

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-Upcoming dates TBD

September 2021

Club Officers

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Jim Hooker	At Large	(231) 352-4267

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

09/13/2021

299 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

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

332 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

Saturday, September 19, 2021

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Our election of officers and board members was held on Saturday, September 11th. All who attended had a great meal, thanks to Linda Hartman, and a wonderful social event. Thank you for showing support to your club. Election results will be listed separately in this newsletter.

All our disciplines are very active except for archery. We are looking for someone who is interested to take over that discipline. The board has voted to support renewing our 3D archery woods walk if someone wants to take on that endeavor. We would begin with eight targets and build from there as revenue is brought in.

We decided to postpone our open house to Sunday, September 19th due to the conflict with the Ironman triathlon in Frankfort on the 12th. We were concerned that our volunteers would not be able to navigate the delays in traffic to get to the club. We also wanted to make it easier for those who wish to attend so they wouldn't be put out by the event. So come on out this Sunday and bring a guest. Lunch will be provided.

Firearm deer season is right around the corner. **We have scheduled a sight-in day for Saturday, November 6th from 10am to 1pm.** If we are busy, we will extend the time until all have had a chance to get their firearms ready.

Let's welcome six (6) new members!

Zackary Grime
Stuart Scripps
Jeffrey Franklin
Todd Orcutt
Anthony Chipkewich
Brian Uridge

Enjoy the Fall weather and come out to the Club!

Deb

Pistol Range

Our building project is moving along nicely. As you can see, we've completed the rough electrical work and the attic insulation prep, so we are ready to install the ceiling. The good news is building material costs have nearly returned to pre-pandemic prices which will enable us to complete the building this October.



If you've been out to the pistol building, you'll see we have a new door giving us access to the storage room without going outside. We'll appreciate this door this winter.



Jerry

Hunter Education

Our August HE Class was one of the first in the state done under the new system of registering for HE, well at least partially. The DNR changed the way people signup for Hunter Ed starting August 1, 2021. Our class was listed on the DNR's website last May so we had some signup the old way and some the new. It all worked out with the help of two conservation officers and the Lansing office.



We graduated 22 new hunters: 8 under the old system, 7 the under the new system, and 7 online applicants.



Next year I'm sure the whole process will run much smoother.

Jerry

Rifle Range

The rifle range is in good condition thanks to the efforts of those who are using the facility. It is much appreciated. **We will have a sight-in day on Saturday, November 6, 2021 from 10am to 2pm.** It should be a fun event, and as always, safety first.

Paul

Rambling Russ

Well, it's time for my famous wit... too bad I don't have any wits. The Pistol Range is coming along well, thanks to Jerry. What would we do without him! The shooting season is winding down for the .22's. We only have a couple of weeks left for you to get out to the range to shoot up a box of .22 shells.

The muzzle loaders start their Fall season this week. It would have started last week but the Ironman got in the way. Dan has been taking care of his father and we all hope he gets better soon. He is a WWII Veteran.

Our rendezvous went well. Wendy made a little speech at the closing program. She informed us that people don't want prizes or ice cream, but instead they just want a place to camp and shoot for a weekend. Hooray for Wendy! I speak for no one, but I think that we can afford this. Well enough for now. May we all enjoy good health and enjoy our club.

Russ

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**Jim Hooker
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**RUGER
Model 77 in 7x57
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glass bedded action
Leopold 3x9 scope with cover
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ELECTION RESULTS!

Election of Officers was held on Saturday, September 11, 2021 and the results are as follows:

President – Deb McGraw
Vice President – Ron Robinson
Secretary – Nicole Westfall
Treasurer – Linda Hartman
Membership Secretary – Maggie Lentz

Rifle Range – Paul Bare
Pistol Range – Jarrel Dell
Shotgun – Mike Hartman
Muzzel loaders – Dan VanHaften

At Large – Jim Hooker
At Large – Dwight Swisher
At Large – Connie Learnihan

JUST IN!

The Benzie County Sheriff's Office will be using the Pistol and Rifle Range from Noon until Dusk on September 22, 2021 and September 29, 2021.

Both the Pistol and Rifle Range will be closed to members on those dates. Please contact someone from the board if you have any questions.



Shotgun

What a month of August we have had. All of our ranges have been busier than we have ever been. Thanks to all of the volunteers that keep us moving along. I am truly grateful for all of the help.

For those that are bringing guests, keep bringing them. Make a note though, that it does not work well to mix them in on a line with experienced shooters. It is hard on them and frustrating for the regulars. Instead come later on Saturday or Wednesday and work one on one with them. Either that or I would be glad to work with them. You can also give me a call and we can set something up for an instructional time

I was out filling machines on the clays range two weeks ago and picked this up.



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. If we can't get this problem under control, we will have to start charging a surcharge so we can pay someone to clean up behind you guys that can't seem to clean up behind yourselves. Also, we go home on Saturday when everyone is done shooting. If you are going to be late on Saturday afternoon, please give us a call to make sure that there is a range still open.

Mike

Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is quickly coming to a close. Ron Robinson is on track to win this year's event, followed by Dan VanHaften and Jerry Dell.

The Fall Aggregate will start on September 5th. The shoots will be Sunday afternoons starting at 2:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets, all at 25 yards. Accommodations are also made for shooters with limited physical abilities.

The monthly Black Powder Bench Rests have taken place per the schedule. So far, Alan Penny has been the top scorer. The last shoot will be September 25th at 2:00pm.

The Club hopes to host the annual Turkey Shoot scheduled for October 23rd. Watch the club's website for details.

www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html

The Muzzleloader Annual Rendezvous took place from August 20th through the 22nd. This year's attendance was down again but participants had a good time despite the hot weather. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped out during the event.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

REMINDER!

The Open House will be held at the Club on **Sunday, September 19th from 2pm – 5pm**. Please invite everyone you know to come check out the Club!



*Contact the Newsletter Editor if
you have any questions!*

September 2021 Calendar

Today < > September 2021							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4	6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte	10am Shotgun Ranges
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agc	1pm Trap & Skeet		10am Shotgun Ranges 5pm Annual Dinner 6pm Election of Officers
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agc	1pm Trap & Skeet		CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	2pm Open House 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agc	1pm Trap & Skeet		10am Shotgun Ranges 2pm Muzzleloader Light B
26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1	2	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agc	1pm Trap & Skeet		10am Shotgun Ranges

October 2021 Calendar

Today ◀ ▶ October 2021 ▼ Print Week Month Agenda						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	27	28	29 1pm Trap & Skeet	30	Oct 1	2 10am Shotgun Ranges
3 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	4	5	6 1pm Trap & Skeet	7	8	9 10am Shotgun Ranges
10 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	11 5:30pm Potluck 6pm Board Meeting	12	13 1pm Trap & Skeet	14	15	16 10am Shotgun Ranges
17 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	18	19	20 1pm Trap & Skeet	21	22	23 9am Muzzleloader Turkey 10am Shotgun Ranges
24 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	25	26	27 1pm Trap & Skeet	28	29	30 10am Shotgun Ranges
31 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	Nov 1	2	3 1pm Trap & Skeet	4	5	6 10am Sight In Day 10am Shotgun Ranges