

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

September 2024

## 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**

9/9/2024  
352 Annual Members  
26 Life Members  
378 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

*TBD*

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## President's Column

Well, another summer season has ended, but there are a number of things still happening at the club.

First, I would like to welcome Jim Ackerson and Mark Bader to the board. Jim has graciously volunteered as club secretary and Mark is going to take over the archery range. In addition, Connie Learnihan has accepted the role as membership secretary. I want to thank you all for stepping up when asked.

I want to thank Maggie Lentz and Nikki Westfall for their service to the club. Nikki will stay on as newsletter editor. Next month we are having a membership appreciation dinner. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with the details. Come meet other members and enjoy a great evening out.

Finally, sight in day is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 from 10 until 1. Targets will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer. There will be a couple of our more knowledgeable members there to help.

Enjoy your club,

**Deb**

**Let's welcome three (3) new members!**

**Darrell Scott**

**Michael Wasson**

**Steven Roach**

## Rifle Range

Hi everyone, I have still been on the DL due to a hip replacement surgery, but I hope to be out to the club soon! Thanks to everyone for helping out while I am recovering.

**Paul**

## Shotgun

We have 9 people signed up for the Vets/ First hunt at Tails-a-Waggin. There is a little room left if there is anyone else that wants to come. We will be meeting at the preserve on October 4<sup>th</sup> at about noon with the hunt to start at 1300. I will be sending an email out at the end of September if you provide me an email address. The preserve's address is 18319 50<sup>th</sup> Ave, Marion, MI.

Just a reminder that Labor Day has passed, and we are back to regular shooting times. Some have shown up early, sorry for the confusion. All ranges are open and running full steam, come and join a squad and break some targets.

We have a member that has volunteered to set up a Fitasc shoot for us, we will be doing it on the afternoon of September 28<sup>th</sup>. We are going to put some stuff on the grill and have lunch available. If you would like to shoot, watch, or just eat, plan to stay a little longer on the 28<sup>th</sup> and enjoy the company.

This year everyone has been very good at keeping our ranges clean. However, I am starting to see empties on the clays range again. Please!!!! Take the time to clean up YOUR empties. 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 Muzzleloader's Annual Rendezvous took place from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. We had a total of 26 registrations this year, down from 30 last year. The attendees organized almost everything including some fun and different shooting competitions. Saturday night there was a potluck and Sunday morning the shooting awards were handed out as well as a raffle for numerous prizes. This year Ruth Palmer won the door prize randomly selected from the signed registrations. The prize was a Ruger Old Army black powder revolver that was donated to the club by the family of a former muzzleloader. The weather couldn't have been better. Many thanks to Mark Smith, Todd Gomah, and the numerous volunteers that helped during the event.

The Summer Muzzleloader Aggregate shoot is now over. Dan VanHaften won this year's competition followed by Alex Allen, Ron Robinzon, and Alan Penney.

The Fall Aggregate started on September 8<sup>th</sup> and will run through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The shoots are each Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets, all at 25 yards. Accommodations are made for shooters with limited physical abilities.

The Club will host the annual Muzzleloader Turkey Shoot scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch the club's website for details. You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website.

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

## Pistol/Indoor Ranges

The pistol range needs some TLC. First, we will move the wooden picnic table out from under the roof, next we will replace the double table that is in poor shape (probably from being left out in the weather) with a double table that has been in storage and place it under the roof (where, if it remains there, it will stay in excellent shape). I know that's a big ask, but we can hope.



We have replaced the target backers on two of our portable target frames that have remained where they belong. Somehow two portable target frames have seemed to grow legs and moved down range near the fixed targets. We will wait until they walk back before replacing the foam backers.



You'll notice we have installed the foam backer on the back of the target frames in hopes that when boredom takes place and the need to shoot the target pins takes over, the only things that are needlessly ruined are the pins.

We've covered the back wall of the indoor range with OSB and are ready to build a target bench across the front of it. We will be making portable target holders for use by the Air Gun group and the same for the Archers.



The target line is about 34 feet across so it will easily hold targets for both groups at the same time. That is until either or both groups grow to the point that we will have to schedule them at different times.

Work should be started on the ceiling by the time you receive this newsletter.

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

# September 2024 Calendar

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Sep 1	2	3	4	5	6	7			5pm Muzzleloader Summ	11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte		10am Shotgun Ranges							
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag	5:30pm Potluck 6pm Board Meeting		1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges							
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag			1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges	Canceled - CPL Class						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag			1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges							
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Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - New York

Google Calendar

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