

BRSC News



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COVID-19 Virus

SPECIAL **POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Until the Covid-19 Virus has been brought down to levels acceptable please watch the website calendar for special event. meeting and visitation updates.
- Please "Like" the Blue Ridge Shooters Club Facebook page to keep up on all things BRSC
- The Annual Cowboy Roundup has been postponed to October due to the COVID-19 Virus
- If you are not receiving emails, please send us a message through the website so we can make sure you get all members updates in a timely manner

Blue Ridge Shooters Club

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As most of you know the COVID-19 Virus has dictated our lives for the last month...cabin fever can get the best of you if you let it. The BRSC ranges will remain open until we are forced to close (if that ever happens). If you feel ill in any way please refrain from coming to the club. We don't want you to get any more sick and we don't want any of our members catching anything from you and then take it home. Please be respectful & responsible with your own and our fellow members health.

During this time BRSC is requesting that members keep guest visits to a minimum in order to help insure the well being of other members.

The following information is provided by the CDC to help control the spread of the virus...



Know How it Spreads

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The virus is thought to
- spread mainly from personto-person. Between people who are in

close contact with one an-Put distance between yourself and other people.

- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread virus.
- other (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or . talks.
- These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possi-

Clean your hands often, Wash your hands

often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home as much as possible

bly be inhaled into the lungs.

Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
 - Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.

Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- If you are in a private setting and do not have on your cloth face covering, remember to always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- Throw used tissues in the trash.

Immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

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New Flags at **Blue Ridge Shooters Club** Clubhouse



The new normal of starting every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance; it seemed necessary to procure a set of ceremonial flags for our clubhouse. This set is now an official part of the Blue Ridge Shooters Club so when we say the Pledge of allegiance before every meeting we can all appreciate the blood and sacrifice made by so many to make us all free people.

make it a more comfortable atmosphere during meetings. This should also allow us to seat more members inside the building comfortably. By entering from the back of the meeting it will also help move the meetings along more smoothly due to no one walking in front of the Board of Directors table as business is being conducted.

has been rearranged so to

Also, notice that the clubhouse

American Pride at BRSC

Scheduled Work days for 2020... April 25th -9am to Ipm* June 28th - 9am to Ipm September 12th - 9am to 1pm November 8th - 9am to lpm *Will be Rescheduled Due To the

COVOID-19 Virus

"They who can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

> -Benjamin Franklin January 1775

2020 Work Days

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 \$25 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.

Damaged Target Stands



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Target stands are still being destroyed which cost BRSC regularly in increased operating costs.

After reviewing the cameras the problem is not so much with the use of ground targets (Please review

club rules pertaining to ground targets on the club website) but people shooting through closer targets and hitting the stands that are down range. When you finish shooting and break down your targets please move the target stands to the side or bring them back to the firing line.



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Critters & Varmints

6ft Timber Rattler Killed in 100yd Shoot House 2018

Spring time brings out all the Critters & Varmints so be watchful. We have had several sightings over the last few years of many different varieties of snakes, spiders and such at the range so be careful when entering the outhouses, storage buildings and trap

house. Recently an unidentified species of snake was seen at the pistol range. It managed to maneuver itself up the wall in the door facing all the way up to the top just under the roof and found an entrance into the storage room. They are very adaptable and can find themselves in the most surprising places so please watch your step and avoid them at every chance. Remember the rules at BRSC state "No Hunting Allowed" so if at all possible just let them go about their way and don't try to engage them unless you are in immediate danger.

Remember the Clubhouse has a landline for in case of Emergencies!

If he comes back, PLEASE don't shoot the Lama!



New Board of Directors

In January at the Blue Ridge Shooters Club Annual Meeting we were extremely happy to see so many members attend...we encourage this kind of attendance at all meetings. A new Board of Directors election was held and positions were filled for 2020. Since then the elected President has stepped down and the Vice-President has stepped up to fill the position. The Vice-President has been appointed to the position per the BRSC Bylaws. The Club Board of Directors Are... President - Jim Wood Vice-President - Richard Elias Treasurer - Jeff Grossman Asst. Treasurer - Jeff Wilson Secretary - Hugh Bouchelle Asst. Secretary - Val Martz Members at Large - Van Truslow David Wright

Gary Hayes



T-Shirts, Stickers, Patches & Hats

It has been brought up on several occasions that the membership would like to have Blue Ridge Shooters Club T-Shirts, Stickers, Patches & Hats available for purchase. If there is enough interest we can make this happen. Please email or post on the Blue Ridge Shooters Club Facebook page that you are interested and we can move forward on making this happen. We can have options for all four categories or we can have any variation of possibilities. We can have just T-Shirts & Hats, T-Shirts & Patches, Hats & Stickers, etc...it's your club, we can make it happen if you choose.

We would not have any prices till a decision is made on what exactly we want.



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SAFETY FIRST



1 TREAT ALL FIREARMS AS IF THEY ARE LOADED 2 ALWAYS KEEP THE MUZZLE POINTED IN A SAFE DIRECTION 3 FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SHOOT 4 KNOW YOUR TARGET & BEYOND

BRSC Presidents Notes

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jim Wood and I am the 2020 BRSC President. The current Board of Directors and I are looking forward to a fun, safe, Virus free year.

We are discussing new things for BRSC in the future and things we can do to make our club more like an extension of home than just a place to go shoot. We are looking at projects that may take a few years and some things that can be done now. We want to spend your membership dues efficiently all while making sure we are saving enough money for any unforeseen things that could happen. We have discussed expanding the pistol range so we can make use of the entire berm, We have discussed installing a more appealing flag pole area including the state flag and maybe flags of the different branches of the military that would also include a few picnic tables. We are interested in creating committees that can oversee the different events we have such as the NRL shoots, trap shooters and any other events we want to sponsor.

That is just a few of the ideas we have kicked around for the future. So far this year we have purchased the ceremonial flags you saw earlier in this newsletter. We have also began the installation of the new gas heater system in the 100yd shoot house. This will allow us to be more warm while shooting in colder months. This system will have a controlled thermostat and timer to be as safe as possible. It will also allow us to move all the wood and other items from around the shoot house that has become such a haven for snakes. We are looking forward to making these changes all while keeping our home range atmosphere.

Please feel free to contact any of the Board of Directors or Committee Chairs with anything concerning BRSC.

Jim

President, BRSC

