

# 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. Please place it in the back of the sign-in logbook.

**SHOOTING HOURS**

**10:00 AM til DUSK**



**Hunter Ed**

***Upcoming Dates TBD***

**October 2021**

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

10/11/2021

308 ---- Annual Members

24 ---- Life Members

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

342 ---- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

***Upcoming Dates TBD***

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

What an active club we have. The shotgun ranges are extremely busy every Wednesday and Saturday. They are going through birds by the pallets. It's fun to come watch even if you don't participate.

The improvements to the pistol range are really coming along, thanks to Jerry and his crew. It looks like we will be able to shoot year-round in a somewhat warm environment. Good job guys!

The 22 silhouette shoots are done for the year. Thanks Tom, for heading that up all summer. That particular group of shooters all pitched in to make setup and takedown a breeze.

**As most of you have heard, we had a shooting range here in Benzie County shut down due to unsafe practices. Some of their shots were getting away from them and hitting neighboring homes. I have received a number of calls from members inquiring if it was our club. The answer is no, it was not! Thanks to our safety procedures we have not had any incidents that have drawn attention to us. But you can now see how quickly that can happen and cause us to be shut down. So please continue to be vigilant in practicing gun safety every time you are on the range. Also, please adhere to not shooting before 10 am so we don't upset our neighbors.**

*Finally, I want to remind you that sight in day is scheduled for Saturday, November 6th from 10am to 2pm. We are expecting a pretty good turnout this year since we are now the only range in our area. Come on out and get your rifles ready for deer season.*

### Let's welcome nine (9) new members!

Paul Beauvais	Marc Mursell
Edward & Brenda Beutler	Johnathan Upton
Leslie Donaldson	Roy Wilson
David Gleeson	James Roy Ebbinghaus
Gerald Jennex III	

Enjoy the Fall weather and come out to the Club!

Deb

## Pistol Range

Our building project is moving along nicely. we've completed the rough electrical work, the attic insulation prep, and the ceiling. Soon the attic insulation will be blown in. Last week we received a donation of batt insulation for the walls which we plan to get in next week.



I've been working on the pistol building on and off for most of the summer. I am amazed just how much the range is used. Most of our members/shooters are careful as to where they place their targets. However, there are a few who do not, they either don't know that their rounds continue after they hit the target, or they don't care. Anyway, the upshot is placing a movable target in front of stationary target results in the needless destruction of the stationary target frame. If you want to see what results from that practice look at the target frames from the back side. Enough said.

Jerry

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

**\$75.00**

**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**

## Rifle Range

The rifle range is in good condition thanks to the silhouette shooters, members, and guests for keeping the range in good shape. It is much appreciated.

Local law enforcement personnel used our facility for training purposes in late September. They are a dedicated group of public servants and we as a club are proud that we can provide them with any assistance we can.

**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

## Muzzleloaders

**The Fall Aggregate is under way and will be winding down with just a few weeks left until the final shoot on November 7<sup>th</sup>. We shoot each Sunday at 2:00pm.**

*The last black powder bench rest was canceled due to lack of interest.*

**Don't forget this year's Turkey Shoot is on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Registration will be from 9:00am to 10:00am. A \$10.00 entry fee includes a light lunch. There is a nice trophy for the top shooter and some sort of frozen turkey nutrition for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places. Patched round ball and open sights only – hope you can make it!

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

## Shotgun

Bird seasons have opened here in northern Michigan. Grouse sightings have been spotty at best. As far as I know there has not been any woodcock sightings yet. There are always pheasants on the many preserves in the area. I have a line on another preserve outside of Merritt. I will make a full report after visiting them.

Last week we purchased 12 pallets of targets, this should be enough to carry us well into next year. **On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November we will be closing our sporting clays range for the winter.** Anyone that can come and help make this task go quickly is appreciated. Also, if you have a cart that can bring batteries or machines in, please bring it. That would be a big help.

Our trap and skeet ranges will be open as long as we can keep the snow off then it will be wobble trap/ bird dog from the porch. We will shoot Wednesday afternoons as long as there is interest, that said I am not going to hang around if no one comes.

**Empty hulls continue to be an issue on the clays range, especially on station 6. If your gun throws empties all over the woods, stop and clean them up!!! There is no excuse for the continual mess that I am picking up off that range. If you are picking your empties up, thank you. If you are not, get with the program now!!!**

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, 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

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

# October 2021 Calendar

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

