# 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** 

July 27<sup>th</sup> & July 28<sup>th</sup>

# April 2024

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION** 04/08/2024 **359 Annual Members 26 Life Members 385 Total Members** 



**Concealed Pistol License Class** April 20, 2024 **Contact Deb McGraw** (231) 714-3423

## **President's Column**

Spring is finally here and with that is the start of our organized events for each of the various disciplines. They are all listed on the calendar as well as the website.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the spring cleanup of the ranges should be completed. That being said, please help out by keeping the trash cans emptied and by cleaning up after yourself. We only have volunteers to do the work and you are one of them so please keep it clean for the next guy. We will do our best to keep the backstops maintained as needed.

Membership renewal notices are going out this month so watch for it in the mail. We have a couple of projects we are looking to complete this year and need your support in doing so. One is improved security at the gate. We need to try to cut down on some of the misuse of the club property. Expensive destruction is occurring on both the pistol and rifle ranges.

The other project is to improve the pole barn to provide indoor archery and air rifle ranges in the winter months. We want to insulate it, provide heat similar to the pistol and shotgun ranges, and construct the targets. And, of course, we always have expenses for general maintenance.

If you wish to donate to any of these projects, just send your donation along with your dues and indicate which project you want your money to be used for. The Board would like to thank you for your continued support to the improvements of your club.

Hope to see you on the ranges and as always, enjoy your club!

#### Deb

#### Let's welcome one (1) new member!

#### **Matthew Rogers**

## **Rifle Range**

The range has made it through the winter with no damage. The Silhouette target stations have needed some work for a while. The board is aware of the issue and this Spring we hope to make some improvements. Thanks for taking good care of the facility. See you at the range!

### **Pistol Range**

Not much has changed since our last newsletter. The crew that's insulating the steel ceiling will start once they've finished the jobs they were working on. This will take a week once we start. Because we are so close to some warmer weather we'll probably wait until it gets here.

Let's hope we can put together the funds to continue working on the project.

We have some pistol reloading stuff for sale at some attractive prices.

Hercules II 1lb. \$15.00 Hercules 2400 1lb. \$15.00 Hercules Red Dot 8oz. \$12.00 Dupont IMR 4227 1lb. \$15.00 Dupont IMR 4320 1lb. \$15.00 Dupont IMR 4895 1lb. \$15.00 Dupont SR 4756 8 oz. \$12.00

CCI Primers #500 small pistol 200 - \$6.00 CCI Primers #350 Large pistol 900 - \$27.00 Alcan Lartge pistol 100 - \$3.00 Fiocchi Large pistol 1500 - \$45.00

#### Jerry

#### Shotgun

Okay in March's newsletter I spoke about spring maybe coming early. So, I guess you can blame the crappy late March early April weather on me. With that said we will still need to get winter's mess cleaned up before we can put things back together for summer. The rakes are on the skeet range and anyone wishing to help can pick a place to start. <u>April 13<sup>th</sup> is the club's cleanup day. Ranges</u> <u>will remain closed until after lunch.</u>

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

## **Muzzleloaders**

The Benzie Muzzleloaders held their annual April Fool's Shoot on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The results were not available as of this writing.

The Summer Aggregate starts April 9<sup>th</sup>. Weekly shoots each Tuesday beginning at 5:00pm.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 23-27: GT Rendezvous

August 23-25: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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!!!



LWRC DI AR-15 style rifle. Under 600rds. Excellent condition. Comes with a B5 Bravo stock and new Magpul 30rd magazine. Asking \$1200. Please call Arick Luketich with any questions at 810-252-9722.

## Archery

Happy Spring Fellow Archers,

We made it through the winter and spring has arrived! I hope all of you are doing well and as eager as I am to get back out and fling some arrows on the course. Mark your calendar as the 3D archery course will be back open beginning on April 27th!!

Over the next few weeks, we will be slowly working on cleaning up the lanes and reconstructing the course along with placing targets. Please refrain from shooting until the 27th so we can ensure all safety measures are in place. Last year we had an outpouring of success when the course opened and I want to applaud everyone for keeping the course and the targets in excellent condition.

Please remember to only shoot in the vital areas of the targets and NO HEADSHOTS as this will decline the life of the targets. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you on the course!

Calvin