

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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## Members

Remember to have your guests sign our liability waiver. Please place it in the back of the sign-in logbook.

## SHOOTING HOURS

## 10:00 AM til DUSK



Hunter Ed – August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

## July 2021

## Club Officers

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|------------------|-----------------|--|
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## Board of Directors

|                |                   |  |
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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

07/09/2021

337 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

10 ---- Guest (1), Honorary (6), Police (3)

370 ---- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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## President's Column

Wow, what a fantastic summer thus far! So many of the members have been able to come out and use the club facilities. I have met a number of you for the first time, as well as reconnecting with others. It's wonderful seeing all the activity at the club after such a long period of time that we were unable to be here, at least without masking up.

I want to thank all of you who so graciously donated to the various projects we are presently working on. Thanks to you, the pistol range is really taking shape. We are waiting for lumber prices to come down a bit before going too far, but I have noted it is starting to do just that. Hopefully the downward trend will continue and make the renovation projects more affordable.

We were also able to get the central air installed in the clubhouse. It is so much nicer for conducting our training classes as well as our potlucks, meetings, and other events that require us to be inside. Thanks again for your generosity.

Our general maintenance fund also got a much-needed boost to keep up with the various repairs on the club grounds. The final phase for rebuilding the dam for our pond has been completed. It should now last for many more years.

As you visit the club grounds, please take the time to thank our volunteers who seem to be out there daily keeping everything in good shape and attending to the needs of each range. Without them, we wouldn't have a club that we can all be proud of.

### Let's welcome four new members!

Shannon Kelly  
Robert Riddell

Michael Brenner  
Craig Karraker

Enjoy your Club.  
**Deb**

## Pistol Range

As you can see, we just need a little paint to complete the outside of our Semi Indoor Pistol Range.



We're just getting started on the inside. If you've been out to the range, you can see that we have installed some Styrofoam attic vents to catch the condensation that forms on the underside of our metal roof. That vent system also helps cool the attic by creating airflow just under the metal sheeting.



Right now, the cost of building materials is crazy, but it looks as though they're starting to come down. Because of the high prices our plans are only to get the ventilation, electrical, and the rest of the rough work done. That way we'll be ready to do the build out when material costs abate. We have just repaired all the target frames and backers so they're ready for the summer. Please be aware of where your targets are placed; that alone will save us a couple hundred bucks that we could use for improvements.

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Here's a skill improving drill for shooting  
at a 5" circle:

Do this for the following yardage each time: One perfect shot, no time limit. If your shot is in the circle, move back. If not, repeat

3 yards, 7 yards, 10 yards, 15 yards

Do this exercise as fast as you can, but as slowly as you must. When you are hitting the bull every time, try a smaller bull.

**Jerry**

## Rifle Range

I went out to the club this weekend and mowed for two days. Ron should not have to do all of the mowing, so I decided to help. All that remains to be done is the primitive side, but it looks pretty good. I see that the pond is filling up again thanks to Mike and others. Hopefully it will continue to fill.

The pistol range is looking good thanks to Jerry and others. They have been out there working hard to get the pistol range up for round year use. The painting looks great. Thank you, Mr. & Mrs. Dell.

Mr. Osborn has taken over the .22 range and it is getting better. Please stop shooting the targets with high powered rifles and please do not take any of the targets. If this type of behavior continues to happen, we will need to put cameras up and catch the ones who are costing us money to fix and replace targets. That is a step we don't want to take and it's too bad that we would have to do that.

Thank you to our new president, who is doing a fine job and the club is looking good. Thanks Deb! Well, that's all folks.

**Rambling  
Russ**

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**Long action BDL Stock for Remington  
700 + a set of X-Mark Pro Triggers**

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**Jim Hooker  
231 352-4267**

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**RUGER  
Model 77 in 7x57  
tang safety, 22-inch barrel  
glass bedded action  
Leopold 3x9 scope with cover  
\$650  
(616) 724-6953**

## Shotgun

The last couple of Wednesdays have been a little damp. No worries, we still had a fair group of shotgunners that came and enjoyed each other's company. We set the wobble traps in the yard and shot off the porch. It seems that a good time was had by all. Congrats to Pat for finding one of those elusive 25 straits, good job!

We have been busy around the club. The air conditioning is in the club house and it is completely paid for. I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all of you that accepted the \$100.00 challenge and took care of that. I would also like to say thank you to everyone that has donated time or money to keep our club as nice as it is. You have all been great ambassadors of the shooting sport.

All of our shotgun ranges are fully equipped and operating correctly. Come out and break some birds with us. I was asked last week about a sporting clays league. We were going to do this last year, but covid got in the way. If you have any interest, please share your ideas with me. Also, if there are any interesting targets you might like to see on the clays range (More rabbits? Minis?) let me have those thoughts.

Remember, we are a club of volunteers. Please clean up after yourselves. Your mother is not here and there is not a maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps. Semis pick up and throw away your hulls. Also, please give us a call to make sure that the range is still open on Saturday. We go home after everyone is shooting, so we need to know if you are going to be late.

**Mike**

## Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is now more than halfway over. Our shoots continue weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. If you're new to muzzle loading, we'll help you get started.

This year's first monthly Light Bench Rest was rained out. The next Light Bench Rest will be Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm.

The Benzie Rendezvous is almost here. The Club will be hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a variety of competitions scheduled and some nice prizes to award the top scorers. See the website for more details. Please join us!

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan VanHaften**



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!

The Board of Directors would like to extend a very special THANK YOU to all of our members who donated to the Club's various projects this year, including the air conditioning and the Pistol Range. You were instrumental in the completion of these projects.

We would also like to extend a HUGE THANK YOU to Diane McPhall for her many years of service on the Board of Directors serving as the head of the archery division. You will be missed!

## JUST IN!

The Election of Officers Dinner will be held at the Club on **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

The Open House will be held at the Club on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm.** Please invite everyone you know to come check out the Club!

The September Board of Director's meeting will follow immediately after the Election of Officers Dinner.

## ELECTIONS!

There are two (2) Board of Director positions currently open and the remainder of the positions are always up for election as well.

The two positions that are open are (1) Archery and (2) Membership. However, you can nominate anyone for any position.

Please contact someone on the Board of Directors if you are interested in joining and contributing to our Club's success!

**Nominations are due by August 15, 2021.**

## Member Appreciation Picnic

The Club will be hosting a member appreciation picnic on **Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Everyone is welcome to attend as our way of saying thank you for everything you do to help keep the club running!



# July 2021 Calendar

| Sun | Mon                                    | Tue                   | Wed              | Thu               | Fri | Sat   |
|-----|--|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----|---|
| 27  | 28                                     | 29                    | 30               | Jul 1             | 2   | 3   |
|     |  | 6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 1pm Trap & Skeet | 5pm .22 Silhoutte |     | 10am Shotgun Ranges                             |
| 4   | 5                                      | 6                     | 7                | 8                 | 9   | 10  |
|     |  | 6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 1pm Trap & Skeet | 5pm .22 Silhoutte |     | 10am Shotgun Ranges                             |
| 11  | 12                                     | 13                    | 14               | 15                | 16  | 17  |
|     | 5:30pm Potluck<br>6:30pm Board Meeting | 6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 1pm Trap & Skeet | 5pm .22 Silhoutte |     | 10am Shotgun Ranges                             |
| 18  | 19                                     | 20                    | 21               | 22                | 23  | 24  |
|     |  | 6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 1pm Trap & Skeet | 5pm .22 Silhoutte |     | 10am Shotgun Ranges                             |
| 25  | 26                                     | 27                    | 28               | 29                | 30  | 31  |
|     |  | 6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 1pm Trap & Skeet | 5pm .22 Silhoutte |     | 10am Shotgun Ranges<br>2pm Muzzleloader Light B |

# August 2021 Calendar

| Sun                     | Mon   | Tue                         | Wed                       | Thu                     | Fri                     | Sat   |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Aug 1                   | 2   | 3<br>6pm Muzzleloader Summ  | 4<br>1pm Trap & Skeet     | 5<br>5pm .22 Silhoutte  | 6                       | 7<br>10am Shotgun Ranges                              |
| 8                       | 9<br>5:30pm Potluck<br>6:30pm Board Meeting | 10<br>6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 11<br>1pm Trap & Skeet    | 12<br>5pm .22 Silhoutte | 13                      | 14<br>Hunter Education<br>10am Shotgun Ranges         |
| 15<br>Hunter Education  | 16  | 17<br>6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 18<br>1pm Trap & Skeet    | 19<br>5pm .22 Silhoutte | 20<br>Benzie Rendezvous | 21<br>10am Shotgun Ranges<br>2pm Muzzleloader Light B |
| 22<br>Benzie Rendezvous | 23  | 24<br>6pm Muzzleloader Summ | 25<br>1pm Trap & Skeet    | 26<br>5pm .22 Silhoutte | 27                      | 28<br>10am Shotgun Ranges                             |
| 29                      | 30  | 31<br>6pm Muzzleloader Summ | Sep 1<br>1pm Trap & Skeet | 2<br>5pm .22 Silhoutte  | 3                       | 4<br>10am Shotgun Ranges                              |