

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

August 17th

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

8/12/2024
349 Annual Members
26 Life Members
375 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

Wow, summer is really cruising by. Due to medical conditions, I haven't been able to get out as much as I like, but have still managed to get in a few rounds of skeet as well as some 22 silhouette shoots. It's been great seeing how much the ranges have been used.

Unfortunately, a few individuals still like to shoot up our backstop frames on both the pistol and rifle ranges. It has been quite costly as well as challenging to keep the ranges in working order. PLEASE be mindful of your fellow club members who want to use the ranges also. It should not be so difficult to post paper targets instead of shooting out the washers that hold the frames together. Push pins are provided for hanging targets.

We are still in need of someone to be willing to keep the minutes of our board meetings. If you have an hour to spare once a month, we would sure appreciate hearing from you.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. Invite some friends to join you and see what we have to offer. Thanks!

Deb

Let's welcome four (4) new members!

Mathew Birdsley

Willaim Slagal

Michael Rutter

Douglas Hatfield

Rifle Range

Hi everyone, I have been on the DL for a while due to a hip replacement surgery. Thanks to everyone for helping out while I am recovering.

Silhouette shooting is still going strong on Thursdays at 5pm. Come on out and join us. See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

The pistol range target boards have been refreshed and probably shot up pretty good at this goes to press. We tried something new by attaching our foam board to the back side of the target frames. This is so our shooters can see frames in hopes that they don't get shot up. We'll see how that works – if it does, we plan on doing our portable targets this way.

Work on our indoor range ceiling will be starting soon. We have been delayed because of other work schedules; it's surprising how fast backlogs build in the building trades. Our job is one of those that can be put off, we have a few months to get it done. Once we have completed installing the ceiling, we will work on the separating wall. Construction should only take a week.

We plan to get an estimate for heating the range. The area is large and will not be finished this year, so heating would only be used to temp the area while we were using it.

As we said last month - When you come to the club and see the storage building door open, feel free to stop in and chat, we'll love the break.

Jerry

Shotgun

Okay, as promised, here are the details for the Veterans/First Responders Pheasant Hunt. We will be hunting at Tails-a-Waggin in Marion on the afternoon of October 4th and will take the field at 1300. There are track chairs available for those with mobility issues so if you are interested come and hunt with us. There is not any cost or licensing for this hunt, but you do need to be either a current or former first responder, active-duty military or a veteran. There is a 15-person limit to those that can come with us so go ahead and sign up with me, the first 15 will get slots all others will be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations. I will make arrangements for guides and dogs so if you would like to bring a dog, I will also need to know that. Just one last note before I move on, some of us have an amazing collection of stuff. If you need to borrow something, ask around and we can likely find what you need.

The ranges are running smoothly, and we have been busy all summer. I want to thank those that are putting in the hours to help keep things humming along. There are too many to name but you know who you are. If you are not one of us and would like to get in the game ask, we could always use more help. After all it is your club.

There was discussion again about a league shoot, if you have any interest in forming a league let Jerry Cole know and we will put one together.

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

Summer seems to be passing quicker every year. The Muzzleloader Summer Aggregate is coming to an end with our last shoot on Tuesday, September 3rd. The Fall Aggregate will begin the very next weekend on Sunday, September 8th and will continue through November 3rd. The fall shoot begins 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 38th annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 23rd through the 25th. 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 waver forms. As always, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Don't forget our last organized shoot of the year – the Turkey Shoot will be on Saturday, October 19th.

Results from the Summer Aggregate as well as the 38th 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