

Benzie Sportsman's Club

Newsletter



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Report Poachers Michigan DNR

1 (800) 292-7800

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

4/13/20

297 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

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

335 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

Contact Deb McGraw

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Contact the newsletter editor

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Activities

Many of our events have been cancelled or postponed because of the “Corona Virus”

The Corona Virus AKA covid-19 Is a lousy example of a pandemic especially when you compare it to past pandemics like the Swine Flu and others. That said, it is still serious, especially when you consider who and or what age group is at risk. For most of us there is not much to be concerned with. However, if you have an underling health issue and are sedentary your risk is high should you get this Wuhan Virus. First, you need to stay active – a long walk is an excellent exercise for most of us. So, get out there. Then of course, follow the health advisories we’ve all been given.

The shelter in place order will not prevent you from getting this virus. If the truth were known many of us have already had it. Testing so far has only been done on those few who’ve shown serious symptoms. If you’re out and about you’ve been exposed to it, for it’s everywhere. The shelter in place is to prevent you from taking this virus to a relative who is at risk especially, shut ins. So be kind don’t visit older relatives and or those at risk, for a while. And, above all, keep your sanity.

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Muzzleloaders

Well due to the obvious, we need to postpone the April Fools shoot until further notice. We will also be delaying the start of the Summer Aggregate. Keep an eye on the club’s calendar and website for rescheduled and upcoming shoot dates.

<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/>

We have also missed the opportunity to attend the canceled Kalamazoo Living History Show due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We would normally purchase prizes at the show for the Benzie Rendezvous and Shoot held in August. The club could generally save money negotiating discounts or freebies from vendors at the show. Since that opportunity has passed, we will be soliciting prize donations from our members to help fill the gap. The items can be new or used and would be something typically found on a prize blanket. If you have an item to donate, please contact me at your convenience.

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

Has been postponed!

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Silhouette Range



Break-barrel Air Gun

Oh, happy days I can talk again. The weather is still warm down here with the temperatures in the high 80’s. Sue is not a happy girl. I, of course, am happy. The park is emptying out fast.

I hear that the first shoots have been canceled. We are still shooting down here but there only a few shooters left: 4 of us to be exact. We were going to stay until the middle of April but the govt. keeps changing its mind about when we can move about so we said to heck with it a will leave on the 4th of April I know you are waiting for me to get back and have my witty comments to enjoy.

Has Deb bought a new rifle yet? Now there will be one more beating me. Oh well I live to lose. On the pellet gun issue, we should have a couple of categories with the more accurate guns in one and the break barrels in the other one. Jim Davis said he would come over and help us build the range which would be a great help. He actually knows what he is doing.

Well everyone stay healthy and get to shooting

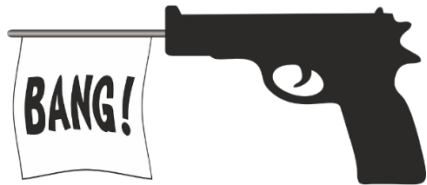
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Let’s welcome two new members

Burton Parks III John Slater

Pistol Range



As I'm sure you are all aware, the "stay in place" order has been extended to the end of April.

Therefore, the CPL class that was scheduled for Saturday, April 25th, is cancelled. Rest assured that we will hold a class as soon as things settle down and it is reasonably safe to do so. We will put any new dates in the upcoming newsletters as well as on our website.

We all want our lives to return to normal. Currently, the pistol range is open for anyone that wants to use it. I went out and made sure it was stocked with targets, earplugs, etc. for those that forget to bring their own. You may want to bring your own pen to sign in and out. Our insurance company requires that we still do that. Just remember to keep a safe distance from anyone else that may be using the range.

Be safe and take care of yourselves. Remember, also, to check on those neighbors that are more vulnerable and may need assistance.

Thanks,
DEB

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The Reel People
Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair
Thomas Marek
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Remember we have Board of Directors Elections scheduled June 8th 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.

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Shotgunners



Well the weather is finally starting to improve and now we get to deal with this Coronavirus. Being outside during flu season is still a good thing. Fresh air and all that goes with it.

I am starting the range cleaning and planning to get the clays range set up so we can be ready for summer shooting. That said, we will follow the protocols for Coronavirus. We will keep our group sizes below 10 and maintain our social distances however, we have not shut down the ranges yet.

If you come out please exercise appropriate cautions, wash or sanitize regularly, maintain minimum distance, and follow the CDC guidance.

Mike

Seedling Give-A-Way Cancellation

In the interest of keeping our members and staff safe, we are canceling this year's Seedling Give-A-Way.

The Seedling Give-A-Way is an event that we look forward to every year, and we are deeply disappointed that we won't have a chance to interact with our fellow supporters and green thumbs!

That's the bad news. The good news - **we're still putting thousands of trees in the ground this year.** Because Wild Roots orders were prepaid and safely packaged in advance, we have laid out a plan to safely distribute those plants without social interaction. Participants will be contacted separately with instructions.

If you would like to purchase trees, many local Conservation Districts are currently taking orders. In addition, a couple of local nurseries are also taking orders at this time:

[Birdsfoot Native Nursery](#)

[Bioconcentric](#)

Thank you for your understanding and continued support! As a reminder, our office and all other CRA events are canceled until further notice, however, we are continuing to work remotely. To stay up-to-date, follow us on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or contact us at info@rivercare.org or (231) 946-6817.

Please stay safe, stay healthy. Together we can save rivers *and* lives!