

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 til DUSK



Hunter Ed – August 14th & 15th

March 2021

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

3/8/21

319 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

12 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG

354 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

April 10th

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Presidents Column

Winter was remarkably kind to us this year. With the lack of frigid temperatures and minimal snowfall, many of our members have been able to utilize the club grounds regularly. Many thanks to the shotgun group for supplying snow removal, which made getting to the ranges easy. The Trap and skeet ranges continue to be available twice weekly, and the pistol range seems to have activity almost daily.

We have been able to conduct a couple of basic pistol classes for people who show an interest in learning about handguns and the important safety procedures of handling them. Our aim is to make certain people have the knowledge and skill to safely use our ranges.

We have resumed our monthly potlucks the second Monday of each month. They start at 6 pm. It's a great fellowship hour where we meet other members. It's also a good time for you to voice any needs or concerns you have for the direction of the club. Our board meets immediately after and can address anything that was brought up. You welcome to remain for this meeting.

The renovations on the pistol range are on schedule, thanks to Jerry and Joe. With the mild temperatures, they have been able to work all winter. Thanks for your dedication and hard work. It is very much appreciated.

Here are a few wall mounts we've received from our members.

Bruce Caylen donated a Coyote mount which we have placed in our fireplace (the fireplace was decommissioned a few years back) There is a plate glass sealing up the display. The cold draft that used to come from fireplace is gone now.



Jim Hooker donated a Bear Rug which you can see hanging on the wall behind the lectern.



John Fickes donated a nice Mule Deer mount. He bagged it in Nebraska a few years ago.



Don't forget to visit our website for all upcoming events. The dates and time will be posted on the calendar. We hope to resume the events that we had to cancel last year due to COVID.

Enjoy your Club.

Deb

Follow Up

Last year we thought it best to review our range safety procedures and maybe institute a few new ones. You'll remember there was a list of eight suggestions and/or concerns that we needed to address.

1. If you see something that seems unsafe it is your duty to shout CEASE FIRE. **Done**
2. Leave your firearms in the rack until your squad is called to the firing line. **Done**
3. DO NOT interrupt anyone who is on the firing line. **Done**
4. We maintain a list of members, and guests' waivers to be checked when signing in. **Deemed unnecessary**
5. Guests must be thoroughly briefed by an RSO about our club's safety rules & use of their firearm prior to filing waiver. **Pending**
6. Members must accompany their guests whenever the guest is on any range. **Done**
7. Install a membership card activated entrance gate. **Deemed unnecessary**
8. Hold safety meetings periodically with RSO. **Pending**

In order to handle the two pending suggestions we'll probably need to appoint a training officer.

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Let's welcome five new members!

Richard Gottardo
Daniel Piwowar
Nicole Westfall

Constance Learnihan
Devin Wares

Shotgun

The winter is still with us and a hardy group of shooters have been making use of the ranges on Wednesday and Saturday.

We have been able to keep both the skeet and trap ranges open and they are seeing plenty of use. So, if you can withstand the cold come and join us, we are having a great time.

There are also some surprisingly good BS sessions happening in the shotgun clubhouse. It is warm, come help us solve the world's problems.

As soon as the snow leaves us, we will plan to clean up and reset the clays range. If there are any of you with ideas for new target presentations let me know. We will look at what we can do.

The offer to work with individual shooters is still there if you need some help, I will be glad to provide it. This however cannot be done on Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Call me and schedule a time when we can work one on one. I am also sometimes available if you would like to work on form issues. Just call me and we will set something up for some coaching.

Mike

FOR SALE

RUGER

Model 77 in 7x57

tang safety, 22-inch barrel

glass bedded action

Leopold 3x9 scope with cover

\$650

(616) 724-6953

Pistol Range

If you have been out to the pistol range, you will see the progress we've made towards "semi-indoor shooting". We have enclosed the pavilion leaving the wall facing our target berm open.



The next step is to paint the building, then we will construct a gate between the block retaining wall and the pistol building and install fencing behind our pistol storage shed limiting entrance to the range to going thru the building.

This summer, if we get enough donations, we hope to install lighting, interior walls and shooting benches. We are estimating the cost is between \$4000 and \$6000.

This work has been financed entirely thru CPL fees and donations made specifically to the pistol range.

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Here's a practice to develop your one hand shooting skills I found in Shooting Illustrated. This training exercise originally came from a Recon Marine Instructor.

Starting at 3 yards with the pistol in your normal strong-side shooting hand point and fire two rounds, transfer the pistol to the support hand and fire two rounds, transferring the pistol from hand to hand after every two rounds. Shoot until the pistol is empty. Check your target, reload, step back a bit and repeat. Keep repeating this sequence until you see your accuracy is falling off with either hand.

How fast should you shoot? As quickly as you can make the hits. Remember, don't focus on the target while shooting, focus on the front sight.

I tried this a few days ago. Once I became used to using the only front sight for reference, I began to keep all my shots on a piece of typing paper.

Jerry

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22 Silhouettes

Well, I am probably late with this of course. We are shooting here until the end of the month. I would say it is hard to win if you don't shoot a 100 and get a fair amount of x's. The winner this month was not me it was Jim Davis he won with a perfect score and about 10 x's.

A ten is the size of a pellet and a x is the size of a pencil dot. Out of 8 shooters 7 got perfect scores plus a bunch of x's. Have I whined enough? I didn't have a perfect score; I shot a 397 and placed last.

Now about the weather down here I know you all heard about it. Well it's back to the reason I came down here with the highs in the 80's So don't worry about me I made it through just fine. We are leaving here April 3rd of so you can dust off the banners and welcome me home.

Please make sure the snow is all gone by the time I get there.

Russel

Muzzleloaders

JUST IN

A total of seven shooters showed up for the second annual Frostbite Shoot. The weather service had issued a severe winter weather warning but that didn't stop shooters from coming as far away as Muskegon and Ludington. It was cold and sunny, but no wind made shooting quite pleasant.

Top scorers were as follows:

- 1st Mark Rice
- 2nd Pat Foster
- 3rd Dan VanHaften
- 4th John Rice
- 5th Yvonne Cutler

The first-place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads. Special thanks to Maggie VanHaften who did the scoring.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- April 3: April Fools Shoot
- May 27-31: GT Rendezvous
- August 20-22: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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

Also, our Light Bench Rest Shoots will be on the last Saturday of the month at 2:00pm

- June 26th
- July 31st
- August 21st
- Sept 25th

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

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan

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Annual Club Clean-up

We are going do the club's annual Spring Cleaning this

Friday April 16th.

We will have a gourmet lunch consisting of burgers, brats, hotdogs, and baked beans. I'm sure some of our members will add to this menu.

Plan to be there for this fun event.

Our next Board Meeting April 12th has many important items on the agenda so, we are going to begin the meeting at 6:30pm.

One of the items that concerns all of our members is, our dues structure.

Join our potluck dinner at 5:30pm which is immediately followed by our monthly members meeting.

All members are encouraged to stay for the board meeting.