

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



Benzie Sportsman's Club

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Report Poachers Michigan DNR

1 (800) 292-7800

### 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>**

May 2021

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

5/10/21

325 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

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

359 ---- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>**

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## President's Column

John Church, a longtime member of our club passed away on May 4th. John was an active muzzleloader who showed up every Tuesday night to shoot and share his stories until his health no longer allowed him to do so. He was also a board member for 15 plus years. I have shared a photo where John was helping us clean up the grounds by stoking the fire with what little kindling he could carry. I loved his humor.



Rest In Peace, John.

The membership notices have been mailed to each of you. As you noticed, we have raised the dues to \$75 per year to help cover the rising costs of keeping the club open and in good repair. It still appears to be a good bargain compared to other sportsman's clubs in the area.

We had a handful of volunteers show up to help with spring cleanup of both the grounds and the clubhouse. Although it was a lot of work, we stuck with it until all the chores were accomplished. The place looks great!! Thanks to everyone who pitched in. As always, Jerry prepared a hearty lunch of burgers and brats for the workers in appreciation for their hard work.

Our kitchen and the campground are scheduled to be inspected this month by the health department. After that we will be ready to resume some of our membership's social events. Watch your newsletter for them. In the meantime, come out and enjoy your club.

## Let's welcome four new members!

Alison Barnett      Robert Brave  
Brian Claire        Catherine Jeakle

Enjoy your Club.

**Deb**

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**Archery**

Archery range always open. If you use it close the curtains.

Remember practice makes permanent. So, to shoot perfectly you must practice perfectly. Ergo you will be able to make the perfect shot.

Happy Shooting

**Diane**

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**Muzzleloaders**

The summer aggregate started April 6<sup>th</sup> and so far we haven't canceled any shoots due to weather or pandemic. The cold and wet spring has made shooting less than pleasurable. Competitors seem to be having fun and the meals and amusing conversations afterwards are shared in the nice warm clubhouse. Dinner is followed by the presentation of the bead prizes for the top scorers.

Muzzleloader shoots are Tuesday's beginning at 6:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets. Trade gunners and those who need to shoot from a rest shoot all four targets at 25 yards.

Don't forget, the monthly Light Bench Rest shoots start Saturday, June 26th at 2:00pm.

See the calendar on the website for more events.

<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/>

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**

## 22 Silhouettes

Well, the .22 range isn't open yet but it's going to be May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Before I came back from Texas certain people bragged on how they had gotten rid of the mice in the club house. I'm here to tell you they all went down to the rifle range target shack and they partied hardy down there. Judging by the enormous amount of mouse poop I am certain they have been engaging in unprotected sex because it would take a huge number of mice to produce all of that. I haven't got it all cleaned up yet.

The next time you clean up the mice in the club house put a catch bucket in the Rifle Range target shack. Please.

The ranges look to be in good shape.

So, have a good day and happy shooting everyone.

**Russel**

## Pistol Range

If spring ever gets here, we will be able to get our pistol building painted. Actually, we are planning to get it done next week.

The parking lot in front of the building is going to need to have some work done to prevent the spring melt from flowing inside. We're thinking a minor grade change is all that's needed.

The range will remain open while we are working on the improvements.

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Here is a thirty round drill that will keep you proficient during the present ammo shortage.

Drawing from concealment at 7 yds.  
First Fire a single shot into an 8inch bullseye in 2.5 seconds Repeat 6 times  
NEXT fire 2 shots into an 8inch bullseye in 3 seconds Repeat 6 times  
LAST fire 6 shots into an 8inch bullseye in 5 seconds Repeat 2 times

**Jerry**

## Shotgun

Well, here we go again, I know that I sound like I'm begging spring will get here and the weather will warm. Until that happens, we are still shooting every Wednesday & Saturday. Come join the hearty souls and warm up your shotgun.

I am going on vacation and will be gone most of the next couple of months. Connie, Kevin & Jim Hooker are going to keep things running smoothly while I am gone. Please give them a hand and be patient when things are not going as quickly as you may like.

When we set the shooting costs in 2014 the cost of clay targets was \$6.30 per box. The cost for those 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 clubhouse.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here and there is not a maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps & semis pick up and throw away your hulls. Also, we go home on Saturday when everyone is done shooting. If you are going to be late on Saturday afternoon, please give us a call to make sure that there is a range still open.

**Mike**

## 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**

# May 2021 Calendar

Benzie Sportsman Club

May 2021 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27 6pm - Muzzleloader	28 1pm - Trap & Skeet	29	30	1 10am - Shotgun
2	3	4 6pm - Muzzleloader	5 1pm - Trap & Skeet	6	7	8 10am - Shotgun
9 5:30pm - Potluck 6:30pm - Board	10	11 6pm - Muzzleloader	12 1pm - Trap & Skeet	13	14	15 10am - Shotgun
16	17	18 6pm - Muzzleloader	19 1pm - Trap & Skeet	20	21	22 10am - Shotgun
23	24	25 6pm - Muzzleloader	26 1pm - Trap & Skeet	27 Grand Traverse Rendezvous 5pm - .22 Silhouette	28	29 10am - Shotgun
30 Grand Traverse Rendezvous	31	1 6pm - Muzzleloader	2 1pm - Trap & Skeet	3 5pm - .22 Silhouette	4	5 10am - Shotgun