

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

August 16, 2026

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

08/10/2026

230 Annual Members

20 Life Members

3 Agencies

253 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

September 26, 2026

Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

I hope that you all are enjoying our wonderful summer weather! Special thanks goes to the crew who picked up donated shop equipment this week! Many hands made for light work. We have also received our updated campground license, and it has been posted in the clubhouse. I'm looking forward to a great Rendezvous this year!

Ron

Please welcome three (3) new members!

**James Banasiak
William John Cole
Thomas Eugene McMillin**

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

I'm happy to see the pistol range being used so much this summer. The improvements have made it easier to use the range. We finally got rid of that unsightly table and one of our members has built us a new, more portable one. I have put a rake out if you find that easier to clean up your brass on the gravel. I am slowly getting the brass cleaned up from the use of the indoor range this winter. There is quite a lot of it under the shooting windows from being unable to pick it up all winter. The foam backstops will be replaced in the next couple of weeks. If you have any ideas for the range, please share them with me. I'm always open to new ideas.

Our next CPL class will be Saturday, September 26th. If you're interested, please let me know.

Thanks,

Deb

Rifle Range

The rifle range looks good. Thanks to everyone for your efforts to keep the range in good shape. I will be replacing the 25-yard targets shortly. They are starting to look a little tired. See you all at the range!

Paul

Shotgun

It is with sadness that we mark the passing of our friend Pat Griffin. Pat passed away in his sleep early in the morning of August 6th after a long battle with cancer. Pat was an avid shooter, bird hunter & dog owner. He worked tirelessly for our club and was always willing to give whatever he could to improve our ranges. He will be missed.

Summer is in full swing and the ranges are being heavily used. If there are shooters ahead of you on the clays range just skip ahead a few stations and pick up the missed ones on the way back.

Also, we are experiencing high volume on trap and skeet, if you are waiting for a squad to open, have a seat and relax. Cheer on those ahead of you and everyone will get a chance to shoot.

Thinking ahead to next month, bird season will open. Get out your field gun and take her to the dance. Nothing like a day at the range to work out the bugs. For both the gun and you.

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 Muzzleloader Summer Aggregate is coming to an end with our last shoot on Tuesday, August 25th. The Fall Aggregate will begin the very next weekend on Sunday, August 30th and will continue through November 1st. The fall shoots begin 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 40th annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 21st through the 23rd. 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 waiver 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 17th.

Results from the Summer Aggregate as well as the 40th 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.

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

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

REMINDER!!

**Please lock the gate when
leaving the premises.**

**Member's guests should be
making a minimum of \$5
donations in the donation safes
provided on each range in lieu
of membership.**

August 2026 Calendar

Today

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Month

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28 Pistol Range Closed • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	WED 29 Pistol Range Closed • 11am Trap & Skeet	THU 30 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	FRI 31	SAT Aug 1 • 10am Shotgun Ranges	
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9	10 • 4:30pm High Power Aggre • 5:30pm Member Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	11 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	12 • 11am Trap & Skeet	13 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	14	15 • 10am Shotgun Ranges	
16 Hunter Education Field Day	17	18 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	19 • 11am Trap & Skeet	20 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	21 Benzie Rendezvous		22 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
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