

Benzie Sportsman's Club

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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

10/09/2023
345 Annual Members
26 Life Members
371 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

Thanks to all of you who signed up for our membership appreciation dinner. For those that couldn't attend, we hope you can enjoy one of our other events in the future.

I don't usually like to use the newsletter to bring up negative things, but this time I feel the need to. Someone took it upon themselves to uncover our 22 silhouettes, stand them up, and shoot them with a high-powered rifle. They now all have to be replaced, which is costly to the club. PLEASE be respectful to the club property. It's actions such as this that ruins it for everyone.

We will be having our sight-in day on Saturday, November 4th from 10-1. Targets will be available as well as volunteers with spotting scopes to help get your equipment ready for the firearm season. Coffee and rolls will also be provided. Come on out rain or shine. We shoot from under cover.

The archery woods walk is complete for those of you who want to hone your skills. The 3D targets vary in size and distance. Remember to thank our sponsors when you see them and support their business as they support us.

Deb

Let's welcome eight (8) new members!

Scott Bigley
Christopher Lathan
Daniel Nickerson
Cameron Charles Twigg Kubit

Marc Jones
Alan Devore
Jon D'Agostino
James Ackerson

SAVE THE DATE!!

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
+ WILD GAME DINNER**

December 11, 2023

Pistol Range

We have installed a gas heater in the Pistol Range building. The heater is a nice addition to our facility. We're thinking many of the people who will enjoy the warmth this winter will be our neighbors, the trap shooters. Also, we have a new single serving coffee maker plus a large selection of K-cup pods. All the stuff needed for a cup of coffee is kept in the drawer that's marked.

We just replaced the target backers on the portable frames, it's evident that the range is getting used regularly, that's a good thing. Also, it is nice to see our shooters are placing their targets in areas where the frames are not damaged.

It won't be long before we close access to the outdoor range and open the indoor range. When shooting from inside we ask that you use the center two shooting windows. The reason: we are less likely to experience damage to the support posts when using these lanes. We plan to use all the lanes at the same time only during supervised shoots, we're sure you understand the reason for that.

If you have any suggestions to improve our facility or operation, let us hear from you.

Jerry

Rifle Range

The range looks good. Looking forward to our annual sight-in event on November 4th from 10am-1pm. It is always a fun day. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided.

See you all at the range!

Paul

**MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION
DINNER WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

RESERVATIONS ARE CLOSED!!

Muzzleloaders

The Fall Aggregate is about halfway through, just a few weeks left until the final shoot on November 5th. We shoot each Sunday at 2:00pm. Once the Fall Aggregate is over, organized muzzleloading shooting will be pausing 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 21st. Registration will be from 9:00am to 10:00am at the pistol pavilion. (We moved the registration and lunch location to accommodate the club's Member Appreciation Dinner later that Saturday.) 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

Shotgun

Ranges are still being used at a quick pace. If you are interested in joining us, we start a 1:00 on Wednesdays and 10:00 on Saturdays. There is a good group at all skill levels so come and improve your wing shooting skills or maybe just have some fun breaking a few clay birds.

Saturday, November 11th we will be closing the sporting clays range for the winter. Please come and help us bring in the equipment so we can store it for the winter. We will set up dealers' choice off the porch again after closing the clays course so shooting will continue.

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

Archery

Hello Fellow Archers,

The 3D course has been open for a few weeks now and we're having great feedback. Thank you to those that were able to make it out to our Grand Opening. We have a few fine details and ideas that were brought to our attention that we'll be looking to improve on in the future.

If you have any suggestions we encourage you to reach out and let us know. This course is for you, the members, so remember that when it comes to shooting and taking care of it. Again, as stated before, we're very fortunate to have the sponsors we did, so let's keep this the best course possible!

Please NO heads shots on the targets and only aim for the vital area of the animal. Also, NO broadheads may be used anywhere within the club property at any targets.

The course will be taken down prior to the weather turning bad which we know may be any day. I have set a temporary deadline for the first week of November to remove the targets from the course as to not be ruin and stored for the winter months.

I hope you all are enjoying the beginning of Fall and wish all of the bowhunting members good luck this season! Aim small, miss small!

Calvin Dennis

FOR SALE!



Leupold Mark 4 Rifle Scope 6.5 - 20x50mm LR/T
Illuminated Reticle Includes Sunshade
Serial Number: 328263T1
\$500.00 (RINGS ARE NOT INCLUDED)
Seller: Alan Ritter
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