

Benzie Sportsman's Club Newsletter



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Members - remember to
have your guests sign our
liability waiver then,
Place it in the back of
the sign-in log book

**SHOOTING HOURS
BEGIN AT
10:00 AM**



Hunter Ed - August 17th & 18th

April 2019

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 4/8/19

316 ---- Annual Members
23 ---- Life Members
17 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG
356 ---- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class
Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423**

Contact the newsletter editor
benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com

Presidents Column

We have chosen April 27th as our annual spring clean-up and repair day. Some of the things that need attention are:

Replacing the curtain in the Archery Backstop

Checking the Sporting Clays for damage

New target frames on the pistol and rifle ranges; we'll get the necessary material on site for the repairs

Our clubhouse needs a good spring cleaning and its windows washed.

Raking the burn area in the campground for nails, screws, etc.

Replacing the wire net on the buckshot backstop

Sweeping shot shell wads off the skeet range

We have ordered: 25 Red Oak, 25 Red Osier Dogwood, 25 Red Pine, and 25 Black Chokeberry seedlings from the Conservation Resource Alliance for our clear cut area. They'll need to be picked April 22nd and planted during our clean-up day. Our plan is to plant the seedlings in small groves creating some diverse habitat for wild game. You may remember we planted three such small groves last year.

We will be serving lunch - Burgers and Brats, coffee, pop etc.

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We've just finished refurbishing our kitchen; take a look at the photos on right

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You may remember in our February newsletter we asked if anyone was interested in a Prime Rib dinner and if so to please let us know. Very few members responded, so we put it on the back-burner. Since then we've been asked by several if we are going ahead with the dinner. So we are we're on May 18th 6:00 pm. If you would like to attend see your shooting group leader for tickets. We can only seat 48 so act quickly if you're interested.

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Let's welcome this Month's new members

Eugene Drigger

John Kirkpatrick

Vic



New paint through out



New hood and shelf



Floor cleaned and repaired, cabinets cleaned

Flower Lady



Sweet Pea

Here's a little history from the internet:

You know the old saying, April showers bring May flowers? Well, what about April flowers? Such as the April birth Flower the Sweet Pea.

Sweet peas hail from the Mediterranean: Southern Italy, Sicily, and the Aegean Island to be exact..

There are over 250 varieties of sweet pea flowers. Some are: red, white, violet, and varying shades of pink. Some are streaked or slightly marked with contrasting color, and in rare cases, you'll even find a yellow bloom.

Although sweet peas can be found all over the world, the plants are fussier than you might imagine. They should be cut during a relatively cool period, early in the morning or the evening. Cut when there are three or more flowers open, then transfer them to water right away.

Sweet peas are an early spring bloom, so keep in mind they like things cooler. Keep them away from heat for best results. If properly cared for, April's birth month flower can last for up to five days, cut.

So, Can You... Eat Sweet Peas? Unfortunately, the sweet pea is the perhaps the worst place to indulge your sweet tooth. The flower does technically belong to the legume family, like its snow and snap counterparts, but consuming the plant in large quantities may prove toxic, so don't push your luck.

Remember to give thanks for each day for they all are gifts.

Bobbie Edmonds

Pistol range



It's April so that means spring cleanup time. While we will have one day set aside to accomplish some of the bigger jobs, we need everyone to do their part in keeping our Club clean. If everyone would just clean up after themselves after shooting it would make our ranges more appealing to the next person. So please pick up your brass and remove your targets when you're finished shooting. If the trash is full, could you please empty it in the dumpster? Remember, it is no one person's job to maintain the ranges; it is everyone's job

Deb

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BACN Clothing Drive

The Benzie Sportsman's Club is joining with The Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) to collect clothing for men in the community. While BACN receives donations of women's and children's clothing, men often wear their clothing out. Therefore, BACN is usually short on men's clothing for those in need. We are asking your support in donating the following items that are clean and in good condition without tears:

- Jeans and casual pants,
- Sweaters, shirts, and sweatshirts,
- Coats, gloves, and hats,
- Boots, and shoes, and
- New underwear and socks.

Items can be left in the designated box in the Club House or can be taken to BACN, 2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia, where donation are accepted

10am & 2pm, Monday–Thursdays

Thank you for your support,
Maggie VanHaften



C P L Class

Our first CPL class is being held on Saturday, May 4th. If you are interested in the class the fee is \$100.

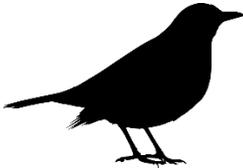
There is still space available for the CPL class on May 4th. It would make a great gift for Mother's Day or Father's Day since it comes with a year's membership to the Club. If you're interested just give me a call.

Thanks,

Deb

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22 LR Silhouette



Well I made it back from sunny warm Texas. Does that last statement give on idea of how I feel? If not it's cold out.

As too the .22 range I am hoping that it is in good shape if not I'm sure Vic will be ready and unable to help fix it.

The start of the shooting season will be on May 16 at 5 P.M. So we will have a lot of time to work on it if need be. I know that one line, I think the 87 yard line, will need rebuilding sometime this year, hopefully not until later this summer.

I hope that everything else is okay out at the club. I know there is one tree on the campground needs to come down. It is dead and a hazard. It needs to be removed before we let any campers use the grounds. I shudder to think if someone has that dead tree fall on then. I don't have a chain saw so if someone with a saw wants to bring it out we would be able to deal with it.

That the only thing that needs to be done on the camp grounds.

I've got turn on the AC so I'll sign off,

Texas Russ



Hunter Education

AUGUST 17TH AND AUGUST 18TH 2019

Class day **SATURDAY 8:30 TO 4:00**

Range day **SUNDAY 8:30 TO 1:30**

To register for the class call Jarrel Dell (231) 275 0335

Or e-mail: benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com

Or jarreldell@gmail.com



Muzzleloaders

This year's April Fool's Shoot was cool but no snow or rain made it a nice day for black power shooting. Turnout was improved this year with 12 shooters. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Top scorers were as follows:

- 1st Pat Foster
- 2nd Kurt Nienhouse
- 3rd Marcy Anderson
- 4th Russ Anderson
- 5th Mark Nienhouse

The first place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug with a colorful design depicting a long rifle, powder horn and shooting bag. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads.

Russ Anderson won the Tie Breaker and took home \$12.00.

Special thanks to Maggie VanHaften who did the score keeping and Jerry Dell who baked cinnamon rolls and helped served lunch from the newly renovated kitchen.

Don't forget the Summer Aggregate starts on Tuesday, April 9 at 6pm.

See the calendar on the website for more events.

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

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften



Shotgun

I am receiving a lot of questions about the Sporting Clays course. We will start putting it back together as soon as it is clear of snow. Of course, as I am writing this it is snowing outside. We will get the course back together just as soon as we can start working in the woods. In the mean time we are still shooting on Saturday mornings @ 1000. I expect the skeet & trap ranges will be clear of snow soon and we can start using these areas.

Tip #2 "Practice swinging and mounting an unloaded gun to your face in front of a mirror. Make sure you stand erect. Do not lower your face to the gun or tilt your head. Lift the gun straight up using a short concise motion. Be sure to use both hands equally, as though they were connected by a steel rod. Mount the gun precisely from the same starting position each time. Always mount to the same place on your face each time. Mount the gun to the face not the shoulder. Do ten swings/mounts each day. (The best shots make this part of their daily routine)."

More to follow in coming newsletters

Mike

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Archery

We'll see you for some fun shooting this summer, so get you gear ready so you can join-in.

Diane

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The Reel People

Reel and Rod Repair
Custom Rods
Thomas Marek
(231) 409-6863
uspikeman@gmail.com

Wanted

28 Ga. Progressive Re-loader
Call
Jerry (231) 651-0709

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Custom Holsters

Paul Schram, Owner, Craftsman
231-352-7066
Will Make Any Type of Holster for
Any Handgun, Hunting or Concealed.
Quality Leather, All Hand Stitched.
Many Stain Choices

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Dennis Collins is looking for a 243 rifle
with a wooden stock, so he can carve
some nifty stuff in the stock.
231-649-3007

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For sale

Mossberg Ultra Mag (Camo)
Mod 835 Pump action 3 1/2" Mag
\$225.00

Call Jim (231) 352-4267

Ammo

1Box Federal Premium 3 1/2 6's
1Box Federal Premium 3 1/2 5's
1 Box 338 Win Mag
1 box 2506
1 Box 7nn Win Mag
1 box 270 Weatherby Mag
1 box 7.65X39

Make offer on ammo

You can see the ammo at the Shotgun Lodge

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For sale

Browning Lightning Citori Sporting Clays Edition
Slightly Used 12Ga. Over & Under
Appraised @\$1700.00
For more info and or pictures call
(231) 633-8977
bcollins01@gmail.com

*Benzie Sportsman's Club's
Spring Get Together*

AT OUR CLUBHOUSE

*6224 Hoadley Rd.
Benzonia, MI*

May 18th, 2019

6:00 P/M

*An officer from the DNR
Will be Our Guest Speaker this Year*

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MENU

STARTERS

*Peas & Peanuts
Smoked Salmon Pate' w/crackers*

ENTRÉE

*Prime Rib
Baked Potatoes
Coleslaw*

FINIAS

*Fruit Cobbler w/Ice Cream
And
Beverages: Coffee or Tea w/milk*

\$15.00 per Person