

# 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

*TBD*

October 2024

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

10/14/2024  
359 Annual Members  
26 Life Members  
385 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

*TBD*

Contact Deb McGraw  
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## President's Column

What a great Fall season we've been having. The ranges have been very busy. There are still a few members who don't realize the importance of cleaning up after themselves. Our volunteers are stretched to the limit so please pick up your brass and pull your targets. It's not that big of a job when we all pitch in. As our membership continues to grow it becomes much more important.

Just a reminder that Saturday, November 2nd, is sight-in day on the rifle range from 10 to 1. Come on out and get your equipment ready for the rifle season. We will have targets available along with knowledgeable people to help if you need it. There will also be spotters to help determine where your shots go.

Our membership appreciation dinner is filled to capacity so if you were hoping to attend, maybe you can get signed up sooner next year. We hope to continue this as long as the generous donations allow for it.

Enjoy your club,

**Deb**

**Let's welcome two (2) new members!**

**Raymond Jackson Jr.  
Martin Stowe**

## Rifle Range

Thanks to everyone for helping take care of the Range while I have been recovering from hip replacement surgery. I still have a little hitch in my giddy up, but I can do what I can, as always.

Our annual sight-in day is on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM-1PM. There will be coffee and doughnuts.

I love it when someone puts several shots in a 3-inch circle at 100 yards. If I hit a paper plate at 100 yards, I'm happy!

**Paul**

## Archery

I want to thank everyone for the work on the archery range. Hopefully it's getting a lot of use and all the bowhunters are sighted in for hunting season. Please reach out if there's something you'd like to see.

We plan to put the targets inside over the winter to protect them from the elements. It's looking like it'll be early November. With the construction of the indoor range moving right along, there'll be an option to shoot inside over the winter. Stay tuned.

**Mark**

## Muzzleloaders

The Fall Aggregate continues with just a few weeks left until the final shoot on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We shoot each Sunday at 2:00pm. Once the Fall Aggregate is over, organized muzzleloading shooting will be pausing until next February when the club will host its Frost Bite Shoot. Keep an eye on the club's website calendar for details.

Don't forget this year's Turkey Shoot is on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be from 9:00am to 10:00am. A \$10.00 entry fee includes a light lunch. There is a nice trophy for the top shooter and some sort of turkey nutrition for 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places. Patched round ball and open sights only – hope you can make it!

Watch the club's website for details. You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website.

**Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,**

**Dan VanHaften**

## Shotgun

This picture is out by our patterning board. Not only did you leave behind your mess, but the hulls are from buckshot. There are no shells allowed anywhere on the shotgun ranges that are anything other than target loads, with 7 ½ being the largest size shot. Please do not use at any time larger/ heavier shot on any of the shotgun ranges, it WILL leave the property. This is not only discourteous to our neighbors, but it is also unsafe, against club rules, and illegal. If you are identified as having large/heavy shot shells on one of our shotgun ranges you WILL be asked to leave.



On October 4<sup>th</sup> we had a veterans / first responders hunt hosted by Tails-a-Waggin over in Marion. A good time was had by all, and many pheasants went home with us.



Mike

On September 28<sup>th</sup> we had a wonderful lunch cooked by Connie, Deb, and Linda and followed that up with a Fitasc parkour. It was a very interesting course set up by Dave Holmes. I for one enjoyed this new experience. We will likely put lunch and Fitasc on the schedule next summer. Stay and eat, then try something new.

November 9<sup>th</sup> is our take down the sporting clays day. Please everyone come out and help us put our equipment away for the winter. I will be there about 0930 so please do not start without me, there is method to my madness and if everyone takes an assignment it will go smoothly and quickly. That way everything gets put in the proper place the first time

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.



## Pistol/Indoor Ranges

If you've been out to the **pistol range**, you will see we have replaced the double table that was in poor shape with a double table that has been in storage for years.

We have also replaced the target backers on three of our portable target frames and as we said last month "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".

### Indoor range



### Looking at the target wall

We've covered the back wall and ceiling with OSB and built a dividing wall between the front storage area and the indoor range. Soon, we will build a target bench across the front of it.



### Looking from the target wall

Next week if all goes well, we will build a double door and an access door which will "close" in the ranges.



### Looking in from the storage area

We are planning to finish the corners of the room first so we can install a target bench across the back of the room and then install a 150,000 BTU hanging gas heater in the southeast corner.

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

**Jerry**

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