

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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**Report Poachers Michigan DNR**

**1 (800) 292-7800**

## 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**

***Upcoming Dates TBD***

**November 2021**

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

11/08/2021

314 ---- Annual Members

24 ---- Life Members

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

348 ---- Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

***Upcoming Dates TBD***

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

Thus far we have had a delightful fall season. Many people feel it's the best time of year for a myriad of reasons. The days are cooler, not as much lawn work, fewer tourists, and more parking spaces in our towns. We have also switched our thoughts from fishing, golfing, and boating to fall turkey, bird, and deer hunting.

With those activities in the forefront, our ranges have seen a flurry of activity. It's great seeing so many of you around the club getting your equipment ready for the hunting season. We also opened our rifle range to the public on sight-in day earlier this month to afford non-members the ability to ready their firearms in a safe environment. Thanks to those who stepped up to help out at that event. It helps make everything run smooth and ensures safety for everyone.

I want to wish everyone a successful hunting season. Hunting is more than bagging a deer. Remember to enjoy the outdoors, take in all the wildlife activity around you, and most importantly, be safe. I look forward to swapping hunting stories with you this winter when we all take the time to slow down and enjoy each other's company.

### Let's welcome seven (7) new members!

David Markel  
Michael Flynn  
Gregory Clous  
Susan Leone

Warren Ebbinghaus  
Samantha Wilhelm  
AJ Wilhelm

Enjoy the Fall weather and come out to the Club!

Deb

**Long action BDL Stock for Remington  
700 + a set of X-Mark Pro Triggers  
\$75.00  
Jim Hooker  
231 352-4267**

## Pistol Range

As you can see, we've completed building the interior and we are ready to paint. Deb and Linda plan to start next week. While they are having fun with the paint, I'll be building the shooting lane doors.



A few days ago, Russ Signs looked at the building. He wondered if we would consider starting an Air Gun League. He shoots in one all winter while he is in Texas and said this building would be perfect for one. I guess if we had enough interest we would. So, if anyone is interested, let us hear from you. I've seen one of the targets air gunners use; they're very challenging.

Jerry

**RUGER  
Model 77 in 7x57  
tang safety, 22-inch barrel  
glass bedded action  
Leopold 3x9 scope with cover  
\$650  
(616) 724-6953**

## Rifle Range

The rifle range is in good condition after a year of regular use. A good share of the time when I visited the club, there was someone using the rifle range.

**The sight-in event on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> was a success. Thanks to Deb McGraw, Mike Hartman, and Bruce Caylen for all the help.**

**Paul**



## Muzzleloaders

This year's Fall Aggregate will be completed by the time this newsletter is published. The final results will be announced in next month's newsletter.

**This year's Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had a great turnout with sixteen registered and thirteen shooters. Weather was chilly but dry. A nice lunch was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. The top five scorers took home frozen turkey breast tenders and the top shooter also took home a coffee mug trophy. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped set up the shoot including Maggie VanHaften who made that great lunch and Sue Signs who helped score the targets.**

**The Top Five Shooters:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wendy Kerry
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan VanHaften
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Todd Gumah
- 4<sup>th</sup> John Rice
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Buchanam

**The Muzzleloader shoot dates for 2022 are already posted on the BSC website calendar.**

[www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html](http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html)

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan VanHaften**

## DECEMBER MEETING

*There will be NO potluck before the meeting.*

*Meeting will start at 6pm!*

*Thanks!*



# Shotgun

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of November, which is next Saturday, we will be closing our sporting clays range for the winter. All those that can come and help will make this task go quickly and if you have a cart that can bring batteries or machines in, please bring it. That would be a big help.

Our trap and skeet ranges will be open as long as we can keep the snow off then it will be wobble trap/ bird dog from the porch. We will shoot Wednesday afternoons as long as there is interest, that said I am not going to hang around if no one comes.

We have had a little bit of shenanigans going on, on the trap range. Kevin Stevens has been chasing an elusive 25 (a perfect score) on the trap field. Last week he shot two 24's so he was knighted into the exclusive group of *Knights of the Trigger*.

**Congratulations Kevin!**



There has been a request made for a list of shooting preserves in our area. We, as a full-service club, will try to make this happen. Anyone having experience with any shooting preserve in northwest Michigan please let me know. I will have the list available in a future newsletter.

Empty hulls continue to be an issue on the clays range, especially on station 6. If your gun throws empties all over the woods, stop and clean them up!!! There is no excuse for the continual mess

that I am picking up off that range. If you are picking your empties up, thank you. If you are not, get with the program now!!! 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**

*If you have any questions, please feel free to call the newsletter editor. (:*

# November 2021 Calendar

Today <span>◀</span> <span>▶</span> <b>November 2021</b> <span>▼</span> <span>Print</span> <span>Week</span> <span>Month</span> <span>Agenda</span>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	Nov 1	2	3 1pm Trap & Skeet	4	5	6 10am Sight In Day 10am Shotgun Ranges
7 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Agg	8 5:30pm Potluck 6pm Board Meeting	9	10 1pm Trap & Skeet	11	12	13 10am Shotgun Ranges
14	15	16	17 1pm Trap & Skeet	18	19	20 10am Shotgun Ranges
21	22	23	24 1pm Trap & Skeet	25	26	27 10am Shotgun Ranges
28	29	30 1pm Trap & Skeet	Dec 1	2	3	4 10am Shotgun Ranges

