

Benzie Sportsman's Club

Newsletter



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Members

Remember to have your guests sign our liability waiver then, Place it in the back of the sign-in logbook

SHOOTING HOURS

10:00 AM



Hunter Ed – August 15th & 16th

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

3/9/20

295 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

15 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG

333 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

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Club Projects

This year we are working on several projects. Some are underway, some are planned, and some are in the idea / planning / fundraising phase.

One idea is refurbishing our clubhouse workshop and garage. If we solve our storage problems listed later in this newsletter that opens a new area in our clubhouse that might be put to better use than a garage.

Another idea: light the skeet range for evening shooting. Many shooters work weekdays and are not able to shoot during the day and because weekends must be shared with family Saturday shooting for many is left out.

The largest expense would be installation. With the new LED lighting operation cost would be minimal. The same goes for the trap range.

Here are some active projects

Muzzleloader Storage cabinet

Last year our neighbor insisted that we remove the muzzleloader target / scoring shack from his property. The shack was partially over the property line.



The grey structure was the target shack

Since the shack was in such disrepair it has been torn down. We are replacing it with a storage cabinet installed at the end of the shooting line pavilion and improving the cook shack to accommodate a scoring office.



Cook shack and lunch pavilion

This project is funded by the Muzzleloader group

We have a Storage Problem

Mission – Find “new” storage for clubs needs i.e. clay targets, golf carts, trap machines, UTV, lawnmower, etc. We’ve looked at five or six options - none of them made any sense when you consider we own a 40’ x 120’ pole barn which we presently lease out.



South end of our storage building

A recommended solution: use the north end (24’ x 40’) of this pole barn. We would have to install a garage door, pour a concrete floor, and put in a graveled access from our entrance road to the new garage door. And, if necessary, a panelized, moveable partition to separate club storage from lessor.



North end of our storage building

Future thoughts would be every year or two, pour a segment of concrete floor until the entire floor is completed.

Another option is to pour a concrete floor in the entire building. If we do that, we will not have to install a garage door or put in a graveled access road, we will just use that which exists.

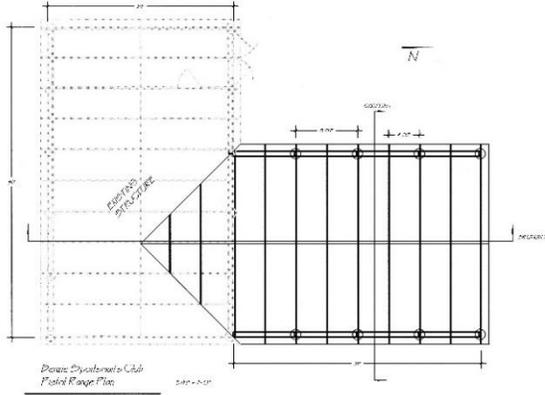
The shotgun group’s operational funds at present will only allow us to fund part of this project. Because we must be able to: purchase targets, machines, and make machine repairs when necessary, we will need to raise additional funds.

Patrick Griffin has agreed to head up this fundraising program which is to raise approximately \$15,000 by the end of August 2020.

Pistol Pavilion Addition



Existing structure



Addition plan view

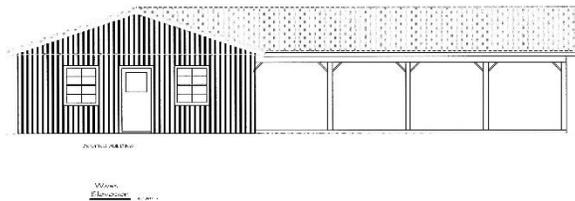
We have secured a land use permit for the addition to our Pistol Pavilion (shown above). Joyfield Twp. Issued a permit based upon future changes to our zoning classification. Since then we have applied for a building permit. Additionally, we have a contractor lined up for this project and have a material bid.

That completes the preliminary steps towards building our “semi-enclosed” pistol range facility to accommodate wintertime shooting.

The next step is to build the structure. Which we plan to do in May or June.

When the basic building is complete, we will need to install hanging baffles to protect the structure from errant shots and not allow said shots to escape the range bunkers.

Next, enclose the present structure.



The build-out will take place as we accumulate the necessary funding

Lastly, before using this “indoor” range it would be necessary to install some cyclone type fencing prohibiting access to the range without going thru the pavilion.

During the various stages of this improvement the present range would be completely useable as it is now.

This project is funded primarily from CPL Class fees.

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Silhouette Range



Well we made it to Texas, and It is warm. The first thing I did was break out my yellow speedo. I must have looked pretty good because I drew a crowd. I heard a few bad remarks, but I feel that they were just jealous.

The .22 range was in decent shape when we shut down in the fall.

On a different note I know there was talk of setting up a pellet gun range. I’m all for it. It’s quite easy you just need some sheet steel to deflect the pellets and some solid benches and you’re good to go. The most expensive thing would be a compressor. There is no sense in buying a cheap one; we went that route here in Texas and they just don’t hold up. We finally purchased a decent compressor for about \$2400 it has lasted two years now and still going strong. Believe me you don’t want to pump up an air gun manually, it will make an old man out of you fast. The rifles must be pumped up to a min. of 2500 pounds; the better ones are pumped up to 4000 lbs.

Well, more later. It is warm down here it’s going up to the mid 80’s today, noooo blowing snow for me.

Well, have a good day folks,

Texas Russ

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The Reel People

Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair

Thomas Marek

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Let’s welcome three new members

Bob Detwiler

Dane Hadfield

Mark Stuart

Pistol Range



The final leg of winter is just about over. The first CPL class of the year is Saturday, April 25th, a sure sign of spring because I don't like to stand out in the cold. Therefore, I have already put in my request for warm weather that day. So, if you're interested in taking the class, just give me a call to get signed up.

The plans for the pistol range improvements are moving forward. It looks like we should get started in May. We will keep you informed as we progress.

Thanks,
Deb

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Remember we have Board of Directors Elections scheduled in June this year for the first time.

There are sure to be openings on the board so you need to be thinking who you would like to represent you.

Nominations are open this April.

Muzzleloaders

The Benzie muzzleloader's 34th annual April Fool's Shoot will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2020. See the below for more information.

Also, beginning April 7th, our Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoot begins. Shooting starts at 6:00pm.

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

- June 27th
- July 25th
- August 22nd
- September 26th

Some other dates to remember:

- March 21-22: Kalamazoo Living History Show
 - May 22-25: GT Rendezvous
 - August 21-23: Benzie 33rd Annual Rendezvous
- See the calendar on the website for more events.

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

34th Annual Muzzleloader April Fool's Shoot Saturday, April 4, 2020

At the Benzie Sportsman's Club

Entrée Fee \$10.00

Registration 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Coffee for the Early Birds

Light Lunch will be Included

AGGREGATE SCORE

Patch & Round Ball with Open Sights Only

Plus \$1.00 SHOOT!

(Included in Entrée Fee)

1ST Place Trophy

2nd Place Bead

3rd Place Bead

4th Place Bead

5th Place Bead

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