

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



Benzie Sportsman's Club

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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 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>

April 2021

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

4/12/21

321 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

11 ---- Guest, Honorary, Military & USCG

355 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

June 12<sup>th</sup>

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## President's Column

Our monthly board meeting, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>, started early because of our agenda. We thought there might be some extended discussion because we planned to increase our club membership dues which have been \$60.00 per year for as long as anyone can remember.

A family membership, our only classification, includes wife, husband, and any minor children. Anyway, we raised it to \$75.00 per year. Also, we are no longer reducing it by prorating it down monthly so that all memberships renew on the same day every year which is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Rather we will charge \$75.00 per year until Jan 1 the following year at which time we will reduce the dues to \$50.00. – Still keeping the membership to run from June 1 to June 1.

There was a limited discussion about an initiation fee, but we decided against one.

We decided to install air conditioning in our main club house, when we get the funds, at least that is what the motion, which was approved, said. Three bids were submitted, we selected the lowest bid \$4,100.00 and change. We are hoping to receive enough donations to cover this.

We discussed increased shooting fees but felt that each of our separate groups Pistol, Rifle, Shotgun etc. would be better able to handle that subject within their group. Currently only our largest group, the shotgunners, have any plans. See the shotgun column for details.

An ongoing project is to continue with improving our pistol range. Their plans are to finish the buildout of the pavilion. This was estimated at \$5,000.00. see the Pistol column for details.

The Board would like to thank each of you for your continued support. The condition of the club grounds and the clubhouse is all a direct reflection of the work put in by volunteers who genuinely care about our club. If not for them our costs would skyrocket. Come out and enjoy your club but please pick up after yourself - it really helps.

**Let's welcome two new members!**

Dennis Brown

James Prescott

Enjoy your Club.

**Deb**

## Muzzleloaders

The Benzie Muzzleloaders held their April Fool's Shoot on April 3<sup>rd</sup> with pleasant weather but few competitors. Top scorers were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Dan VanHaften

2<sup>nd</sup> Ron Robinson

3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry Dell

4<sup>th</sup> John Rice

Special thanks to Vic Ellis for volunteering as range officer and doing the scoring.

The Summer Aggregate is now under way with weekly shoots each Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 27-31: GT Rendezvous

August 20-22: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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 26<sup>th</sup>

July 31<sup>st</sup>

August 21<sup>st</sup>

September 25<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**

## FOR SALE

**RUGER**

**Model 77 in 7x57**

**tang safety, 22-inch barrel**

**glass bedded action**

**Leopold 3x9 scope with cover**

**\$650**

**(616) 724-6953**

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**Long action BDL Stock for  
Remington 700 + a set of X-Mark**

**Pro Triggers**

**\$75.00**

**Jim Hooker**

**231 352-4267**

## 22 Silhouettes

To the best of my knowledge the .22 Silhouette Range is ready to go however, I will be out there later this week or next and make sure that it is.

We still have the problem of no .22 ammo. One of our members says he has plenty so I will check with him and see if he is willing to sell some.

For you that did not attend the last board meeting a dues increase is coming. There has not been an increase for a long time and the money is needed. There hasn't been money spent foolishly but things just cost more nowadays so, there is a need to raise the dues. A great deal of thought and time went into this matter. I assure you that the board is not getting a raise.

I notice that the pond is full of water again and looks good. Luckily, I was in Texas when the clean-up was done. I don't know how it got done without my expert supervision! But that's about all I am good for anymore.

Well, have a good day and happy shooting everyone.

**Russel**

## Shotgun

Well spring got here, and then left again. We however did get the sporting clays range open for the summer and it is ready for your use. We have added some new and challenging target presentations. Come and see how well you fare.

When we set the shooting costs in 2014 the cost of clay targets was \$6.30 per box. The cost for clays we purchased this spring was \$11.65. We have held the line on shooting costs for as long as we could but, as of April 1<sup>st</sup> we have raised the per round cost of shotgun sports. New cost sheets are posted in the shotgun lodge.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here and there is no maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps & semis. So please pick up and throw away your hulls.

Saturdays we stay open as long as we have people who want to shoot so if you plan on coming late on Saturday afternoon, please give us a call to make sure that we keep a range open.

**Mike**

## Pistol Range

Our Pistol Range Pavilion is almost ready for painting. A little work on the target range side and some reasonable weather and we'll paint. A barrier between the retaining wall and building and some fencing behind our pistol storage shed and we'll be ready to build interior walls, benches, and lighting. We are estimating the cost of this buildout between \$4000 and \$6000.

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While we were replacing the target boards this spring, we found these shot up fasteners. They're placed in the corners far out of the normal target area specifically to hold up the target board. So, hitting these must be intentional. I get that it's boring to shoot paper instead of interactive targets but, the damage it causes when one of these fasteners is driven thru the 2x4 support usually makes the support unusable. And it makes a one man, one hour job a whole lot longer and a whole lot harder.



The far left is what they should look like – undamaged.

There is a solution: “BANG CLANG”. This takes a fair amount of effort to setup and tear down and several shooters to make it work but if you can field the players, it's a lot of fun. So, if you're interested it could be reactivated.

**Jerry**

# May 2021 Calendar

Benzie Sportsman Club

May 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	10am - Shotgun
		6pm - Muzzleloader	1pm - Trap & Skeet			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		6pm - Muzzleloader	1pm - Trap & Skeet			10am - Shotgun
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5:30pm - Potluck 6:30pm - Board		6pm - Muzzleloader	1pm - Trap & Skeet			10am - Shotgun
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		6pm - Muzzleloader	1pm - Trap & Skeet			10am - Shotgun
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		6pm - Muzzleloader	1pm - Trap & Skeet	Grand Traverse Rendezvous 5pm - .22 Silhouette		10am - Shotgun
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