

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

Upcoming Dates TBD

December 2021

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

12/13/2021

319 ---- Annual Members

24 ---- Life Members

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

353 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

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Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

As the year is coming to an end, I want to take a little time to reflect upon how blessed we are to have a club such as ours. We are 349 members strong. From the yearly dues we are able to pay our taxes and insurance, as well as pay all our bills to keep the club operating. Thank you for your support.

Each year we try to improve some aspect of the club. This year we were able to install central air conditioning in the clubhouse. That certainly makes it more comfortable when we have our various training classes and meetings, as well as our potlucks and other social events.

We were also able to make improvements to the pistol range that will make it assessable year-round. Details of those improvements have been mentioned in past newsletters as we moved along. We will continue to inform you of the progress on that project as it unfolds.

None of these improvements would be possible without the generosity and support we get from our members. A huge thank you from the Board. **As always, we are continually looking for volunteers to help make these improvements come to fruition.** Don't be afraid to step up and share your time and talent.

As you continue reading the rest of the newsletter, you will see what activities we continue to have all winter long. The roads will be plowed so you will have access to the ranges. Come out and enjoy your club!

Finally, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas. Take the time to enjoy your family and friends during this wonderful holiday season.

Let's welcome five (5) new members!

Amy Poisson
Larry Lung
Brandon Pritchard

George Sorenson
David Limer

Deb

Pistol Range

The shooting lane doors are installed. Now that deer season is over, we should be able to get the interior painted.

The only thing left remaining to do before using the indoor range is building a gate to force entry to the range through the building.

We are planning to add an interior wall soon to reduce the noise level in the building. It would create a 6x24 chamber housing the shooting windows.

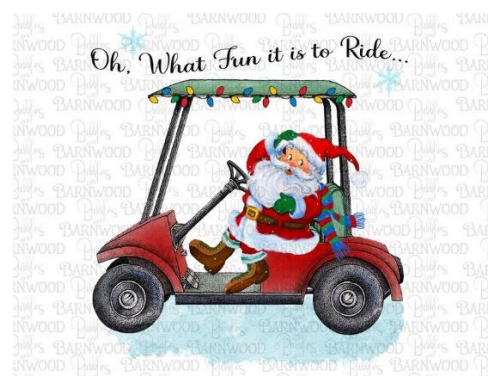


Last month, we put Russ Signs' suggestion in the newsletter that we consider starting an Air Gun League. Since then, we have had a few members voice their interest in this league. In order to start this league, we would need about six (6) people. If you are interested, please let us know.

Jerry

THANK YOU!!!

We would like to say a big thank you to the people in the club who donated the club golf cart. This will help us immensely with the upcoming chores that we have around the club.



Rifle Range

I want to wish all the members and guests who used the Rifle Range this year a Happy New Year, Merry Christmas, and Happy Hanukkah!

Everyone helped to keep the facility in good shape. A special thanks to the Silhouette shooters for keeping the facility clean and to Dan Forner for mowing the grass all year.

I look forward to seeing you all next year at the range.

Paul

Muzzleloaders

All of the Muzzleloader shooting events have been completed for 2021.

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 7th. Ron Robinson finished first (again) in the offhand division, followed by Dan VanHaften second and Alan Penny third. In the Bench Rest division, Russel Signs finished first and Vic Ellis second.

Don't forget, Muzzleloading deer season runs from December 3rd through the 12th statewide. Good Luck!

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

www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

Shotgun

First and foremost, I want to thank all those that helped take care of the clays range for the winter. Your help made an important task go quickly. Thanks everyone.

A couple months ago I wrote in the newsletter about putting a list of hunting preserves that were available. What we are going to do is devote some space on the bulletin board in the shotgun clubhouse for cards and brochures from the preserves we come in contact with. There are several there now and we will add others when we find them.

We are still shooting on Wednesday afternoons. However, there were three (3) times in the last month where there were no shots fired. If we are going to continue Wednesday shooting, there needs to be some demand. Keep coming and I will keep it open.

Christmas and New Year's Day are on Saturday this year. I hope that you have a very merry holiday with your loved ones and I will be with mine. The ranges will remain closed. If you have a great urge to break some clays those weeks, then come on Wednesday.

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

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

We will meet again on Monday, February 14, 2022. There will be no potluck. The meeting will start at 6pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

See you in 2022!

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

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