



# 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
- Summer Work Day will be on June 28th 9am to 1pm

## Blue Ridge Shooters Club

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## New Virginia Gun Laws Starting July 1, 2020

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, Governor Ralph Northam signed into law the anti-gun bills passed by the General Assembly. They will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Despite concerns that he would make amendments to criminalize gifting or loaning firearms or eliminate the carry permit exemption for handgun rationing, he did not. The bills that received amendments will now go back to the General Assembly for further consideration.

Thanks to broad opposition from citizens across the state, Gov. Northam was unable to get his comprehensive gun ban passed this year. He stated during his press conference that he will seek it again next year. **Make no mistake, the anti-gun majority will be back in 2021 to push their agenda once again.**

[Senate Bill 70](#) and [House Bill 2](#) criminalize private sales of firearms without first paying fees. There are no exemptions for sales between friends, neighbors, collectors, or fellow hunters. These proposals would have no impact on crime and are completely unenforceable.

[Senate Bill 69](#) and [House Bill 812](#) arbitrarily ration an individual's right to lawfully purchase a handgun to once within 30 days. Does not apply to anyone with a valid Virginia Concealed Carry Permit.

[Senate Bill 240](#) and [House Bill 674](#) allow the seizure of an individual's firearms on baseless accusations without a hearing or other opportunity for the person to be heard in court. They permit the government to seize firearms based on weak and nebulous standards of evidence. A person subject to a suspension of a Constitutional right should be entitled to high evidentiary standards, an opportunity to be heard, and the right to face his or her accusers. Civil liberties advo-

cates from across the political spectrum have expressed concerns on these "red flag" schemes and how the procedure might lead to abuses of the process because of insufficient due process protections.

[House Bill 9](#) victimizes gun owners who suffer loss or theft of their property with a fine if they don't report a lost or stolen firearm within 48 hours of discovering them missing.

[House Bill 1083](#) severely restricts parental decisions about firearms in the home while attaching excessive penalties for violations.

### Referred back to the General Assembly with amendments:

[Senate Bill 35](#) and [House Bill 421](#) destroy Virginia's firearm preemption laws by allowing localities to create new "gun-free zones" in and around government buildings, parks, and permitted events. Criminals will ignore these restrictions, leaving law-abiding citizens unable to defend themselves and their loved ones.

# Future is Bright at BRSC

*You May Need Your  
Sun  
Glasses  
on the 100 yd  
Range*



The lights in the 100 yd. shoot house have been upgraded to LED. The 6, 100 watt, 450 Lumen incandescent lights have been upgraded to 7 4500 Lumen LED fixtures. That's more than 10 times the lighting output so that we can have much better visibility in weapon adjustments and operations. This also gives us more area of lit space to see where we can keep our shoot house a little more organized and clean.

We have also added lighting to

the outer shooting positions where lights had never been installed before.. The lights in the outer area have already proven to be beneficial when trying to clean up and pack out at dusk.

There are plans to install more lighting on the outside perimeter of the building. This may be completed before the end of this year.



## 2020 Work Days

**'Real patriotism is a willingness to challenge the government when it's wrong.**

*Ron Paul*

Blue Ridge Shooters Club has changed its policy on member work days. Every member is required to complete no less than one 4-hour work day per year. This is not a lot to ask in return for having a place to seek refuge, fellowship and recreation. If you do not complete the required work day then you will be required to pay an extra Fee for your next

years membership dues.

If you cannot attend any of these dates but still want to participate...please contact a Board of Directors member to schedule a day of task that will complete your work day duties for the year.

This club belongs to all of us and it is up to us to make it as nice and operable as possible.

**Scheduled Work days for 2020...**

**9am to 1pm\***

**June 28th - 9am to 1pm**

**September**

**12th - 9am to 1pm**

**November 8th - 9am to 1pm**

\* Times may be subject to change. Proper notice will be given.

## New Projects At Blue Ridge

In the summer months to come we are looking to complete a few projects around the club. In the next couple of weeks we expect a crew at the club to fix the pavement near the clubhouse and remove the old outhouse.

We will also be installing to 2 more of the CONEX shipping containers to use as needed

storage. One of the containers will be for range and competition storage, one will be for grounds maintenance (mowers, rakes, shovels, etc...) and the last will be for the Cowboy Action Shooters. This will help clean up the range of the old storage bins and make available the storage room at the pistol range. There will also be a crew of landscapers present in the 2nd

week of June to clear brush along the ranges and road, clean up all the berms and spray to control the growth of the grass on the berms.

Lastly, we are looking to have some trees removed that could cause trouble in high wind or storms.

We appreciate your patience as these improvements are completed.

## Despite Confiscation, New Zealand Sees Most Gun Crime in a Decade

On April 5, 2019, three days after New Zealand's Arms Amendment Act 2019 advanced from its first reading in parliament, NRA-ILA noted that "given the abundant research on Australia's similar gun confiscation efforts, New Zealand officials can expect that their gun control measures will do little more than trample the natural rights of gun owners..." This week the first evidence vindicating this position came in when Radio New Zealand (RNZ) published figures it had obtained from the government showing that for last year crime involving firearms was the highest it had been since 2009. According to an RNZ article titled, "Rates of gun crimes and killings using guns at highest levels in a decade in 2019," last year "there were 3540 occasions where an offender was

found with a gun." The report went on to note that "in both of the last two years, the rate of deadly incidents involving a firearm was the highest it had been since 2009" and that "the number of guns seized by police is also on the rise, up almost 50 percent on five years earlier at 1263 last year." Making clear that the figures cited in the article were not skewed by the horrific shooting in Christchurch, the report noted that "the 15 March terror attacks were listed as two separate firearms-related incidents."

On March 21, 2019, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern targeted New Zealand's law-abiding gun owners by unilaterally halting the sale of semi-automatic centerfire firearms that utilize detachable magazines to normal gun owners.

The Arms Amendment Act 2019 was passed into law on April 10 and received royal assent the following day. The key provision of the legislation outlawed possession of all semi-automatic centerfire rifles and their magazines.

In order to enforce the ban, the legislation provided for a firearm confiscation scheme. As with Australia's 1996 national firearms "buyback" program, law-abiding New Zealand gun owners were forced to turn their lawfully-acquired property over to the government for a set amount of compensation. The program ran from June 20-December 20, 2019. Compliant gun owners were treated to poor compensation and a breach of their personal data.

At the end of the confiscation program the government had

collected roughly 56,000 firearms. A June 2019 report from consulting firm KPMG had estimated that there were as many as 173,000 newly-prohibited firearms in the country. New Zealand gun rights group, the Council of Licensed Firearms Owners estimated that 170,000 prohibited firearms were still in the hands of Kiwis after the confiscation program.

It should come as no surprise that New Zealand's new gun control laws haven't appeared to effect gun crime. After all, gang members told the government as much.

## 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 at the Clubhouse.

Board of Directors...

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Asst. Secretary - Val Martz

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## 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.





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**Make Sure to follow Blue Ridge Shooters Club  
on Facebook & Twitter**



## BRSC Presidents Notes

What a year we have had so far! The actions of government & citizens surrounding the COVID-19 virus has made its place in American history. The constant uncertainty of our daily routines have turned our lives upside down and inside out the last few months. Hopefully as Virginia moves into Phase 2 we may start to see some normality resume. I pray that this is the last that we see of any pandemic that makes such an impact on our lives, our families and our country.

We have all experienced the recent violence that has spread across our country in the last week. This has been a perfect example of why we need to have sufficient arms and ammunition to defend our families. The demand for firearms and ammunition throughout both the COVID-19 lock

down and the recent rapid spread of violence have left most gun stores, outdoor stores and other sources of firearms & ammunition ridiculously low on inventory. Handgun ammunition manufacturers have said that it could be the end of the year before inventory levels will return to normal. Various handguns, home defense shotguns and AR-15's are also on the list of hard-to-find. Several manufacturers and distributors have shut down completely to wait out the chaos of our current world. Some items will be available in limited quantities soon and some may be later this year...we'll just have to wait and see together.

On a different note, I hope you are enjoying some of the changes we have made to date. Each of these changes are to make our club a more

comfortable place to escape the everyday chaos that we are currently experiencing...no matter if we spend a day of recreation, competition or taking a little time to decompress with a little bang-bang therapy.

Jim  
President, BRSC

