

Benzie Sportsman's Club

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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

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

03/11/2023
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

With spring upon us, a number of events will be coming up. The most important one is spring cleanup on the ranges and club grounds. We hope to have those of you who can to come to give us a hand. The more there is, the more we get accomplished in a shorter period of time. We will have Jerry fix us something on the grill for lunch.

Next month we will be mailing out the membership renewal notices. While we are able to keep the dues the same this year, we are asking for donations to a couple projects we want to do to improve our club. The necessary one is to improve our security, particularly at the gate. It's unfortunate that some people don't have the respect for our ranges and are being destructive to our equipment. This is proving to be costly for the constant repairs. While I'm sure it's just a few people, we need to figure out who it is and try to stop it. The other thing we would like to see happen is to finish the inside of the storage building and have indoor archery and air rifle shoots in the winter. The archery program is really taking off since the new outdoor archery woods walk has been renewed, thanks to the hard work Calvin has put into it.

Now that our programs on the various ranges are starting up again soon, I hope to see you out there enjoying what the club has to offer.

Enjoy your club!

Deb

Let's welcome one (1) new member!

Arlie Cooper Jr

Archery

I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the warm weather we have been having. I myself have been out and found a few deer sheds along with doing some very early pre-season scouting for the upcoming 2024 deer season. As we close in on spring, I'm eager to get the course set back up for you all. By the time you read the next newsletter, I'll have a set date as to when the course will be back open for you to enjoy. I'm still open to suggestions, so if you think of something you would like to see or ideas that may make our course more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Calvin

Pistol Range

We will start installing the ceiling vents in our big storage building soon. The crew that's doing the work has a few jobs to finish before they start work on this project. If I was forty years younger, I'd start the job myself, but I am not, so we'll have to wait. We think that part of the ceiling work will take a week once we begin. The board has authorized \$5,000 for this portion of the project. After completing the insulation vents, we plan to install a ceiling, that is if we get the funding.

When the ceiling is completed, we will need to install an overhead heater and some lights. This will allow us to use the building for our new air rifle and archery competitions starting next fall.

If all goes well and we can put together the funds, we'll continue working on the project until we have a 40ft by 80ft room that can be used for many club functions in addition to a shooting range.

Jerry

Shotgun

Okay spring seems like it wants to come early this year. If that's the case, we can start cleaning up and putting things back together for the summer. To start, we are going to follow the cleanup program that we used last year. If you have a half hour and want to help, take a rake (some will be on the range) and rake the winter's mess into piles. We will come back and pick up the piles with my tractor. Also, we will need to take some leaf blowers out to the sporting clays range and clean the cart path and shooting stations. Once we are done cleaning up, we will get the sporting clays range up and running.

Tails-a-Waggin in Marion sponsors a Veterans/First Responder pheasant hunt in September. This is a no cost day on the preserve with dogs, guides, and lunch. He is changing the format this year and has asked if I could help coordinate. If you are interested in a free hunt and would like to participate, contact me and I will put together a list and provide details as they become available.

There is a concern raised by some of our volunteers that some people stay home when we open and come late to the range. We are going to start a policy of closing the ranges 2 ½ hours after we open. If you want to shoot some other time you will need to contact me and make arrangements prior. 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.

Mike

Muzzleloaders

The weather for the fifth annual Frostbite Shoot was cold, but partly sunny and dry. A total of 13 shooters (the most ever for this event) braved the ice and snow to the muzzleloader range. Top scorers were almost identical as last years:

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

The first-place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften who did the scoring and prepared a delightful lunch. A special thank you to Vic Ellis for being the range officer.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

- April 6: April Fools' Shoot
- May 23-27: GT Rendezvous
- August 23-25: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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

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

Rifle Range

The range looks a little grubby, but is in good shape. Looking forward to Spring. We will be cleaning things up in April and May. See you at the range!

Paul

FOR SALE!!!

Primers

- (1) Winchester Small (WSR) Rifle - \$70.00 per brick (1000)
- (2) CCI Small (#450) Magnum Rifle - \$70.00 partial brick (700ct)

Powder

- (1) AR Comp (Rifle) 8lb - \$375.00 ea (Current retail \$460 - \$499) Comparable to Varget
- (2) AR Comp (Rifle) 11b - \$45.00 ea (Current retail \$70.00)
- (3) Hodgdon Benchmark (Rifle) 11b - \$40.00 ea (Current retail \$62.00)
- (4) IMR 4895 (Rifle) 8lb - \$375.00 ea (Current retail \$446.00)
- (5) Alliant Power Pistol 4lb - \$100.00 ea (Current retail \$190.00)
- (6) Winchester 231 Pistol 11b - \$30.00 ea (Current retail \$41.00)

Bullets

- (1) Hornady XTP 230gr #45160 - \$25.00 per 100
- (2) Sierra .308 (30 cal) 150gr HPBT Matchking #2190 - \$50.00 (150ct)
- (3) Speer .308 (30 cal) 150gr Mag Tip - \$25.00 per 100
- (4) Speer .224 52gr HP - \$10.00 per 100 (574ct)
- (5) Georgia Arms .224 55gr FMJ (plinking) - \$10.00 per 100 (745ct)
- (6) Sierra Matchking .308 (30 cal) Moly coated - \$40.00 per 100 (500ct)
- (7) Hornady .308 (30 cal) 168gr BTHP Match - \$30.00 per 100 (500ct)

.22LR Ammo

Winchester Power Point 40gr (brick of 500) I have 15 bricks of these. \$8.00 per 100 or \$40.00 per brick. They are currently \$14.99 per 100 at Midway USA.

In all instances where retail prices are referenced, I have tried to show the most up to date prices. As we all know these prices are constantly fluctuating. In any event I have allowed for negotiation on certain items. Also consider you will not be paying any sales tax or shipping costs, and in the case of primers and powder no hazmat fee. I can provide photos of any of the items you see listed here. If you are interested, please call Alan Ritter at **231 463-9396**. I have been a member of the Benzie Sportsman's Club since 2010.

CASH SALES ONLY