

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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Report Poachers Michigan DNR

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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>**

**June 2021**

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

6/14/21

337 ---- Annual Members

23 ---- Life Members

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

371 ---- Total Members

257 ----- Renewed



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>**

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## President's Column

The club and all the ranges are looking better than I've seen it in a long time, thanks to our many volunteers. The shotgun range, being the most active, is asking for a few more volunteers to help with loading clays and keeping things stocked. If you can give them a hand, see Mike or Connie. I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Thanks to Jerry and his crew, the pistol range is coming along rather quickly. They just finished painting the pavilion last week. With the cost of building materials, we may have to slow down a bit until we either get more donations or the prices come down a bit. Either way, it is looking great.

One of our regularly active volunteers is having some health issues and must step back from his various duties. We've had a couple volunteers step up to run the silhouette range on Thursday evenings, but need someone to take over the upkeep on the rifle range. If you can help out with that, please let me know. If not, we'll have to draft someone. It's much more pleasant if you just step up and volunteer. It doesn't take a lot of time.

I would like to welcome Nikki to the Board of Directors. She is new to our club and says she wants to be an active member. What a way to start. Welcome, Nikki. I'm sure you will be an asset to the club.

Summer is finally here and being too cold is no longer an excuse for not coming out and enjoying your club. Set some time aside and come on out. We are working on a membership dinner and election on officers in the very near future. Watch the next newsletter for details.

### Let's welcome six new members!

William Ackerman	Tabetha M. Dauthrich
Stephen R. Kelly	John McKinley
Steven L. Mills	Lloyd Rowland

Enjoy your Club.

**Deb**

## Pistol Range

I'm sure many of you have seen the progress we've made on the Pistol Range. After many back and forth discussions about how many shooting stations to have we settled on six. Each station is approximately four feet wide which gives enough space to shoot comfortably.

The cost of materials has skyrocketed this year; everyone is blaming Covid 19 for this, why not? Anyway, we plan to put in a ceiling and doors on our line for now and then wait for this madness to subside before finishing. We did purchase two heaters that will warm the building enough to shoot in reasonably comfortable temperatures this coming winter.

We have been experiencing some damage to our target frames. You know the things that hold our targets, so we have something to shoot at. Yes, some of the damage is accidental but most of it is intentionally done. The cost to repair this and the time it takes is bad enough but worse, it destroys our enthusiasm to improve the range – think about it - if you don't care, why should we? None of this damage seems to happen when we are working, it only happens when we are not around.

So, we are looking at a camera system to monitor the range. The system we are looking at is a ten-camera system that records all views in a seventy-two-hour loop. It's a shame we must spend the funds for something like that when we have so many other things we want to do. Enough said.

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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**

## Muzzleloaders

Tired of unavailable or awfully expensive modern ammunition? Why not come out and try your hand with an old smoke pole? We encourage anyone with any level of interest in black powder to join us each Tuesday evening. We help each other out while having a lot of fun and you'll enjoy the camaraderie.

We have opened the classifications up to shoot any kind of muzzleloader, any projectile and any optics.

The only restriction is the firearm must be loaded through the muzzle. The shooter can shoot offhand or from a rest.

Our rendezvous is coming up. The club will be hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Benzie Rendezvous from August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Light Bench Rest shoot for June is on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> and the July shoot is on Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bench Rest shoots start at 2:00pm on the rifle range. We shoot targets at 100, 50 and 25 yards. The best part is we can shoot using a rest.

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan**

## Just In

Our efforts to raise the necessary revenue to install air conditioning in our clubhouse come up \$1600.00 short.

So, Mike Hartman & Jim Hooker each contributed \$100.00 towards this and suggested we find 14 more members to join them with \$100.00 pledges. Well, immediately four more members joined them, so now we only need 10 more to get this done.

If you would like to help us in this effort, please contact Connie Learnihan our treasurer. You can find her contact information on the title page of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Mike and Jim

## Shotgun

Well, I guess I begged enough. We went right from cold weather to hot. There are plenty of opportunities for the shotgun shooters to hone your skills. All our ranges are open and ready for you to use.

We are shooting Wednesday afternoon @ 1300 Skeet & Trap only. Saturday @ 1000 the sporting clays will be available along with Skeet & Trap. Come join us and warm up your shotgun.

My thanks to all our great members for keeping things going while I was gone.

We do have some ammo available for sale. We are selling it to you for exactly what the club paid for it. We will however insist that what you buy from us is for the immediate use on our range. That way we can meet the needs of as many shooters as possible.

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. Make sure you 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

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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**

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**RUGER**

**Model 77 in 7x57**

**tang safety, 22-inch barrel**


**glass bedded action**

**Leopold 3x9 scope with cover**

**\$650**

**(616) 724-6953**

# June 2021 Calendar

 SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU Jul 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
4	5	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggregal	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte	9	10am Shotgun Ranges
11	5:30pm Potluck 6:30pm Board Meeting	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggregal	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte	16	10am Shotgun Ranges
18	19	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggregal	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte	23	10am Shotgun Ranges
25	26	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggregal	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte	30	10am Shotgun Ranges 2pm Muzzleloader Light Bench Rest