Benzie Sportsman's Club Newsletter

November 2026

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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

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
11/9/2026
226 Annual Members
20 Life Members
3 Agencies
249 Total Members

Hunter Ed

TBD

Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Good luck to those who will be hunting next week. I need your help. I received an email from Diane Waters. She explained that she cannot find her dad's recipe book that was published by the club. Her dad used to use the Venison Sausage recipe, and she would like to get a copy of the recipe. If you would like to connect with Diane, please email me, and I will send your email address to her. Thanks!

Ron

Please welcome six (6) new member this month!

Terry LaFountain
Myles McGray
Michael Scott Niemi
Peter Noble Turner
Charles Jay Vendenberg IV
Avery May

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

The range seems to be in good shape again. We replaced the boards on the frame that got all shot up. We also made the portable targets more permanent now by chaining them to the berm. The reason for that was to make sure we keep our bullets from leaving the property. We plan on leaving the outdoor range open as long as possible. The weather has been good so far this fall. We are planning on making some adjustments to the indoor range before we switch over. In the mean time you are welcome to use the pistol building to get warm. We will keep you updated as we go along. Enjoy your club!

Thanks,

Deb

Rifle Range

I have been on the DL due to a knee replacement surgery. Thanks to Deb and the gang for all the help. And thank you to the shooters for taking care of the facility.

The sight-in was a success and will be on again next year. See you at the range!

Paul

Shotgun

By the time you read this, the sporting clays range will be closed for the season. I want to thank all that came and made that task go smoothly. We will keep the Skeet and Trap ranges open as long as the snow is manageable. After that it will be bird dog (wobbles) from the porch until spring.

Let me take a moment and provide a gentle reminder, I have found sabots on the skeet field and the only safe place to shoot slugs or buckshot is the 25-yard line on the rifle range. There are not any berms behind the skeet range to stop the slugs or buckshot from leaving our property. There is a maximin shot size of 7 ½ on the shotgun ranges to keep the shot on our property and in the safety areas.

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

Our Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 17th. We had seven shooters brave the mild but cool 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 thighs, and the top shooter also took home a custom coffee mug trophy. A big thank you goes out to Maggie VanHaften, who provided a great lunch and scored the targets.

The Top Five Shooters:

1st Pat Foster

2nd Wendy Kerry

3rd Todd Gomah

4th Dan VanHaften

5th John Rice

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 1st. Dan VanHaften finished first in the aggregate followed by Ron Robinson, second and Alan Penny third, and Alex Allan forth. The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2026 are now complete and dates for 2027 will soon be posted on the BSC website calendar.

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.

GUNS FOR SALE

2 SHOTGUNS – REMINGTON 1100 SERIES

- **12 gauge with slug barrel $800**
- **20-gauge mag $800**

270 bolt action herter $750

Please call at (231) 352-7121

CROSSBOW FOR SALE

Excalibur Matrix 380 in excellent condition.

Draw weight: 260lbs
Speed 380 fps
Trigger pull approximately 3lbs (set at the factory)

Accessories:

- **Excalibur Tac Zone scope**
- **5 bolts plus additional bolts in a PVC tube**
- **4 bolt detachable quiver**
- **Excalibur hand crank**
- **shoulder sling**
- **Excalibur soft case**

Price: $850

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Today | November 2026 | Month

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Nov 1 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag	2	3	4 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	5	6	7 • 10am Shotgun Ranges • 10am Sight-In-Day
8	9 • 5:30pm Member 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	Dec 1	2 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	3	4	5 • 10am Shotgun Ranges

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Next month

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27	28	29	30 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	31	Jan 1	2 • 10am Shotgun Ranges