

Benzie Sportsman's Club Newsletter



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Members - remember to
have your guests sign our
liability waiver then,
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**SHOOTING HOURS
BEGIN AT
10:00 AM**



Hunter Ed - August 17th & 18th

March 2019

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 3/11/19

315 ----- Annual Members
23 ----- Life Members
16 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG
354----- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class
Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423**

Contact the newsletter editor
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Presidents Column



We are going to resume our potluck dinners next month – April 8th 6:00 pm followed by our monthly members meeting. It will be fun to see those members we haven't seen since last fall.

This is time when we'll set the date for our annual grounds clean-up and some various other club wide events. Let's hope we have a nice turnout for this, one of our more important, meeting.

Let's welcome this year's new members

Robert Barrons Rod Janusch David Kaczmarek
Rick Schaeffer Jess Steed Kevin Stevens

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Flower Lady



Daffodil, Jonquil or Narcissus

Daffodils are often the first flowers to bloom during spring hence they're designated as the March birth flower.

Some think of the Daffodil as the symbol of regard. The flower pictured is a Narcissus / Daffodil; however, not all Narcissi are Daffodils.

Here's a little history/mystery from the internet:

The Greek Myth of "Narcissus and Echo" explain why this flower holds its drooping form. Narcissus was in love with Echo who, in the end did not return his love. He hid in a cave to escape his sorrow. Often, he would come out of the cave to check his reflection in the lake. Out of vanity, he desired a closer look at himself so he leaned in closer at the lake's edge, falling in. After he drowned, a Narcissus bloomed in his place. The flower's drooping head leaning over to stare at its reflection in the lake's water portrayed the vanity of Narcissus.

The Romans brought the Daffodil, also known as the Jonquil, back to Britain. The sap contains sharp crystals known as calcium oxalate, which protects these flowers against animals eating them. Their roots are edible (although the bulbs are toxic).

Signified by a large trumpet nose surrounded by bright yellow, sunshine petals, the Jonquil is said to bring good fortune to those who do not step on them. So be careful when working in your flower beds.

Remember to give thanks for each day for they all are gifts.

Bobbie Edmonds

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Wanted

28 Ga. Progressive Re-loader
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Jerry (231) 651-0709

BACN Clothing Drive

The Benzie Sportsman's Club is joining with The Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) to collect clothing for men in the community. While BACN receives donations of women's and children's clothing, men often wear their clothing longer (some say until they fall off). Therefore, BACN is usually short on men's clothing for those in need in Benzie County. We are asking your support in donating the following items that are clean and in good condition without tears:

- Jeans and casual pants,
- Sweaters, shirts, and sweatshirts,
- Coats, gloves, and hats,
- Boots, and shoes, and
- New underwear and socks.

Items can be left in the designated box in the Club House (please do not leave items outside the clubhouse) or can be taken to BACN, 2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, where donation are accepted

10am & 2pm, Monday–Thursdays

Thank you for your support,
Maggie VanHaften



C P L Class

Welcome spring!!! It's been a tough winter but let's hope we can put it behind us soon and start enjoying our club again. We hope to have a dinner this spring so everyone can come together again if there is an interest shown by our members. Please contact one of our board members if you would like to see that happen. Always a great time.

Our first CPL class is being held on Saturday, May 4th. If you are interested in the class the \$100 fee will also pay your dues for the next year. Please contact me if you're interested.

I also need a couple volunteers to help put up new backstops this spring. We will be replacing the 2X4s as well as the Styrofoam. Give me a call or shoot me an email if you can help out.

Deb

22 LR Silhouette

Well for starters I'm still in the land of milk and honey. It's 85 today and will stay that way until Monday and it will get real cold and drop into the 50's. Just love it don't you? Enough bragging for now. Our pellet gun compaction is winding down for the winter with only 4 shoots left.

If you like to get into a finicky rifle try a pellet gun; the zero changes with the weather. A .22 rifle, once set in the spring it will stay the same for the whole season, whereas a pellet gun changes daily.

Here's a thought: it doesn't take much room to set up a pellet gun range. It's shot at 10 meters which is about 30 feet so you don't need a whole bunch of room. Setting up an indoor range is also fairly cheap. For backing you use sheet metal and a sand trough to catch the pellets. Let's talk about that when I get back up north.

By the way we need to cut down that dead tree on the camp ground. If it falls on a camper or person it will cost us some money.

I've got turn on the AC so I'll sign off,

TEXAS RUSS



Hunter Education

AUGUST 17TH AND AUGUST 18TH 2019

Class day SATURDAY 8:30 TO 4:00

Range day SUNDAY 8:30 TO 1:30

To register for the class call Jarrel Dell (231) 275 0335

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Muzzleloaders

There haven't been any organized events at the muzzleloader range for the past few months. Our first shoot, the April Fools Shoot, will be held on Saturday, March 30th. Registration will begin at 9:00am. There will be a trophy for first place and beads for 2nd thru 5th place. A light lunch will also be served. Hopefully the snow won't be an issue but be prepared for whatever.

On April 9th, our Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoot begins. Shooting starts at 6:00pm.

Here are several other future events we can look forward to once the weather gets warmer:

March 16-17: Kalamazoo Living History Show

May 24-27: GT Rendezvous

August 23-25: Benzie 33rd Annual Rendezvous

Also, our Light Bench Rest Shoots will be on the last Saturday of the month from June to September at 2:00pm on the following dates:

- June 29th
- July 27th
- August 24th
- September 28th

See the calendar on the website for more events.
<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/>

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

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Dennis Collins is looking for a 243 rifle with a wooden stock, so he can carve some nifty stuff in the stock.

231-649-3007



Shotgun

We have had an interesting couple of months. Sometimes the weather was moderate and other times it was downright frigid. We have been open every Saturday morning @ 10:00am sometimes with many of you shooting and some mornings just a few of us catching up on the gossip.

I have an article that I saved years ago from *America Outdoors* entitled *Ten Tips to Better Wing & Clay Shooting* by Bob Knopf. I will be adding them in this year's newsletter.

"All shotgun shooters want to shoot better. But for many shooters, a handful of mistakes create frustration in the field or on the range. Instructors at the *National Wing & Clay Shooting School* help shooters at all skill levels gain proficiency by eliminating and by helping each shooter trust their instincts. Consider these 10 shooting tips to develop your maximum shotgun shooting potential."

Tip #1 "In all shooting, practice safety first. Always wear hearing and eye protection. Keep your gun unloaded and the action visibly open until you're ready to shoot. Once you are done shooting, make sure the gun is once again empty and the action is open. Always keep the gun's muzzle pointed down range. Never point a gun muzzle backward over your shoulder."

More to follow in coming newsletters.

Mike

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Archery

There hasn't been much going on with the archers this winter but we're getting ready for some fun stuff this summer, so get you gear all tuned up so you can join in.

Diane