

# 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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[benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com](mailto:benziesportsmansclub@gmail.com)

# Words from Russel Signs

the Silhouette range boss



Since the 22 Silhouette range is closed until spring. I will have to stick my nose where it doesn't belong.

Dan and Jerry and I recently rebuilt the cupboards in the club's kitchen. Every job needs a senior stupidvisor and I was it. My first mistake was showing up and it went downhill from there. My fellow workers took down the cupboard doors and assigned me the hard task of taking off the hinges. Well, I piled the doors on a little shelf all at once and after doing a Mexican hat dance on them, the dumb shelf collapsed. Here I am laying on the floor with a bunch of doors laying on me and, of course, my friends had to ask what had happened. DUH! It seemed obvious to me that the shelf had collapsed.

Being a gluten for punishment I didn't go home and continued making mistakes. Things could only get worse. Which, they did. But I had to fulfill my mission as stupidvisor. Fortunately, the guys were forgiving. We worked a little over a week to get the job done. I must say the cupboards look nice thanks to Dan and Jerry.

well that's all folks,  
**Russ, The Stupidvisor**

# The Flower Lady



Most of us think of the "Red Rose" as February's birth flower mainly because of Valentine's day but it is the Violet instead.



But I really don't know anyone who gives Violets to their sweetheart on Valentine's Day. Chocolate maybe.



Remember to enjoy each day, especially the 14<sup>th</sup>, for it's a blessing. And, don't forget the chocolate!

**Bobbie Edmonds**

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Let's welcome two new members

**James Collins      Roland Halliday**

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**The Reel People**

**Custom Rods, Reel and Rod Repair**

**Thomas Marek**

**(231) 409-6863**

# Shotgun Range

Well it had to happen sometime, and the snow has forced us to close the trap range. We still have a pretty good group shooting wobble trap off the porch, come and join us.

We are shooting Wednesday afternoons as the weather allows. If you would like a call when we are shooting give your name and phone number to Jim Hooker so he can let you know.

For those interested in a sporting clays league we will have an organizational meeting in June. Plan on a 200 bird 4-week course. We will need to contribute to the league. These funds will be used to pay for the prizes, and they will be determined by how many participants there are.

Tip # 10; Regular practice improves scores. However, when practice no longer improves your hitting ability, take a lesson from a certified NSCA instructor. A competent instructor can diagnose specific shooting problems and improve your proficiency. The dollars paid to a competent instructor are quickly returned in better scores and saved ammunition.

**Mike**

# Pistol Range

Well, I don't think winter has hampered the use of the range much so far. I've been told, since I'm in Florida, there's only about 8 inches of snow out there. It's still fairly easy to post targets if you want to use the range. Take advantage of it before we get the snow that is long overdue.

Jerry and I are working on getting the CPL classes scheduled for the year. Our first one is Saturday, April 25th. There is a flyer on our sportsman's club website with some of the details. If you're interested just give me a call and I'll get you registered. Don't delay because April is right around the corner and the first class of the season seems to be well attended.

Thanks, from Florida



Deb

# Muzzleloaders



Not much activity for the muzzleloaders the last couple of months. A new "Frostbite" shoot will debut on Saturday, February 15, 2020. Hopefully the snow won't be an issue but be ready for whatever. Dress warmly 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.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

March 21-22: Kalamazoo Living History Show

April 4<sup>th</sup>: April Fools Shoot

May 22-25: GT Rendezvous

August 21-23: Benzie 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rendezvous

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, our Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoot begins. Shooting starts at 6:00pm.

Also, our Light Bench Rest Shoots will be on the last Saturday of the month at 2:00pm from June to September on the following dates:

June 27<sup>th</sup>

July 25<sup>th</sup>

August 22<sup>nd</sup>

September 26<sup>th</sup>

See the calendar on the website for more events.

<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com>

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**

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For Sale

15 HP Johnson Outboard

Four Cycle aka 4 Stroke

Long Shaft

Electric Start

\$1,500.<sup>00</sup>

Jim Hooker

231-352-4267

# Club Projects

Joyfield Twp. established land use zones in 2016. Our club happens to be in a rural zoned are of the township. This classification presently doesn't allow gun ranges or Sportsman's Clubs. Because we existed prior to the township zoning ordinance, we are grandfathered in. However, as it stands, we are unable to make any additions or improvements to our club grounds that changes our footprint.

First we need get over the zoning hurdle for this project which will also allow us to make other improvements.

We are meeting with Joyfield township next week to get our zoning amended and then a land use permit for our Pistol Range Building addition.

An additional project that has been discussed is a storage building to house clay pigeons.

We're having a tough time finding a supplier for clay targets since Gander Outdoors went out of business. In order to make it cost effective we need to bring in a semi load of 20 to 30 pallets at a time.

Presently, we are unable to store that many pallets so we need to build a storage garage or improve our large building located by the club entrance by adding a garage door, a concrete floor and a partition, giving us a 24 X 40 isolated area to store clay targets. We would still have a 40 x 96 section of this building available to rent.

Another future project is lighting the Trap and or Skeet Range. This would allow evening shooting up till 10:00 pm.

By the time we have another newsletter published we will know what our "future" holds as far as additions or improvements.

Till then.....

# Muzzleloader update...



Having fun on the muzzleloader range

Well the Frostbite Shoot was true to its name; it was cold and windy but we shot anyway. No injuries and or incidence reports needed and only one vehicle got stuck in the snow.

We had a total of ten people register and seven shot. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Top scorers were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Rice
- 2<sup>nd</sup> John Rice
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan VanHaften
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jerry Dell
- 5<sup>th</sup> Bob Sampson

The first place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads.

Dan VanHaften won the Tie Breaker and donated it back to the club.

Special thanks to Maggie VanHaften who did the score keeping and Jerry Dell who cooked and served elk burgers, vegetable soup and bread pudding.

AND Remember...Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

**Here is the reason why one shouldn't be in a hurry when building a muzzleloader.**



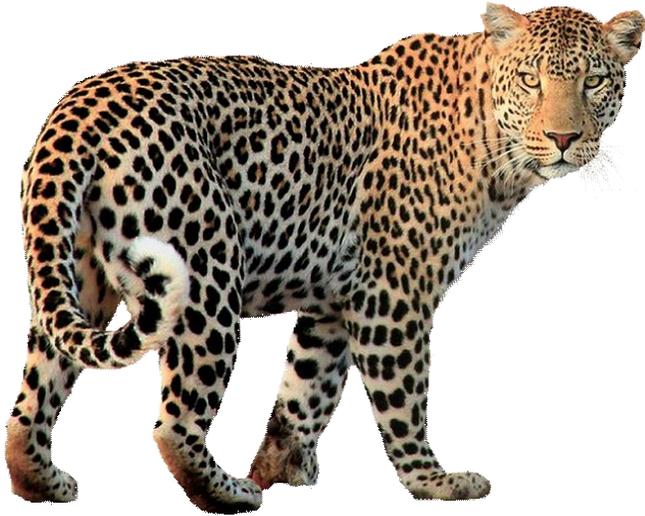
**Tang for a hooked breach (it's supposed to be one piece)**

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



**One hundred sixteen hours later**



## **SHARE AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE**

**SAT. FEBRUARY 22, TIME 12-2PM**

**PLACE: BENZIE SPORTSMAN CLUB**

**HOSTED BY MARK GABRICK WITH AFRICAN P.H.**

**RIAN NAUDE**

**BEING A VETERAN AFRICAN HUNTER, I HAVE SPENT TIME WITH SEVERAL OUTFITTERS BUT RIAAN HAS BEEN ONE OF THE EASIEST TO DEAL WITH AND VERY ACCOMODATING. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND HIM AS A P.H. (PROFESSIONAL HUNTER). HE HAS BEEN GUIDING FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAS ACCESS TO SEVERAL AREAS TO HUNT AND CAN PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCE TO MAKE ANY OF YOUR DREAMS A REALITY.**

**RIAN HAS HUNTS AS LOW AS \$3000 !! 5 DAYS AND 3 ANIMALS, WITH OTHERS YOU CAN ADD AT TROPHY FEE PRICES. THIS LOW PRICE INCLUDES ACCOMODATIONS, MEALS AND ALL GROUND TRANSFERS. JUST TAKE CARE OF YOUR AIR FARE. (WE CAN HELP WITH THAT AS WELL)**

**PLEASE STOP BY AND CHECK US OUT. MEET RIANN, CHAT WITH MARK AND SEE HOW AN AFRICAN HUNT CAN BECOME A REALITY !**

**BLESSINGS, MARK AND RIAAN**