

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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## Members

Remember to have your guests sign our liability waiver. Please 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>

## August 2021

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

07/09/2021

289 ----- Annual Members

23 ----- Life Members

10 ----- Guest (1), Honorary (6), Police (3)

323 ----- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

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

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## President's Column

As was stated in the July newsletter, we are having election of officers on Saturday, September 11. Dinner will be served at 5pm with elections to follow. A number of our board members have been serving for a long time and would like to give others (you) an opportunity to serve. Dwight has been our membership secretary for as long as I can remember and wishes to hand the baton off to someone else. He is willing to work with whoever takes over to make the transition smooth. **Thank you, Dwight, for your years of service.** Diane McPhall has also stepped down from the responsibility of the archery range and is hopeful someone with a love of the sport will take over and create more activity in that arena. **Thanks, Diane, for all your hard work.**

We are also hosting an open house on Sunday, September 12th from 2pm to 5pm. This has been a well-attended event from many people in the community who want to see what our club is all about. Please invite your friends to come join us for a tour and some lunch. Members are also welcome. You may have some good input for our guests.

All the ranges appear to be in good shape. A great deal of that success is due to all of you for cleaning up after yourselves. It is much appreciated because it makes it easier on our volunteers in charge of each discipline.

### Let's welcome three new members!

Thomas Gets, MD  
Margaret Walker  
Margaret Lentz

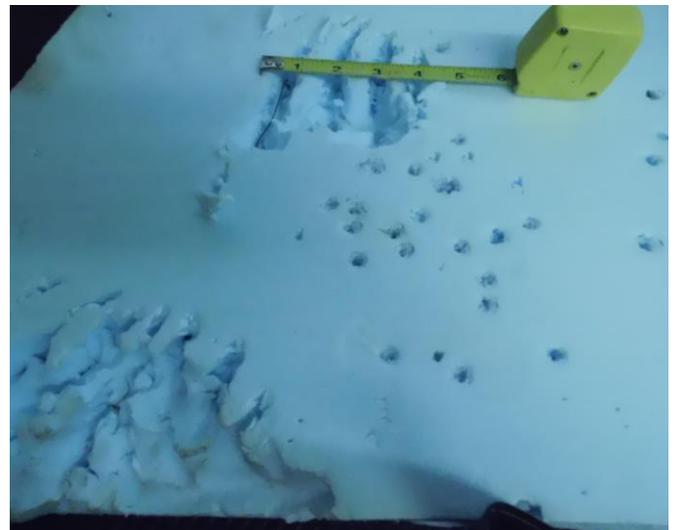
Enjoy your Club,

Deb

## Pistol Range

As you can see the building is nearly ready for the ceiling and then next will come attic insulation.

We're waiting for an acceptable electric bid. I'm sure most of you know that the trades are swamped with work this summer. That, plus material shortages are continuing to drive up building costs. But we may have a solution - we'll explain if it works out.



Here is a picture of a target board that was taken down forcefully by a bear. The paw print is 4 inches wide probably made by a two-year-old. We've heard about many bear sightings in the area this summer. So, beware. Just so you know most of the time bears will run when they sense your presence, that is, unless they are stalking you.

Jerry

## Rifle Range

The Rifle Range looks great. Thanks to all the members and particularly the silhouette shooters for taking good care of the facility. During the August Board meeting, we will be scheduling sight-in days and other events. Details will be in the next newsletter.

I am a new board member and it is gratifying to see the number of members who are using the club this summer.

Paul

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Model 77 in 7x57  
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glass bedded action  
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## THE 2021 BEAR ATTACK!

Let me tell you about the great bear attack of 2021. It all happened on a warm summer night. The muzzle loaders were attacked by a huge bear for no reason at all and there was damage to the target backing. It is a wonder that we lived through the attack. The bear showed no mercy to the foam! No one was injured.

Now on to more important things - the pond is filling nicely. Thanks to the hard work of a few men. They are now going to plant fish or let nature take its course. The grounds are looking good thanks to Ron and his co-worker. Jerry has been up to his usual hard work.

The Bear Stalker

## Shotgun

The shotgun ranges have been busy this summer. We have had all the regulars, plus they are bringing their friends and neighbors. Those along with a significant number of guests using our ranges has kept us busy. We are grateful for everyone who has stepped up to help keep things running smoothly. Ammunition has been difficult to find this summer. However, we still have a fair supply for sale and use on our ranges.

As the summer fades and autumn finds its way into our lives, we who bird hunt start getting the urge to roam the woods and fields looking for birds. Wednesday afternoons we shoot a course that we call "Bird Dog" that simulates flushing birds from pointing dogs. It will help improve your bird skills and is just a plain hoot. If you have some time around 1 on Wednesdays, come out and shoot with us.

Lately, I have been helping the Olsen family clean up the estate of Randy Decher. Randy has left them about 20 long guns that I have in my possession and am marketing them. I am not going to try to list all of them in the newsletter, but I am putting together a comprehensive list so if anyone is interested just contact me at [MichaelHartman@reagan.com](mailto:MichaelHartman@reagan.com) and I will provide a copy of what is for sale.

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

## Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is quickly coming to a close with our last shoot on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The Fall Aggregate will begin the very next week on Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and will continue through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The fall shoots begin at 2:00 pm each Sunday with four targets at 25 yards. We encourage everyone to participate each week in this enjoyable event.

The second (first one was rained out) monthly Light Bench Rest was held on Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup>. After all of the scores were calculated, it was Alan Penny first, Dan VanHaften second (only two shooters). The next

Light Bench Rest will be during the annual rendezvous August 21<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The final Light Bench Rest will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

**Don't forget our Turkey Shoot will be held on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

The Benzie Rendezvous is almost here. The Club will be hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We have a variety of competitions scheduled and some nice prizes to award the top scorers. *See the Rendezvous flyer on the home page of the club's website.*

Results from the Summer Aggregate as well as the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Benzie Rendezvous will be printed in next month's newsletter.

You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website at [www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html](http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html)

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

## REMINDER!

The Election of Officers Dinner will be held at the Club on **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.**

The Open House will be held at the Club on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm.** Please invite everyone you know to come check out the Club!

The September Board of Director's meeting will follow immediately after the Election of Officers Dinner.

## ELECTIONS!

There are two (2) Board of Director positions currently open and the remainder of the positions are always up for election as well.

The two positions that are open are (1) Archery and (2) Membership. However, you can nominate anyone for any position.

Please contact someone on the Board of Directors if you are interested in joining and contributing to our Club's success!

**Nominations are due by August 15, 2021.**

These are the current nominations:

1. Margaret Lentz for Membership Director
2. Nikki Westfall for Secretary
3. Linda Hartman for Treasurer

## Member Appreciation Picnic

The Club hosted a member appreciation picnic on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. There were 25 people in attendance. Thank you for all that you do to contribute to the club's success!



# August 2021 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Aug 1	2	3 6pm Muzzleloader Summ	4 1pm Trap & Skeet	5 5pm .22 Silhoutte	6	7 10am Shotgun Ranges
8 5:30pm Potluck 6:30pm Board Meeting	9	10 6pm Muzzleloader Summ	11 1pm Trap & Skeet	12 5pm .22 Silhoutte	13	14 Hunter Education 10am Shotgun Ranges
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29	30	31	Sep 1	2	3	4
		6pm Muzzleloader Summ	1pm Trap & Skeet	6pm .22 Silhoutte		10am Shotgun Ranges
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag			1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges 5pm Annual Dinner 6pm Election of Officers
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2pm Open House 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag			1pm Trap & Skeet			CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges
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