

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

TBD

February 2023

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

02/13/2023
300 Annual Members
22 Life Members
4 Guest Members
326 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

Contact Deb McGraw
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President's Column

I know it's winter but the club hasn't slowed down any. Mike and his crew have the shotgun range up and running every Wednesday and Saturday with lots of participants. They have even convinced me to give it a try. What fun! They say I haven't quit smiling since my first shot.

The pistol range is now complete so we can shoot from indoors. Access to the outside range is closed while we utilize the retrievable targets in the winter months to prevent any accidents. We will reopen the outside range when weather permits. Come on out and give it a try. You'll be impressed with Jerry's ingenuity.

The air rifle range is very close to being completed. It may be done by the time you read this. We just need to make the targets. Watch the calendar for opening day if you're interested. It is also an indoor range that we can use during the cold months.

Finally, I want to send my condolences to Rod Shamel whose wife passed away last month. Also, to George Kirback whose wife also passed away just recently. Your sorrow is shared by all who knew them. They were both great people who did so much for the people of our club. Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome three (3) new members!

Daniel Carter

Thomas Lachman

Richard McCrae

Rifle Range

The winter that wasn't continues... That has resulted in a lot of rifle range use, which is great! Unfortunately, I have been unable to keep the range in as good of condition as I like, but am doing my best. Everything is very wet and muddy, which is frustrating.

On a related matter, we are trying to get our air rifle range up and running. Mike and Linda have put this together and we should be good to go shortly. Just a few odds and ends left to sort out.

Remember, Spring will soon be sprung! See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol Range

The Pistol Range is finished except for painting the shooting lane counter and the floor. We will do that when the weather is warm enough. If you look closely, you can see the target carrier tracks on the rafters. All six lanes are operational. At this time, we have only opened the center two lanes, that should be enough for a while. The target frames are installed simply by "hooking" the frame onto the dowels attached to the carrier.



After you've finished shooting, please remove the target frames and store them inside the building. We are not sure if a strong wind would damage them if left hanging but why gamble when removing them is so easy. Also please close the lane doors.

Soon we will mark the ropes so the targets can be set at known distances of 7, 14, and 21 feet. Max distance is 25 feet. The target track and carrier apparatus are simple and sturdy, but if handled roughly, something could break. Should that happen, just move to another lane and leave a note so we can make repairs and/or improvements.

We plan to put up some shelves in the shooting booth, so you'll have a place to store your gun cases and a place to load your magazines. If you see something that needs improvement, make a note of it, and put it in the donation box along with your generous donation. We need to install a decent heater.

Jerry

For Sale: Browning A-Bolt, 22 Mag with 2x7 Leopold scope – very rare rifle. \$1,200.

Call Jim Hooker for more information.
(231) 352-4267

For Sale: THERMAL X Ice Shanty
2-man popup
\$500.00

Call Mike Laslo for information.
(231) 882-7252

Muzzleloaders

The fourth annual Frost Bite Shoot will be Saturday, February 25th. Registration will be from 9:00 to 10:00 am. The shoot fee is only \$10.00, and a light lunch will be included. The first-place trophy is a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners will receive bead prizes. This shoot can be challenging but also enjoyable. It's a great excuse to go outside and shake off any cabin fever.

For those who are looking for a new outdoor activity to enjoy, muzzleloader shooting may be just the thing. Muzzleloading is a traditional sport that has been around for centuries. This type of shooting involves loading a muzzleloader with a single barrel and a single shot, with a measured amount of powder and a lead ball. From there, the shooter takes aim and fires the gun. The goal of muzzleloader shooting is to hit the target with precision and accuracy, and can be a very rewarding experience year-round.

If you're looking for a new and exciting activity to enjoy this year, muzzleloader shooting may be just what you're looking for!

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

April 1: April Fools Shoot

May 25-29: GT Rendezvous

August 25-27: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

On April 4th, our Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoots begin. Shooting starts at 6:00pm.

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

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

I noted in last month's newsletter that we purchased some new equipment. We are shooting dealers choice off the porch. With 8 traps and many varied target presentations you will be challenged. Large group continue to make the best use of the weather and a good time is being had by all.

We are seeing new shooters all of the time, if anyone is interested in taking up a new sport or working on old skills, I am always available for range time/coaching anytime. Just give me a call and we can set something up. This reasonable weather has allowed us to keep both trap and skeet ranges open, and it looks good for the near future.

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: Ruger old model M77RS
w/ (rings and sights)
Leupold 3-9x
\$925

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For Sale: Browning BPS 12ga pump NIB
engraved model,
with set of choke tubes
\$800

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Jarrel Dell
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ORGANIZED SHOOTS!

Pistol Range: Every Saturday at 2:00pm

Indoor Air Rifle Range: Fridays in March at 2:00pm

February 2023 Calendar

Today							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4	10am Shotgun Ranges			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	10am Shotgun Ranges			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10am Shotgun Ranges 1pm SELF-DEFENSE CLASS	6pm Board Meeting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	9am Muzzleloader Frost Bite Sh 10am Shotgun Ranges			
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	10am Shotgun Ranges			

March 2023 Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
26	27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	10am Shotgun Ranges			
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18	10am Shotgun Ranges	5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	10am Shotgun Ranges			
26	27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	9am April Fools Shoot 10am Shotgun Ranges			