

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 6th & 7th

April 2022

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

04/11/2022

326 ----- Annual Members

24 ----- Life Members

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

360 ----- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

Dates TBD

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Spring is finally here, as is evident by all the rain we're receiving. Along with the rain comes the melting of the snow and the much-needed spring cleanup around the ranges. **This year we have scheduled spring cleanup day on Saturday, May 14th starting at 9 am.** We hope to have enough volunteers to make this a light chore followed by a great lunch. We'll probably cook burgers and brats on the grill. Please come out and give us a hand, even if only for an hour or so.

Cleanup is followed by an open house on Sunday, May 15th from 12-3. This is a time to bring your friends and family out to see what your club has to offer. This event is usually well attended and brings in a few new members. Spread the word to those you think might be interested.

The renovations on the pistol range are coming along well. We should be able to put gates up soon to secure the range and start shooting from the newly built stations. With the anticipated usage of both the pistol range and the trap area, we are looking at possibly extending our parking area around there.

Take note of the calendar attached to the newsletter and come participate in some of the events coming up. We would like to get to know our members more.

Let's welcome one (1) new member!

Jakson Landis-Hutchinson

Deb

Rifle Range

The rifle range is in good shape. Thanks everyone.
See you in the Spring!

Paul

Pistol Range

We've begun building cabinets along non-window wall for targets, storage, etc. The next step is building drawers. It is slow going, but we'll get there.

During the winter, some of our members have donated reloading components. They have stopped reloading for various reasons. The result is that we have a small supply of different rifle and pistol components including some lead both soft and hard (wheel weights), primers, cases, dies etc. They are all in useable condition.

Here's a thought, those of us who have a bunch of pistol and rifle items that we are no longer using and are collecting dust, donate them to the pistol range. We could set up quite a nice store selling this stuff – at reduced prices – to members who would use them. This would give us some revenue and at the same time put these items to work. If you are interested in this, let me know.

The weather is about to improve enough so we can finish the outside of the building, we hope.

Another project – Our Parking Lot – more on this next month.

Jerry

FOR SALE!!!

**835 Mossberg 12 gauge with
turkey choke, pump, and scope.
Please contact George Kirback
@ (231) 352-9597 for details.**

\$475

Muzzleloaders

The Benzie Muzzleloaders held their annual April Fool's Shoot on April 2nd with pleasant weather and a few more competitors than last year. We had a total of ten registered and seven shooters. Top scorers were as follows:

- 1st Pat Foster
- 2nd Dan VanHaften
- 3rd Mark Rice
- 4th Ron Robinson
- 5th Bob Sampson

Ron Robinson won the 50/50 tie breaker and generously donated his winnings back to the club.

Special thanks to Vic Ellis for volunteering as our range officer, Jerry Dell for providing lunch and Maggie VanHaften for scoring the targets.

The Summer Aggregate is now under way with weekly shoots each Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm.

The club will be hosting our annual Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 14th. Many areas need some attention including inside the club house, all the ranges, and the campground areas. We plan to start around 9:00am. Lunch will be provided. Join us if you can.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- May 26-30: GT Rendezvous
- August 26-26: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

We haven't scheduled any of our Light Bench Rest Shoots yet. We'll wait to see if there is any interest in continuing.

www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

Picture below from the April Fool's Shoot!



Shotgun

Spring is here and the snow is melting. The weather has allowed us to open both the skeet and trap fields. We are planning on working on the sporting range soon and hope to have it open by late April/early May. If anyone is interested in helping with the cleanup and setup, please contact Jim Hooker or Connie Learnihan. The more hands we have the sooner we can be enjoying the clays.

Mike continues to recuperate from his knee surgery. It will be nice to have him back. His absence makes us realize how much he does for the shotgunners.

Remember, stay safe... Keep it open.

Connie

Another sad note to pass along, we lost another muzzleloader and dear friend a few weeks ago, Tom Stoliecki passed away on March 20th. Please keep his family in your thoughts.

**Thanks,
Dan**



April 2022 Calendar

Today ◀ ▶ April 2022 Print Week Month Agenda						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
			1pm Trap & Skeet			9am April Fools Shoot 10am Shotgun Ranges
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges 1pm Russ Signs Memorial

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York Google Calendar

May 2022 Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			9am Spring Cleanup 10am Shotgun Ranges
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12pm Open House		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	Grand Traverse Rendezvous		10am Shotgun Ranges
29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4
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