

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

5/2/20

299 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

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

337 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

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Activities

News, cancellations, and postponements

We held our Board of Directors meeting, because of a stay at home order from Governor Whitmer, by ZOOM. We got off to rocky start but eventually got some business done. Six members logged on, so we had a quorum.

We have delayed our Board elections till ??? no one had an idea as to when we should schedule them. So, the present board will continue to serve till ???.

The board decided to publish our Newsletter quarterly instead monthly. Look for your newsletter dated March 31, June 30, September 30, And December 31. That is unless someone wants to volunteer take over the editor position and continue publishing monthly. If you're interested email the club.

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Our treasurer was intending to resign in June. Since we are not able to hold board meetings for a while he was convinced to remain until we find a replacement.

Our membership renewals are starting to come in 102 so far. Surprisingly, the number of members donating for the pistol range addition is quite large. We had not heard much one way or another, so we were considering abandoning the project. But, with this level of support it is going forward. However, the start is postponed till late summer.

We have cancelled the Annual April Fools Shoot held by BSC's Muzzleloaders.

The Memorial Day weekend TC Rendezvous has been cancelled.

Also cancelled is our annual club grounds clean-up (haven't heard any complaints about that one).

Thanks to Jeffrey Linley and Deb McGraw for rebuilding our Pistol Range target frames.

At this time, we still have a Hunter Education Class scheduled August 15th and 16th We will make a firm decision by the end of June.

The last page of this letter is an announcement you need to read.

There may be more that we haven't heard about.

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Shotgunners

Many thanks to those that helped clean the ranges from winters mess. We also have the sporting clays set up and are running it on Saturday mornings. We are still considering a "clays" league this spring/summer after things normalize. In the meantime, all ranges are open so come out and enjoy your club.

That said we will follow the protocols for Coronavirus. We will keep our group sizes below 10 and maintain our social distances. If you come out please exercise appropriate cautions, wash or sanitize regularly, maintain minimum distance, and follow the CDC guidance.

Mike

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Muzzleloaders

Most black power shoots across the state have been canceled for March, April and the first half May. This includes our own. Keep an eye on the club's website calendar for dates when shooting will resume.

The summer weekly aggregate should have started April 7th. It now looks like we might be able to get started now on May 19th – maybe?

Muzzleloader shoots will be Tuesday's beginning at 6:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets, two at 25 yards and two at 50 yards. Trade gunners shoot all four targets at 25 yards. Accommodations are made for shooters with limited physical abilities.

After the shoot we share a light meal and amusing conversation. Dinner is followed by the presentation of the bead prizes for the top scorers.

Don't forget! the monthly Light Bench Rest shoots should start Saturday, June 27th at 2:00pm.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

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After a few days of not going out I saw someone I knew walking by on the sidewalk outside. I immediately ran to the window and started yelling to them.

Now I understand dogs.

Sent to us by Russ Signs

Silhouettes

The muzzleloader shack is no more Jerry and I cut it up and it's in the dumpster. The muzzle loader range has been repaired. I am going to build a fence along our property line so there will be no mistake as to where the boundary is. We have the necessary posts so; all it will require is some elbow grease.

All we need now are shooters.

The rifle range is waiting for shooters too.

I worked on the ATV and the trailers out of 8 tires 7 were flat. I am happy to say they all have air in them now. I am afraid that we are going to have to buy some tubes because the tires will not hold air for long.

We need a cleanup day.

I for one am ready to shoot I guess we must wait for our governor. In my opinion she has unnecessarily restricted our rights here in our rural area. Hopefully, we will remember this in Nov.

I have a Honda generator for sale low hours It is a 2000 watt in good shape low hours. New it sold for \$1400 now needs a good home. It is incredibly quiet.

Russell Signs

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Pistol Range

Not a lot has changed in the last month. One important thing did happen that I feel is worth mentioning.

I received a call from one of our members downstate who noticed our backstops on the pistol range needed some attention, so he volunteered to pick up the materials and replace the broken 2X4s and foam backing. While we already had the materials stored in the shed, we did get together and got the work done. Thanks to Jeffrey Linley, for having the initiative to get the project rolling.

If anyone else sees something that needs attention and wants to help, feel free to give me a call. I will do everything I can to work around your schedule to get it done. We, as the board of directors, appreciate your help keeping the ranges in good shape.

We have not scheduled a CPL class yet, but I am working on setting up the program so we can comply with safe distancing and still hold a class soon. Will keep you informed as we make that happen. In the meanwhile, enjoy your club and do some shooting.

Thanks,
DEB

Please welcome four new members this month

John Slater
Jay Fought

Kyle Jones
James Dauthrich

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The Reel People
Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair

Thomas Marek
(231) 409-6863

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Traverse City- James H Heethuis, born February 27, 1953 died at the age of 67 on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

Many of you will remember Jim as an active member of our club, especially the Shotgun Group. When I joined Jim was president of our Board of Directors. He was a high energy person who loved outdoor activities hunting, fishing, and skiing to name a few.

We will miss Jim.

Outdoor shooting ranges now open to the public

Outdoor shooting ranges in Michigan were allowed to open their doors to the public this week per one of the governor's newest executive orders.

MUCC has been working on reopening outdoor ranges to the public since the beginning of the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" executive orders, including writing a [letter](#) to the governor's office and legislative leaders. Shooting ranges are a vital part of many MUCC-affiliated clubs, and MUCC heard from members across the state about the closure's financial impact on their respective clubs.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer enacted [Executive Order 2020-77](#) on May 7, which allows, under section 10 (e), outdoor workers to resume operations under certain precautionary guidelines:

For purposes of this order, workers who perform resumed activities are defined as follows:

Subject to the enhanced social-distancing rules described in section 11(i) of this order, workers who perform work that is traditionally and primarily performed outdoors, including but not limited to forestry workers, outdoor power equipment technicians, parking enforcement workers, and outdoor workers at places of outdoor recreation not otherwise closed under Executive Order 2020-69 or any order that may follow from it.

The newest order also allows, under section 7 (a)(1), for the public to recreate outdoors in a safe manner, including outdoor shooting ranges:

Individuals may leave their home or place of residence, and travel as necessary: To engage in outdoor recreational activity, consistent with remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household. Outdoor recreational activity includes walking, hiking, running, cycling, boating, golfing, or other similar activity, as well as any comparable activity for those with limited mobility.

MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter said shooting ranges have been losing significant revenue, and some have even considered closing their doors, as a result of the range closures.

"Many of MUCC's affiliate clubs have been taking immense financial hits during this time" Trotter said. "Getting Michiganders reengaged with our outdoor spaces is a step in the right direction, and our clubs are eager to safely resume operations."

Outdoor shooting ranges will still be subject to certain guidelines during operation outlined below:

- All customers and employees/volunteer workers must remain 6 feet apart from each other if they do not reside in the same household.
- No indoor accommodations may be available to access for lounging, seating or other activities, such as clubhouses, indoor ranges, bars or restaurants. Take out food is allowed to be sold if in compliance with [EO 2020-69](#).
- Range or membership fees are encouraged to be accepted via phone, online or dropbox to the extent possible. Personal firearms, cases, and other gear from home should not be brought into the clubhouse and masks should be worn indoors.
- Provide or require workers/volunteers personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields, and face masks as appropriate for the activity being performed.
- Adopt protocols to limit the sharing of tools and equipment to the maximum extent possible and to ensure frequent and thorough cleaning of tools, equipment, and frequently touched surfaces, especially including restrooms. No rental equipment should be provided.

Since 1937, MUCC has united citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage. MUCC has also been the constant protector of your rights to hunt, fish and trap since its founding. Consider joining us today: <http://bit.ly/JoinMUCC>

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Nick Green at ngreen@mucc.org.