the problem worse for everyone.

When Will the Ammo Shortage End?

Unfortunately, no one knows for sure. But based on interviews with experts, my prediction is that the ammunition market will require two full years to recover from the thrashing it received last year. And that's before it will begin to stabilize. And that's if there isn't any threat of restrictive firearms legislation from the federal government. If restrictive legislation is formally proposed, buckle up. The market is going to be in for another wild ride.

2021 BRSC Board of Directors

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The following people have agreed to continue or agreed to step up and offer their time and effort to make our club a better experience for us all.

All members newly elected to the Board of Directors will begin his or her position at the BoD meeting on the last Sunday of February and his/her term of service will continue until the elections for the 2022 Annual Elections are held.

The election results are as follows...

President
Jim Wood (Incumbent)

Vice President
Richard Elias (Incumbent)

Treasurer
Barent Parslow

Secretary
Hugh Bouchelle (Incumbent)

Asst. Secretary
Penelope Ferguson

Members-At-Large
David Wright (Incumbent)
Van Truslow (Incumbent)
Jeff Wilson

Committee Chairs are appointed and removed by the Board of Directors.



The Board of Directors are constantly looking for new ways to improve our club in all ways possible. The

Board of Directors Notes

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.

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.



February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Firearms Training	4 Trap Shooters 1pm	5	6
7	8	9	10 Firearms Training	11 Trap Shooters 1pm	12	13 Bench Rest Match 11:30am
14	15	16	17 Firearms Training	18 Trap Shooters 1pm	19	20 NRL Match 9am
21	22	23	24 Firearms Training	25 Trap Shooters 1pm	26	27
28 Board of Directors Meeting 4pm						

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Range Maintenance- Mowing 2pm	3 Firearms Training	4 Trap Shooters	5	6
7 Membership Meeting 2pm	8	9 Range Maintenance- Mowing 2pm	10 Firearms Training	11 Trap Shooters 1pm	12	13 Bench Rest Match 11:30am
14	15	16 Range Maintenance- Mowing 2pm	17 Firearms Training	18 Trap Shooters 1pm	19	20 NRL Match 9am
21	22	23 Range Maintenance- Mowing 2pm	24 Firearms Training	25 Trap Shooters 1pm	26	27
28 Board of Directors Meeting 4pm	29	30 Range Maintenance- Mowing 2pm	31 Firearms Training			

Mowing will commence as needed. This will be determined by Grounds Committee Chair.

Wednesdays Firearms Training will not interfere with member club participation. Ranges are open to membership



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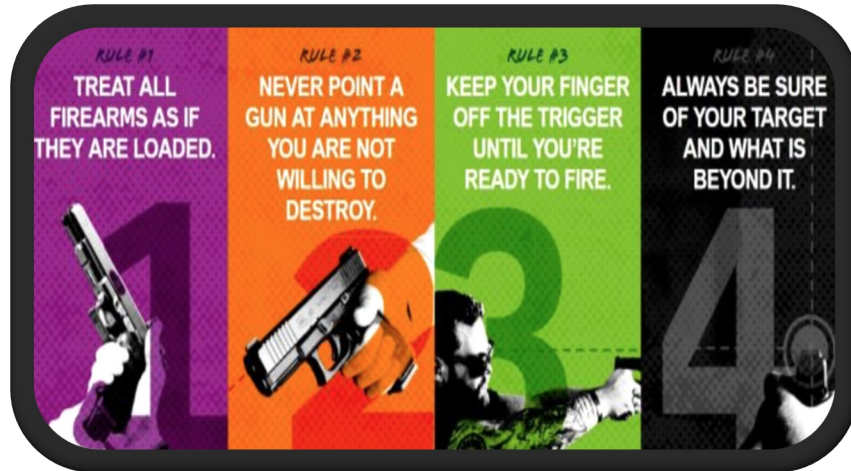
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BRSC Presidents Notes...

I can only assume that the amount of unopposed officer positions in the 2021 elections, can only mean that you—the membership are happy with the progress made by the board in 2020. I can vouch for the work and dedication that the 2020 Board of Directors put into the upgrades and improvements to the club but, it couldn't have been done without a combined team effort from both the BoD and membership...Thank You.

I especially want to thank Jeff Grossman for all the hard work he put in over the last few years serving as our Treasurer. Jeff has been pulled in many different directions from within BRSC as well as from outside groups where his management and organizational skills have proven him to be an integral team member. Jeff's knowledge in tracking and maintaining all aspects of BRSC's revenue & expenditures has been key to our financial stability over the years of his watch. Prior obligations has led

to Jeff stepping down from consideration in the position for 2021 forward. Jeff will be working with our new Treasurer to get him up to speed.

Again, Thank You Jeff.

2021 as most of you know by now is the 50th Anniversary of Blue Ridge Shooters Club. I look forward to the celebrations planned for such a milestone. Chris Bowring has really stepped up and is leading the Anniversary Committee with plans to set the next 50 years off with a BANG. There will be more information to follow soon.



Finally, considering the lack of ammunition available in today's market, I am hoping that this will not keep you from participating in future club events. Our club is not only a place to shoot but a place for like-minded friends to get together. The ability for us to have a place where we can meet and enjoy the company of people who understand the need and recreation of firearms is truly a blessing. It is also up to us to pass on our knowledge of firearms throughout the generations especially with the recent reports in the extreme growth of gun sales. Passing on this legacy is as American as you can get.

I enjoy spending time at the club even if I am not shooting...the quality of people are what makes BRSC what it is.

Jim Wood
President