

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

TBD

November 2022

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

11/14/2022

292 Annual Members

22 Life Members

4 Guest Members

318 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423

President's Column

By now I hope all the rifles are sighted in, deer camp is stocked and ready, and all your hunting gear is in one place. Anticipation is probably at its highest about now. Just remember to be safe out there and let someone know when you go out in the woods and when you expect to return. Please don't assume that everything is alright and nothing negative is going to happen. That's why they're called accidents.

While the rifle range scathed any damage from the winds, the pistol targets weren't so fortunate. We will have to rebuild all the target frames. For now, you may have to use the backstops at the 25-yard area until we can get the others up and running.

Our final potluck of the season will be in December and will pick back up in March. Come on out and enjoy the amazing dishes we share.

We are trying to finalize the pistol range and the air rifle range so they are ready for use in January. I hope you have the opportunity to join in on some of the friendly competition we hope to have for those of us who stay in God's country all winter. We'll even have the coffee pot brewing.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome four (4) new members!

Lee Blahnik Dennis Davis

Ramsel Bloush Thomas Fernandez

Rifle Range

The rifle range is looking good. You may have to kick some leaves out of the way, but it is in good shape.

The sight-in day was a lot of fun. Thanks to Deb, Bruce, Ron, and Dan for the help. We had one newer scope, which was a challenge. As an old sight-in guy, I actually learned quite a bit about sighting in a scope.

Enjoy the range this winter and please leave it cleaner than when you arrived. Don't worry about the leaves, that's why we have leaf blowers! See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol Range

I thought we would have a couple of lanes working by now, but mother nature had a different idea. She blew a 20-inch diameter pine tree over and clipped the end of our house, but now that that's fixed, I'm back working on the range.

We've installed the first retrievable target track and are finishing the target carrier. I hope to have the first lane working by Monday's board meeting. The cost is about \$400 per lane.

The carriers will have removable target frames. When we're finished shooting, we need to pull the frames and hang them inside to prevent damage in case of high wind. The lanes will have indicators on the pull ropes marking 7 feet, 14 feet and 21 feet distances, the max distance is approximately 27 feet.

We'll eventually have a selection of targets available for sale, so you won't have to bring your own.

To be safe we will have to install door locks to isolate the indoor range and outdoor range from each other so we cannot shoot on both ranges at the same time.

Lastly, we are looking into heat for the building. There are many things to consider before we do that, so for now we'll have to be content to just be out of the wind.

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

This year's Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 22nd. We had a decent turnout with ten shooters. You couldn't have asked for nicer weather. A great lunch was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. The top five scorers took home frozen turkey breast, and the top shooter also took home a custom coffee mug trophy. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped put on the shoot including Vic Ellis who served as line officer and Maggie VanHaften who provided the great lunch and scored the targets.

The Top Five Shooters:

- 1st Mark Smith
- 2nd David Woodman
- 3rd Pat Foster
- 4th Todd Gomah
- 5th Dan VanHaften

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 6th. Ron Robinson finished first (again) in the offhand division, followed by Dan VanHaften second, Alan Penny third and Rich Stowe fourth. In the Bench Rest division, Vic Ellis finished first.

The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2022 are now completed and dates for 2023 will soon be posted on the BSC website calendar.

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

Shotgun

Thanks to the many who helped bring the equipment in from the sporting clays range on November 5th. Many hands made the work go smoothly, special thanks to Bob Sampson & John Seymour for staying and making certain that our batteries were ready for the long winter. That really is a tedious job.

We will still be shooting skeet and trap on Wednesday & Saturday as long as we can keep the snow clear from the ranges, then it will be wobble trap from the porch until spring.

The cost of snow plowing, like everything else is increasing. So please come out and use our ranges this winter.



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

FOR SALE!!

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

November 2022 Calendar

November 2022							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
30 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Aggregat		31 Nov 1	2 1pm Trap & Skeet	3	4	5 10am Sight-In Day 10am Shotgun Ranges				
6 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Aggregat	7	8	9 1pm Trap & Skeet	10	11	12 10am Shotgun Ranges				
13	14 5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	15	16 1pm Trap & Skeet	17	18	19 10am Shotgun Ranges				
20	21	22 1pm Trap & Skeet	23	24	25	26 10am Shotgun Ranges				
27	28	29 1pm Trap & Skeet	30	Dec 1	2	3 10am Shotgun Ranges				

December 2022 Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
27	28	29 1pm Trap & Skeet	30	Dec 1	2	3 10am Shotgun Ranges				
4	5	6 1pm Trap & Skeet	7	8	9	10 10am Shotgun Ranges				
11	12	13 1pm Trap & Skeet	14	15	16	17 10am Shotgun Ranges				
18	19	20 1pm Trap & Skeet	21	22	23	24 10am Shotgun Ranges				
25	26	27 1pm Trap & Skeet	28	29	30	31 10am Shotgun Ranges				