

# Benzie Sportsman's Club Newsletter



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**SHOOTING HOURS**  
**10:00 AM**



Hunter Ed – August 2020

## November 2019

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION 11/11/19

288 ---- Annual Members  
23 ---- Life Members  
16 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG  
327 ---- Total Members



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

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# Our President's Thoughts



Last fall our neighbor surveyed his property and found that our muzzleloader target shack sits partially on his property. He doesn't want it left there so, we are in the process of tearing it down (no loss – a few years from now it would have fallen down). To replace the shack we plan on building a small storage cabinet on the shooting line. Next spring we plan to remodel the muzzleloader pavilion / cook shack creating a new room for our scorekeepers.

Dan VanHaften, Russ Signs, Jerry Dell and I were there last Tuesday; when we left the muzzleloader target shack was on the ground.

Dan and Jerry were one team and Russ and I was the other. Russ and I were so fast we kept getting in each other's way, we even had to keep taking breaks so Dan and Jerry could keep up. We didn't want them to look bad.

Thursday Russ and Jerry returned to strip the shingles off the roof when Deb McGraw showed up to help. They were able to get the shingles in the dumpster just in time to be hauled away. Actually Republic Waste had to wait for them to finish unloading but it all worked out. Dan showed up just after we finished and hauled the debris (about 50 or so trips worth) up to the campground burning area kinda glad we don't have to pay mileage for that. We'll have a bonfire sometime this winter.

Next year's building project, a small covered portion on pistol range to accommodate "wintertime shooting" is moving forward, we've ordered engineered drawings which will be ready in a few weeks. Once we get the prints we'll get a few building material bids, then a building permit.

Organized activities throughout the club have pretty much come to a halt except for the Shotgunners Saturday mornings shooting off the porch. And some skeet or trap weather permitting.

We received a nice letter from Wendy Kerry, this years' winner of our Turkey Shoot. As you can see it points out the low participation we are seeing at our muzzleloader shoots.

"Thank you for all the hard work that went into putting on the turkey shoot again this year the food was extraordinary as usual and nice companionship great targets.

Thank Maggie for scoring all the targets, Vic for chaperoning us on the line and thank Jerry's Grandma in heaven for all the great recipes and Jerry for taking the time to make them for us.

Sure is a shame that more people couldn't make it, you guys put on a wonderful event. I had two other people that wanted to come but they said it was too cold maybe if it would have been 2 weeks sooner might have been a little warmer but who knows with Michigan right?

Thanks again Wendy and Joe."

The Muzzleloader group is adding a new event this year "The Frostbite Shoot". They plan to hold it February 15<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am we're thinking it will be the first event, statewide, of the year. Afterwards they plan to have some hot soup and sandwiches. Maybe someone will bring along some spiced libation to thaw out their frozen bodies.

Let's welcome three new members:

James Conturier Jason Ferree Christopher Gomez

Vic

FOR SALE

Jim Hooker 231 352-4267

We thought Jim was not for sale, however since talking to Jim we're not sure, but he has these fine rifles that are.

Winchester Mod 70 Featherweight Rifle Pre-64 30-06 Monte Carlo stock w/ Leupold UX-11 scope 3-9 var. \$1400.00

Remington Mod 700 BDL 7mm Express Rifle (280) w/Nikon scope 3-9 var. \$1000.00

H.S. Precision stock: fits Remington Mod 700 BDL 7mm Express Rifle \$250.00

# The Flower Lady



## Prepare Your Garden Soil This November for Next Year

Fall is the time for preparing garden beds for the following spring. Many soil amendments require time to work properly and improve the soil. Adding them in fall results in better soil and healthier plants in the spring.

Pull all weeds from the bed, including the roots to prevent them from taking in the spring. Remove old plant debris and fallen leaves, otherwise the debris might harbor insects or diseases that could attack your new plants in spring.

Test your soil at a testing facility or with a soil testing kit for pH, or acidity. Most plants, including vegetables, grow best with a soil pH between 6.0 and 7.0.

Mix agricultural lime into the soil to raise the pH, or sulfur to lower the pH, as determined by the soil test. Work the lime or sulfur into the top 12 inches of. These amendments require time to alter the pH, so fall application works best.

Apply a 2- to 4-inch thick layer of compost, aged manure or leaf mold over the surface of the bed and into the top 6 to 8 inches.

### Things You Will Need

- Soil testing kit
- Agricultural lime or sulfur
- Spade
- Compost or manure
- Mulch

Remember to enjoy each day, for it's a blessing.

**Bobbie Edmonds**

# Pistol Range

We are so fortunate here in Benzie County that we have four seasons to enjoy and all have their individual qualities. For me, fall is the best because we can unwind from the hectic summer of unending company. The air is crisp and the deciduous trees are beautiful to enjoy (except for the raking).

The range has been kept in real good shape thanks to the stewardship of our members. I think I only had to empty the trash once because our shooters were constantly on top of it. A big thank you!! It sure makes it a lot easier when so many of you pitch in.

Although it's getting pretty cool, I know a number of you will continue to use the range until the snow gets too deep to post targets. Therefore I will do my best to keep the targets and push pins available. I noticed someone donated a box of earplugs for the range. What a considerate gesture. It was much appreciated. We will try to keep the available next year. Any other ideas or suggestions to make the range more user friendly just let me know.

**Deb**

# Shotgun



We're shooting off the porch and various and sundry other areas - trap or skeet weather permitting. Come out and enjoy we always have coffee and soft drinks available and sometimes some really good soup.

**Mike**

# Muzzleloaders



Joe Pelky, Wendy Kerry, Mark Nienhouse, Kurt Nienhouse  
back Pat Foster

This year's Turkey Shoot was held on October 26<sup>th</sup>. There were seven shooters this year, about the same attendance as last year. A lunch with was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. Vittles included wonderful turkey soup, sandwiches, pie and cookies. The top five scorers took home a nice frozen turkey breast and the top shooter also took home a nice coffee mug trophy. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped set up the shoot including Vic Ellis who hosted the shoot, and Maggie VanHaften who scored the targets.

## The Top Five Shooters:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Kerry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Nienhouse
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kurt Nienhouse
- 4<sup>th</sup> Joe Pelky
- 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Foster

Jerry Dell won the 50/50 Tie Breaker this year and promptly donated his winnings back to the club.

The Fall Aggregate is now over with the last shoot on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The results of the Fall Aggregate are posted below.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ron Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan VanHaften
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Russel Signs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Alan Penny
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jerry Dell

Vic Ellis took first place in the "Bench" division.

Don't forget, Muzzle Loading deer season runs from December 6<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> here in Northern Lower Michigan. Good Luck.

The muzzleloader shoot dates for 2020 are already posted on the BSC website calendar.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**

## The Reel People

Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair  
Thomas Marek  
(231) 409-6863



## C P L Class

Our next class will be in the spring.

**Deb**

## 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](mailto:bcollins01@gmail.com)

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## For Sale

6 Flambeau magnum goose decoys field/ floaters-\$90.  
Can send pics call/text Lonnie @231-409-1709

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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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