

Benzie Sportsman's Club

Newsletter



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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

February 2024

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

02/12/2023
359 Annual Members
26 Life Members
385 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

April 20, 2024

Contact Deb McGraw
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President's Column

This winter is going by so quickly. The Board is now setting up the calendar for spring and summer events. The muzzleloader frostbite shoot is February 24th. I believe that is the last winter special event.

We are planning to have a CPR class in March for anyone who wants to attend. It will include training on the use of our new defibrillators. It is great knowledge that we all hope we never have to use but it's also good to know we have that knowledge should the need arise. Our first CPL class for the season is Saturday, April 20th. Details are elsewhere in the newsletter and on our website.

We are also getting closer to getting Wi-Fi and a security camera at the gate to hopefully curb some of the issues we continue to have around the club grounds.

There has been substantial interest in finishing part of the storage building and having indoor archery and an air rifle range to be available for the winter months. We are very pleased that our new archery range is being well received by our members. It has also brought in a few new members who saw what is offered. Calvin is still developing the program.

If there is anything you would like to see happen in our club, just bring it to our attention. You are always welcome to join us at our monthly potluck and meetings to discuss anything you want to see happen.

Enjoy your club!

Deb

Let's welcome eight (8) new members!

James Stotenbur
Nicklas Giannunzio
Paul Dewys
Adam Glielmi

Daren Lacharite
Jacob Szpunar
Nicholas Brown
Dave Holmes

Rifle Range

The winter that wasn't continues... The range is a little middy, but usable. Hopefully we will be up and running normally before too long. See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol Range

After talking with several members about an indoor air gun and archery range, it appears that there is considerable interest in the project. You may remember we tabled last meeting for lack of support; that, lack of support, seems to have changed.

To build these ranges, we must start with the ceiling, properly vented. The cost for doing the rear eighty feet of the ceiling would be \$1000 for vents, \$2000 for OSB, and \$4500 for labor totaling \$7500. We wouldn't insulate until we were finished with the walls, windows, electrical and heating.

To do the entire ceiling at this time would cost another \$3500. bringing the total to \$11,000.

We are proposing that we list this on our renewal notice as a project needing funding.

Jerry

Muzzleloaders

The fifth annual Frost Bite Shoot will be Saturday, February 24th. 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 get outside and shake off any cabin fever.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

April 6: April Fools Shoot

May 23-27: Grand Traverse Rendezvous

August 23-25: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

On April 9th, our Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoots begin. Shooting starts at 5:00pm.

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

FOR SALE!!!

Smith & Wesson M&P 15-22 with extras. This gun is in excellent condition with a low round count. It comes with the following features/upgrades: Threaded Barrel, CMC Trigger, ambidextrous metal charging handle (vs factory plastic), Vortex Crossfire 2 - 7 x32 rimfire scope, original factory iron sights, red dot sight, 7 - factory 25 round magazines, 4 - factory 10 round magazines, 1 - 35 round magazine (Plinker Tactical) with loader, sling, and Harris Bipod

Price: \$475.00 Call: Alan Ritter 231 496-9396



Ruger Mark II Government Target Model .22LR (Bull Barrel 6 7/8 inches) with adjustable rear sights This pistol is in outstanding condition inside and out. It includes a flawless leather shoulder holster, seven magazines, Hogue grips with finger grooves, and the original grips. It also has an aftermarket Majestic Arms Speed Strip kit installed for easy cleaning. With this kit the bolt just slides out for cleaning much like the new Mark IVs. The original parts are still with the gun. I can send additional photos if needed. This handgun has been legally registered in the state of Michigan, and will require lawful transfer when purchased.

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Shotgun

We continue to shoot on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. We are seeing a fair-sized group on a regular basis so come and join us and break some targets. If you don't want to shoot your shotgun you are still welcome and can just shoot the bull. We are working on solving all of the world's issues.

We are in the process of ordering some new equipment for spring. The additions will allow for some more targets to challenge your wing shooting skills. My thanks to those members whose continued financial support allows us to be inventive in the things we are doing. It is my hope that all the things we do are fun and exciting for our members. If you have any ideas that you would like to see us try, let me know and I will see what we can do.

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 Archers and fellow club members,

What a crazy and odd winter we have had so far, I hope you all are staying safe. For those that are into ice fishing my apologies for the lack of ice, but as a deer hunter what better weather and time to get out and start searching for shed antlers!! I'm eager to get the Archery course set back up come spring but we still have a few months. With that said, feel free to reach out and send any ideas or recommendations that you may have for the course for this upcoming year via email. Stay safe the next few months and I look forward to seeing you on the course this spring!

Calvin