

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 6th & 7th

May 2022

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

05/09/2022

326 ---- Annual Members

24 ---- Life Members

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

360 ---- Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

June 25, 2022

Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

The club is in full swing now that we are getting warmer days. The muzzleloaders have started their summer aggregate, the 22 silhouette begins on May 19th on the rifle range, trap, skeet, and sporting clays continue, and the pistol range is busy as ever. Keep an eye on the calendar for dates and times.

It's membership renewal time. Renewal notices were sent out last week so watch for them. This is the only notice you will receive so don't delay in sending them in. The gate code will be changed the first of July and if your dues weren't sent in you won't have access to the ranges, which can be a big inconvenience when you want to come out to shoot.

We Had our spring cleanup last Saturday, May 14. Thanks to all who give us a hand with cleaning up the grounds.



Our President doing windows

We had our open house May 15th. Many visitors given tours of our grounds, several were surprised with the many improvements we've made over the last few years.

Let's welcome two (2) new members!

Mark Johnson VanHorn
Caleb Moss

Deb

Pistol Range

We've finished building cabinets along the non-window wall for targets etc. and storage. Notice the space for a small refrigerator, we'll have pop and water available someday.



You may remember from last month's newsletter that a few of our members have donated reloading components. As of now, we have a small supply of different rifle and pistol components including some soft lead, wheel weight lead, primers, cases, dies etc. all in useable condition. This is the beginning of a nice store-swap shop. The weather has improved so we will finish the outside of the building soon. We are ordering a safety gate which will prevent entry to the range without going thru the building.



We need to improve our parking lot – the local contractors bid it very high. Apparently, they have more work than they can handle. So on to plan "B".

Jerry

Muzzleloaders

The summer aggregate shoots are well underway, and we haven't canceled any shoots due to weather. Attendance has been very light, but the 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.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 26-30: GT Rendezvous

August 26-26: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

We haven't scheduled any of our Light Bench Rest Shoots yet. We'll wait to see if there is any interest in continuing.

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

Rifle Range

We were able to get our range repairs done so we are ready for the summer shoots. The 22 silhouette bunkers are in good shape for the summer agg.

Paul

**The Benzie Sheriff's Department Is
using the Pistol Range June 1st for
training**

Shotgun

The sporting clays range is open and available on Saturdays. A big thanks to all that helped put it back together. I would like to extend a special thank you to Jim Hooker for heading things up while I was recovering. There are some new presentations out there so go and see if you are up to the challenge. My daughter Virginia broke both doubles on station 4 last Saturday with 2 shots, it can be done. I have been asked about a league or special shoots again, I am wide open to suggestions.

There have been a couple of incidents that have happened at other ranges in northern Michigan in the recent past. I have decided that I would include safety tips in my column. I have said all my life that if you handle firearms enough that sooner or later one WILL go bang when it isn't expected. That would be a mishap if you hit another or yourself it becomes a tragedy. Remember the most important piece of safety equipment you will bring with you is the thing between your ears.

The NRA starts every safety lecture with the three always rules, I will start there, Always Keep The Gun Pointed In A Safe Direction, Always Keep Your Finger Off The Trigger Until Ready To Shoot, Always Keep The Gun Open And Unloaded Until Ready To Shoot. Keeping these in mind I have two comments I would like everyone to focus on. When on the clays range always wait until you are in the booth and your gun is pointed out the front of the station before putting shells in the chamber. Make sure that it is open and unloaded before stepping out of the booth.

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

May 2022 Calendar

Today							May 2022							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
May 1		2	3	4	5	6	7		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				
8	5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			9am Spring Cleanup 10am Shotgun Ranges				
15	12pm Open House	16	17	18	19	20	21		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				
22		23	24	25	26	27	28		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	Grand Traverse Rendezvous		10am Shotgun Ranges				
29	Grand Traverse Rendezvous		30	31	Jun 1	2	3	4	6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				

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12	5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte		10am Shotgun Ranges				
19		20	21	22	23	24	25		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte		CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges				
26		27	28	29	30	Jul 1	2		6pm Muzzleloader Summe	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte		10am Shotgun Ranges				