

# 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 logbook

## SHOOTING HOURS

10:00 AM

## December 2019

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

12/9/19

290 ----- Annual Members  
23 ----- Life Members  
16 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG  
329 ---- Total Members



### Concealed Pistol License Class

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

Contact the newsletter editor  
[benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com](mailto:benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com)



Hunter Ed – August 2020

# Words from our President



FLOWER CHILD

John Church our longest serving board member resigned last month due to deteriorating health, we are happy that John is still able to enjoy using the club and coming to our weekly muzzleloader shoots. John contribution to the awards portion of our weekly shoots-conversations adds some much needed and appreciated wisdom. Not to put too fine a point on it but, Alfred E Newman could do that.

Russ Signs is replacing John on our Board of Directors. Russ has been member for many years. He runs the 22 Silhouette range each summer and has been the range officer for our muzzleloader weekly shoots as well as our BSC Rendezvous held each August. Russ goes to southeastern Texas each winter. Please join me in welcoming Russ to our board.

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As we mentioned last month, the muzzleloader group was forced to remove their target shack from our neighbor's property. It was in bad shape and not worth trying to move to a new location, so it has been torn down and the debris has been moved to the campground burning area. SO, we are planning a bonfire December 21 at 10:00am just as we did last year. We'll have some of Deb's Venison chili and some hotdogs and other stuff for lunch. Come out and enjoy helping us torch this rather large pile.

## Here's an IDEA !

I'm wondering if this is going to be an annual event. We seem to have a fair amount of burnable trash every year; brush, unusable building material, etc. If we had some hotdogs, marshmallows and libations it could turn out to be fun. Any interest?

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We are considering having another open house next spring most likely in May. Let's hope we can pick a day when the weather will cooperate.

We are suspending our monthly board meetings until March 9, 2020.

We will resume our Board meetings on that date preceded by our famous "potluck diners" and "members meetings". You'll remember we start at 6:00 pm

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We are intending to make these few changes to our bylaws concerning our meeting dates:

Membership meetings shall be held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 pm followed by social fellowship and potluck dinner.

Board meetings shall follow the membership meeting and potluck dinner each month.

The annual membership meeting for the election or board members and officers shall be held the second Saturday of June each year.

We are suggesting these changes due to the lack of interest by our general membership in attending any meetings especially during the winter months.

We are planning to start this "Annual General Membership Meeting" at 1:00 pm. The main subject will be the election of our board for the following year. And, of course any other business that the board feels that should be discussed and or acted on by the general membership.

We are planning a picnic to follow – maybe we'll roast a hog.

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Join me in welcoming a new member this month.

Christopher Hodges

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Attention members:

Do you have a winter project you'd like to add to the newsletter? If so, send some pictures and a few words describing what is that you're doing.

# The Flower Lady



*Euphorbia pulcherrima*

aka

**Poinsettia**

You've received an irresistible potted poinsettia as a gift. How do you keep it beautiful through the holidays?

To help yours stay pretty, try this:

1. Place your poinsettia in indirect light daily (fluorescent light will work).
2. Keep it away from cold windows and warm or cold drafts.
3. Poinsettias do best at temperatures of 65 to 70 degrees.
4. Check the soil daily. Water the plant when the soil is dry. Wilted plants will tend to drop bracts sooner.
5. Don't fertilize poinsettias while in bloom.

Contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous to either humans or pets.

Want a rebloom next year?

If you manage to keep your potted poinsettia alive until next fall, you can trick it into bloom by placing a lightproof bag over the plant or putting it in a closet. Poinsettias need at least 14 hours of complete darkness each night for six to 10 weeks to trigger bloom. Remember to start in early October so you can have blooms in time for Christmas.

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

**Bobbie Edmonds**

# Muzzleloaders



Our next organized shoot will be the Frost Bite Shoot on February 15, 2020. See the other 2020 muzzleloader shoots on our website's calendar.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**

# Pistol Range



As the holidays are approaching us and we are feeling the anxiousness of finding that right gift for our loved ones, let's take a minute to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives.

First, we are truly blessed to have dedicated members who give of their time to come out week after week to run our ranges. That takes away from their time at home and well as time to do the things they enjoy.

Second, we have several members who take pride in their club and help with the renovations and the regular maintenance it takes to make this club something to be proud of.

Last, we have a few members who are struggling with various health issues that still come out whenever they can to enjoy the social activities that we provide. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers as you continue to heal. We are truly blessed with great members. Have a wonderful holiday season.

**Deb**

## Shotgun



Thanks for all the help closing the sporting clays range. The snow came early and made a mess however, everything is cleaned, serviced, and stored ready for next spring.

Well the winter is here; we will keep trap and skeet ranges open if the weather allows. After that we will keep the road plowed and shoot off the porch with the wobble-trap.

Tip # 9; Use low recoil target loads for practice. Shotshells containing 7/8-1oz shot are adequate for practice. The lessened amount of shot with more powder gives these shells high velocity, low recoil, and excellent pattern integrity. Many tournament shooters prefer these light loads even under tough tournament shooting conditions.

**Mike**

### 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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## C P L Class

Our next class will be in the spring of 2020.

**Deb**

If you think something is too good to be true it usually is.

## 22 LR Silhouette



**Russ**

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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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### The Reel People

Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair

Thomas Marek  
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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](mailto:bcollins01@gmail.com)

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From the Clothes Horse

The Benzie Area Christian Neighbors (BACN) thanks all BSC members and friends who have donated men's clothing. BACN often is unable to keep up with the demand for warm men's clothing since many of you wear clothes until they fall off and are unsuitable for donation.

The partnership between BSC and BACN has been successful in insuring that many of our neighbors stay warm. I hope you will continue to share winter clothing – pants, shirts, sweaters, socks, coats, hats, gloves, and long underwear -- clean, in good repair without noticeable stains.

You can take them directly to BACN, 2804 Benzie Hwy, Benzonia (across and a little north of WESCO), Monday – Thursday, 10-2, or leave them in the clubhouse and e-mail me...[mbrv214@gmail.com](mailto:mbrv214@gmail.com). I will deliver them.

Thanks. Maggie