

# 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

April 2026

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

04/13/2026  
304 Annual Members  
24 Life Members  
3 Agencies  
331 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

**April 25, 2026**

Contact Deb McGraw  
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## President's Column

Well, here we go again! Hopefully the warmer weather is here to stay this time! The April Fools Shoot was well-attended and not too cold! Spring Clean-Up is April 18 - from 9am - noon. It's time to spruce up after the snow. Hope to see you for the clean-up day and for shoots at the Club!

**Ron**

**No new members!**

## Shotgun

Last month I alluded to the change of seasons with the hope for warmer weather. Okay, I suppose that I will have to take the blame for this continued crappy weather, at a minimum I was overly optimistic. Maybe now we will see some warmer conditions, and we can get things up for summer operations. That said I have rakes on the range for anyone who wants to get a head start on clean up.

Saturday April 18th is our clean-up day and we should be finished by then. Let me take a moment to speak on range use, we have both a Trap Range and a Skeet Range. When we open for shooting that is what those ranges are for. I am all for shooting other sports after the Trap and Skeet shooters have had their opportunity. Come out and enjoy your ranges.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here and there is no maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps & semis. Please 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 hosted their annual April Fool's Shoot on April 4th. The weather was most fowl – rain, rain and more rain. We had a turnout with 9 registered shooters including a couple of newcomers competing for a nice trophy for first place and bead prizes for 2nd through 5th. Top scorers were as follows:

1st Kevin Raines (First time competing)

2nd Dan VanHaften

3rd Alex Allan

4th Ron Robinson

5th John Rice

Special thanks again to Maggie VanHaften for serving a Sloppy Joe lunch and for scoring the targets.

The Summer Aggregate shoots start April 7th. Weekly shoots are each Tuesday beginning at 5:00pm. Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 21-25: Grand Traverse Rendezvous

August 21-23: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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

<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/>

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan VanHaften**

## Archery

We had a great first winter archery league with about 8-10 shooters each shoot. We plan to do another winter archery league again next year. We will have the outdoor archery range set up by the end of May.

**Tyler**

## **Pistol/Indoor Ranges**

**Our spring cleanup day on the range is Saturday, April 18th. We will be switching over to the outside range at that point. The indoor range will be locked and inaccessible. If you have some time and want to come out and give us a hand, we will be working from 9 until noon with lunch following.**

**Our winter pistol shoots will be finished at the end of this month. Thanks to all who came out and participated. We will begin our summer activities in May. Most of them will be on the rifle range. We have the 22 silhouettes and the high-power rifle shoots from May until September. I encourage you to at least check them out. They really are a good way to meet other members with similar likes.**

**If you have any suggestions to improve the pistol range, please let me know. Thanks!**

**Deb**

## **Rifle Range**

**I checked on the rifle range a month ago and again a few days ago and both times members were using the range, even though the weather was windy and nasty. That is so good to see. I'm glad you are all enjoying the facility and taking good care of the firing line.**

**The 100-yard targets are looking pretty good. The 50-yard targets, not so much. The foam will be replaced on the April 18<sup>th</sup> clean-up day. The 25-yard targets are demolished and will be rebuilt on clean-up day. I'm not complaining... the AR and AK gang have a lot of fun and it isn't that much work to keep the targets up.**

**See you at the range!**

**Paul**

# April 2026 Calendar

Today < > April 2026 <span>Month</span>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	Apr 1 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	2	3	4 • 9am April Fools Shoot • 10am Shotgun Ranges
5	6	7 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	8 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	9	10	11 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
12	13 • 5:30pm Member Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	14 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	15 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	16	17	18 • 9am Clean Up Day • 10am Shotgun Ranges
19	20	21 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	22 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	23	24	25 CPL Class • 10am Shotgun Ranges
26	27	28 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	29 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	30	May 1	2 • 10am Shotgun Ranges

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SUN 26	Next month MON 27	TUE 28 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	WED 29 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	THU 30	FRI May 1	SAT 2 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
3	4	5 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	6 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	7	8	9 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
10	11 • 4pm High Power Aggregat • 5:30pm Member Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	12 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	13 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	14 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	15	16 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
17	18	19 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	20 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	21-22 Grand Traverse Rendezvous • 5pm .22 Silhoutte		23 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
24-25 Grand Traverse Rendezvous		26 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	27 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	28 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	29	30 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
31	Jun 1	2 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	3 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	4 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	5	6 • 10am Shotgun Ranges