

# 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



Hunter Ed – August 2020

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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)  
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# Words from our President



Dan VanHaften feeding the fire



Victor Ellis helping

We did get all the debris burned from the muzzleloader's target shack. Afterwards we had a great lunch consisting of grilled ribeyes, baked potatoes, and salad. A few members contributed some beer. You should have been there, our lunch was delicious.

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## Repeated from last month's newsletter

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.

Vic

# The Flower Lady



Cannabis,  
aka  
Marijuana

This "drug" is now legal for recreational use in our state. There is much debate about whether it should or shouldn't be. But, the law is what it is. Our club however can and should impose our own rules governing its use prior to and during any club function especially when one is engaged in shooting. Below are some of the reasons why.

Cannabis has mental and physical effects, such as creating a "stoned" feeling plus a general change in perception, and a heightened or euphoric mood.

The onset of the effects is felt within minutes when smoked, and about 30 to 60 minutes when cooked and eaten. The effects last for two to six hours.

Short-term side effects may include a decrease in short-term memory, impaired motor skills, red eyes, and feelings of paranoia or anxiety.

The last thing anyone of us want or need is someone shooting with "feelings of paranoia or anxiety" or "impaired motor skills". So, we all need be aware of this new threat and be alert when we see something questionable.

To quote a current radio message "if you see something, say something"

Yes, I'm called The Flower Lady but I'm not a flower child.

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

**Bobbie Edmonds**

# Pistol Range



We had to replace our coffee maker mainly because it was left on too many times. So, to prevent that happening again we installed a timer switch. It can be set to run for 12 hours which should be long enough to cover any event at the club.



The instructions are on the switch. Simply stated one needs to turn the timer past 2 hours to make it work properly and forget it.

## Muzzleloaders



The club will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual (maybe) Muzzleloader Frostbite shoot on Saturday, February 15, 2020. We know it will more than likely be chilly but we thought we would give it a try. Dress warm and be prepared to have some fun. Registration will start at 9:00 A.M. and shooting will begin about 10:00 A.M. We'll have hot coffee and a light lunch will follow.

The next organized shoot after the Frostbite shoot will be the April Fool Shoot on April 4, 2020.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**



Well, the winter hasn't been that cold so the range is still being used quite a bit. As long as there isn't so much snow that you can no longer post your targets, I'm sure there will be a number of you utilizing it.

We are still moving forward on the improvements to the range that have been in previous newsletters. The architect should have the prints ready around mid-January and we can start getting bids on the materials. In that way, we can get the permits needed and start the project as soon as the weather breaks in the spring. None of this should hinder the use of the range during the building phase. Our goal is being able to use the range, all year round.

In the meantime, I want to wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. Safe travels to those going to warmer climates, as am I. We will see you in the spring.

Thanks,  
**Deb**

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## Custom Holsters

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Any Handgun, Hunting or Concealed.  
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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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## Pistol Building construction progress

We have received the first draft of prints for the pistol building addition for proofing. After the corrections are completed, we will get material bids and a building permit.

Our plans are to begin construction in April. We found a builder to help us get this addition done as long as we supply him with enough volunteer helpers from the club.

As long as we are on the construction subject, we are continuing to improve our kitchen. We are adding ten (10) deep drawers to the cabinets for improved storage. This will be finished in time for the Muzzleloader's frostbite shoot.

### The Reel People

Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair

Thomas Marek

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## More pictures of our burning party.



**Dan VanHaften sent in some pictures of his winter project**



**Here are a couple of photos of the Hawken three quarter stock .50 cal rifle. It has just a couple of millimeters left to complete the barrel channel inleting. Next will come the inleting for the tang and lock mortise**

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**Here are some photos of my winter project refurbishing and restocking an L C Smith 20 Ga.**



**The action has taken a quite a beating over the years so it needs polishing before inleting into the stock.**



## *1<sup>st</sup> Annual Muzzleloader Frostbite Shoot*

**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

*At the Benzie Sportsman's Club*

Entrée Fee \$10.00

Registration 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Coffee for the Early Birds

Light Lunch will be Included

### **AGGREGATE SCORE**

Patch & Round Ball with Open Sights Only

Plus \$1.00 SHOOT! (Included in Entrée Fee)

1<sup>ST</sup> Place Trophy

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Bead

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Bead

4<sup>th</sup> Place Bead

5<sup>th</sup> Place Bead



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