

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 til DUSK



Hunter Ed – August 2021

October 2020

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

10/12/20

299 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

12 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG

334 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class October 31st

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President

Monday, September 14th, we had our annual election of officers; you will find them listed on the first page of this newsletter. While there was not a lot of competition for the board seats, we did manage to elect a great board that I can say I am happy to work with. All are go-getters who want to see our club flourish. I am sure that you will see many improvements on our ranges as well as an increased number of shooting activities for you to participate in, should you choose. To encourage members to attend and vote, we served grilled burgers and brats etc., it worked!

Saturday, October 3rd, Kelly Winter and Hank Dow hosted a pig roast. It was well-attended, and we got to meet many members that were not able to make the members meeting. The dinner was fantastic however, the fellowship was even better. Plus, donations reached nearly \$700.



Guest of honor

As you all know, events such as these do not happen without a lot of hard work by some of our members. A big THANKS to all those who helped at both events. Fortunately for our club, there were too many to mention individually. So, you know who you are, kudos to you. We all appreciate those who make these events so enjoyable.

That being said, we are hoping to continue having these events throughout the year, starting in the spring. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet people with similar interests. We might even throw in some minor work bees to clean up the grounds in the spring with the promise to be fed after to show our appreciation of your time and talent.

If you have any suggestions or concerns that you would like to bring to our attention, just contact any board member.

During our October board meeting Jim Hooker voiced concerns he heard from many of our members about our safety procedures. Apparently, the last few weeks safety, read the lack of it, has become troubling to the point that

some of our long-time members left the Trap Range to either shoot Clays or go home.

Jim read a list of regulations and new procedures he thought would address the problem. A lengthy discussion followed.

Here are some of the suggestions from that lively discussion - in no particular order:

1. If you see something that seems unsafe it is your duty to shout CEASE FIRE.
2. Leave your firearms in the rack until your squad is called to the firing line.
3. DO NOT interrupt anyone who is on the firing line.
4. We maintain a list of members, and guests' waivers to be checked when signing in.
5. Guests must be thoroughly briefed by an RSO about our club's safety rules & use of their firearm prior to filing waiver.
6. Members must accompany their guests whenever the guest is on any range.
7. Install a membership card activated entrance gate.
8. Hold safety meetings periodically with RSO.

There was some discussion about # 4. How many times should guests be allowed to shoot without becoming members? The board could use some input from our membership on this one.

The remaining question, is there anything else that needs to be addressed?

Thanks,
Deb

CPL



September CPL Class

Our second “Final CPL Class” for the season will be held Saturday, October 31st. Yes, we thought our September class would be our “Final CPL Class” for 2020 but, we continued to get requests for another class – Who knows we may have a third “Final CPL Class” for the season in November.

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Pistol Range

Work on the pistol range is continuing thru this fall. We are planning to install a gate and fencing to restrict entry to the range except thru the pavilion. Speaking of the pavilion We will begin enclosing it as soon as we get the fencing in. We have accrued the necessary funds to get started due to the activity in our CPL classes.

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We had a Hunter Education Field Day this year. The DNR would not allow any Classroom sessions this year due to the “virus”. All were required to do the classroom portion online. Actually, it went quite well.

18 youngsters and 1 OF received their HE certificates.

Muzzleloaders



Too busy to write....

Dan

October Fest!!

More pictures form October 3rd.



Shotgun

As summer fades and Aspen leaves make the change to gold and we remember our favorite bird locals, it's time to fine tune our favorite bird shotgun for our fall pursuits.

There is a bucket of paper patterning targets in the club house for those that wish to check out choke/shell combinations to see how well they're working. The range is open Wednesday afternoon from 1300 (1pm) until ? there are no more shooters so, it's a good time for the patterning range. Saturday afternoon also is a good time for this.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here and we do not have a maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps & semi-autos to help pick up your hulls.

By the way, we go home on Saturday when everyone is finished shooting so, if you know you are going to be late, please give us a call and we will keep the range open. Be reasonable.....

We plan on keeping the sporting clays range open till November 8th if we have suitable weather. Then we will be closing for the winter. Please consider sticking around and helping, we have tasks for all skill levels.

Lastly, we have done much this summer, I say thanks to those that helped at all levels. We have greatly improved what and how we are doing things.

Now for some serious business, we have had a couple of shooters lately that were not familiar with the operation of their shotgun. This is dangerous and unacceptable. If you need help, we will be glad to provide it. However we are too busy to provide this help Wednesday afternoon or Saturday morning. Call us and schedule a time when we can work one on one. Also there are times when we're available to work on form issues. Just call me and we will set something up for some coaching.

Mike

Just In

Last Saturday we had a class for first time pistol owners. We spent a fair amount of time going over firearms and the operational differences between automatics and revolvers. It didn't take long before our students became comfortable with handling firearms.

After familiarization with their pistols, we thoroughly covered home and range safety. Then it was out to the range for a little one on one training.

Surprisingly soon after we began shooting, the students shot groups improved. Most were inside the 8 ring. Not bad for first timers.

They all have signed up for our upcoming CPL class.

Deb

If any of our members would like to send in anything for our newsletter, please do so.

We can also include advertisements, free to members.

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