

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 & CPL

TBD



October 2022

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

10/10/2022
286 Annual Members
22 Life Members
4 Guest Members
312 Total Members



HUNTING SIGHT-IN DAY

November 5, 2022: 10am-2pm

President's Column

Fall is definitely in the air. I truly enjoy this time of year. There are so many opportunities to experience the great outdoors like color tours, hiking, biking, migratory bird watching - the list goes on and on. I encourage you to choose your favorite activity and get out and enjoy this beautiful time of year.

With golf season winding down, I have been able to spend more time on the ranges shooting my firearms. It's so good to see the ranges being used so frequently. I have had the pleasure of meeting and shooting with members I didn't know before and some I haven't seen in a while. It's a pleasure getting to know more and more of you. What a wonderful club to belong to. Our membership appreciation dinner is coming up real soon and while I know you all can't possibly be there, I want you to know the Board appreciates each one of you. It takes all of you to make this club grow actively. Thanks for doing your part.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome three (3) new members!

Jerry Niemi

Mike Willsey

Judd Carroll

Rifle Range

The rifle range has been in use more than in the past and that is good news. Because usage has increased, we need to be sure to treat other shooters with courtesy. Most importantly, safe shooting practices need to be strictly adhered to. I have shared the range with several other shooters in the last few months and had no problem whatsoever. Let's keep up the good work! The range is also being kept clean and that is a big help. It doesn't hurt to clean up a mess left by someone else. Thanks for all the help.

Just a reminder that our annual sight-in day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. We had a great turnout last year and I am looking forward to this year's event.

See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol Range

We've been working on the Pistol Range for two years. First getting the wing towards the backstops completed then finishing the interior, well almost finishing. Baseboards will go on next week. We're planning to wait till next year to paint the floor.

Next building project is building target tracks with retrievers. We'll be building a prototype soon and if it works, we'll be able to have all six shooting lanes ready by early December.

I'm working on a system of locks to isolate the indoor range from the outdoor range. Shooting from the indoor range while there are people shooting on the outdoor range just doesn't seem safe to me. The club has a perfect safety record and we want to keep it that way.

There has been some talk about starting a pistol league. Before we start it, we need some suggestions. So, if you've ever shot in a league or have some ideas, let us know.

Jerry

CZ Drake OU 20ga

Set of choke tubes and hard case

\$585

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Ruger old model M77RS

w/ (rings and sights)

Leupold 3-9x

\$925

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Browning BPS 12ga pump NIB

engraved model,

with set of choke tubes

\$800

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Jarrel Dell

(231) 275-0335

Muzzleloaders

The Fall Aggregate is well under way with just a few weeks left until the final shoot on November 6th. We shoot each Sunday at 2:00pm. Once the Fall Aggregate is over, organized muzzleloading shooting is taking a break until next February when the club will host the Frost Bite Shoot. Keep an eye on the club's website calendar for details.

Don't forget this year's Turkey Shoot is on Saturday, October 22nd. 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 1st through 5th places. Patched round ball and open sights only – hope you can make it!

You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website.

www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften



For Sale: Smith & Wesson .44 magnum [329PD] (\$625.00)
(New, never fired) + full box practice ammo 50 rounds.
Please call or email Dennis Kittleson at (231) 651-9327 or scotties@chartermi.net.

For Sale: Browning A-Bolt, 22 Mag with 2x7 Leopold scope – very rare rifle. \$1,200. Call Jim Hooker at (231) 352-4267

For Sale: 18 magnum Mallard decoys with weights. \$3 each or \$45 for all. Call or text Lonnie at (231) 409-1709

Shotgun

Bird season opened September 15th and some of us are finding a few birds. It seems the going is pretty slow though. Tails a Waggin and Osh Davis both have Pheasants if you are interested in going that way. The cost is up to \$30.00 per bird this year thanks to inflation.

We are staying busy on both Wednesday and Saturday and there are a lot of folks using our ranges. Any new shooters are welcome to come and receive instruction on Wednesday afternoons and I will be happy to work one on one to help develop good form. That offer also applies to older experienced shooters that would like to work out issues.

We will be closing the sporting clays range on Saturday November 5th and would greatly appreciate all the help we can get. We will continue to keep the Skeet & Trap ranges open as long as we can keep the snow off of them. After that it will be wobble trap until spring.

On a personal note, there has been a great effort among our shooters to keep the ranges clean, thank you to all of you who are participating in this effort. Your attention has been noticed, again thanks very much.

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

