

Benzie Sportsman's Club

November 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

11/11/2024
361 Annual Members
28 Life Members
389 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

While some events at the club are winding down, there are still plenty of opportunities to shoot with your fellow members. The sporting clays range is now closed for the season, but we are still shooting five stand and trap on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The rifle range has been busy with hunters getting their firearms ready for deer season. I wish everyone a safe and successful season. There are plenty of deer out there. The pistol range will be shifting to indoor shooting as the weather cools down. Feel free to utilize the heater but please remember to shut it off when you leave. We will also start air rifle shooting in January. Just remember that we are counting on you to pick up your brass and targets. We will do our best to keep the trash emptied.

As of January 1, 2025, we will have a new president for our club. While I have enjoyed working with all of you, it is time for new and fresh ideas. I will continue to serve on the board and work on the ranges. I hope to continue seeing you on the ranges and share in the camaraderie that is always fun to engage in.

This will be the last newsletter for 2024, so I want to wish you all a blessed holiday season

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome four (4) new members!

Trent Alan Hall Christian Lee Johnson
Gabriel Austin Johnson Azacyah Baggot

Rifle Range

I was unable to do much maintenance this summer due to a hip replacement, but am now hobbling about again.

With the help of Deb McGraw and a few members who were using the range at the right time for me and the wrong time for them (thank you for the help, guys!) We were able to repair all the target racks and put up new foam. That should get us through the winter.

Have fun and help keep our range in good shape! See you at the range!

Paul

Archery

The 3D targets have been put away for the winter. Thank you to those that helped. The block targets are still out in the shed if you would like to shoot.

Mark

Shotgun

By the time you read this, the clays range will be taken down and equipment stored for the winter. As one season closes another will open, the 8-machine scramble will be set up shortly. Winter shooting will take place as long as there is someone to break targets. As long as we are on the subject of winter. Linda and I will be traveling quite extensively and will be gone mostly until April. Connie has the reins and would love all the help she can get. So come and clean up some snow, change a few batteries, pull some machines and just generally be useful. Whatever help you provide will be greatly appreciated. See you in the spring.

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

Our Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 19th. We had eight shooters brave the cool but otherwise perfect weather for a mid-October shoot. A fantastic lunch of smoked turkey chili was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. The top five scorers took home frozen turkey breast, and the top shooter also took home a custom coffee mug trophy. Wendy Kerry also provided a hand-made custom trivet for the second-place shooter. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften, who provided a great lunch and scored the targets.

The Top Five Shooters:

1st Wendy Kerry

- 2nd Mark Nienhouse
- 3rd Kurt Nienhouse
- 4th Pat Foster
- 5th Todd Gomah

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 3rd. Dan VanHaften finished first in the aggregate offhand division, followed by Ron Robinson second, Alan Penny third, and Alex Allan fourth. In the Bench Rest division, Vic Ellis finished first.

The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2024 are now complete and dates for 2025 are posted on the BSC website calendar.

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

FOR SALE!!



Runs well and has new tires.

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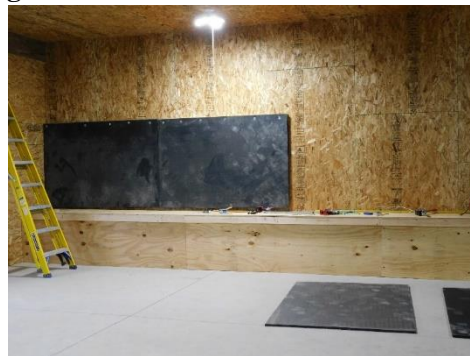
ANNOUNCEMENT!

Beginning December 4, 2024 at 2:00PM, there will be winter handgun shooting at the pistol range. This will continue every week until Spring when the weather breaks. We will not be shooting on Christmas or New Years Day.

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

Soon we will be closing access to the outdoor range and opening the indoor shooting lanes. This year we'll fix the gate so there is no easy access to the outdoor part. Why? Because those that defeat the gate leave their target boards and other paraphernalia out and someone else must clean up before we can shoot from indoors.

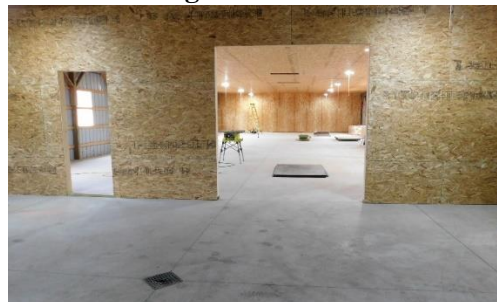
Indoor range



Looking at the target wall - Here we have begun installing horse stall floor mats to protect the wall (these puppies are heavy). This should stop air gun pellets and arrows from causing any damage to our building.



Looking from the shooting line - Because of budget issues we have delayed building the doors, but it sounds like we may have found enough funds to build those doors. If so, we will be able to warm the room with a couple of outdoor mushroom heaters enough to use the new indoor range



Doors needed to enclose the indoor range.

Jerry

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

November 2024 Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ar	28	29	30 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	31	Nov 1	2 • 10am Sight-In Day • 10am Shotgun Ranges
3 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ar	4	5	6 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	7	8	9 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
10	11 • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	12	13 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	14	15	16 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
17	18	19	20 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	21	22	23 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
24	25	26	27 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	28	29	30 • 10am Shotgun Ranges

December 2024 Calendar

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Dec 1	2	3	4 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	5	6	7 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
8	9 • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	10	11 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	12	13	14 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
15	16	17	18 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	19	20	21 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
22	23	24	25 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	26	27	28 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
29	30	31	Jan 1 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	2	3	4 • 10am Shotgun Ranges