

Benzie Sportsman's Club

August 2023

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

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

08/14/2023
337 Annual Members
26 Life Members
363 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

September 9, 2023

Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Summer is passing by quickly. It will soon be time to hone our skills for hunting birds, bow hunting, as well as rifle season. It is also time to start thinking about who you would like to elect as club officers and board members. Any seat is open and the list of present board members and the capacity in which they serve is listed on the front of the newsletter. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone who is willing to accept the nomination, please let me know. Nominations are open through the month of October. **Elections will be the second Monday in December and will be followed with a wild game dinner.** Think about your favorite wild game dish you would like to share. In the meantime, come out and enjoy all the upgrades we have made to the club.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome seven (7) new members!

**Brian Halliday
Nolan McFarlin
David Pruett
Robert Webb**

**Rick Kirk
Jim McLaren
James Perkins**

Rifle Range

The rifle range continues to be used on a regular basis and that is good. A few repairs are needed and I hope to complete those by the end of August. It is hard to find time in our oh so short summer. The silhouette shooters are still having fun every Thursday at 5:00pm. See you at the range!

Paul



FOR SALE: Boat, motor, & trailer - \$3,500

CALL: (231) 378-2252 – Richard Nelson

Pistol Range

In our last article we mentioned that we've completed construction on our "Indoor Range". All we have left is some signage, some we'll have to order, some we have.

We are looking for a small gas heater to use this Fall and Winter. Before we get one, we'll need some more automatic door closers so we do not end up heating the outdoors.

Rich Stowe has agreed to take over the operation of our pistol range. Most of our members know but, for those who don't, Rich is a Conservation Officer for the State of Michigan. We are very fortunate to have him agree to do this.

Last weekend we held a Hunter Education class at the club. Forty-three students passed the two-day class and received certificates. Jerry Cole and Michael Hartman each instructed a subject at our club; it was evident that it wasn't their first rodeo. Both did very well. We are glad to recommend them both for certification. It looks like we potentially have two new Hunter Ed instructors.

Lastly, we would like to build a combined indoor air rifle and archery range in our large storage building, that is if we can get the board's approval. If approved we will start by putting a plan together for the project this Fall.

Jerry

Archery

The Archery course is shaping up nicely and many of the lanes have been cleared and are about ready for targets. Speaking of targets, they have been ordered!! Due to demand and timing for shipping, we're looking at a delivery of about the 2nd week in September. The course should be shootable within a few days of receiving targets. I'm very eager and excited to have this all come together and looking forward to having the course back to fully functional. This 3D course will not only allow our club members to practice their shot, but will incorporate some hunting scenarios to make it fun and enjoyable! Thanks for all your patience.

Calvin Dennis

Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is quickly coming to an end with our last shoot on Tuesday, August 29th. The Fall Aggregate will begin the very next weekend on Sunday, September 3rd and will continue through November 5th. The fall shoots begin at 2:00 pm each Sunday with four targets at 25 yards. We invite everyone to participate each week in this enjoyable event.

The Benzie Rendezvous is almost here. The Club will be hosting the 37th annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 25th through the 27th. This is an old-fashioned rendezvous where friends and muzzleloader extended family can reconnect and enjoy these historic traditions. The rendezvous will follow a similar format as last year. Participants are organizing shooting matches and other events.

There will be a small entry/camping fee of \$20 Individual or \$25 Family. Door Prize(s) will be randomly drawn from signed registrations/liability waiver forms. As always, donations will be gratefully accepted. See the rendezvous flyer on the club's website for more details.

Don't forget our Turkey Shoot will be on Saturday, October 21st. Results from the Summer Aggregate as well as the 37th Annual Benzie Rendezvous will be printed in next month's newsletter.

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!!!

Winchester model 1897 12-gauge pump.
Asking \$400 or best offer. Nice collector's item.
Call Deb McGraw (231)714-3423

THERMAL X Ice Shanty 2-man popup \$500.00
Call Mike Laslo for information.
(231) 882-7252

Shotgun

We had a very successful Hunters Education class last weekend, and I am grateful to all that stepped up to help run the ranges while I was with the class. It was enjoyable for all.

It is that time of year when the days are getting shorter and the nights cooler, we who hunt birds start thinking of places to go. As you are reading this the preserves will be open again and bird season will be less than a month away. This is a great time to be on the range checking out gear or improving skills. Skeet & Trap will continue to be open at 1100 on Wednesday through Labor Day and all ranges are open on Saturday @ 10:00.

The ranges have been fairly well kept this summer, but I am still finding a few empty hulls on the ground. This is especially true at station six on the clays range. Please take the time to clean up behind yourself. This is especially important if you shoot a pump or semi.

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
Call Jarrel Dell for more information
(231) 275-0335

Browning BPS 12ga pump NIB
engraved model, with set of choke tubes \$800
Call Jarrel Dell for more information
(231) 275-0335

Nikon Monarch Rifle Scope 3x9x40 with plex crosshair
\$250 OBO
Call Jim Hooker for more information.
(231) 352-4267

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