

# 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 & CPL**

**TBD**



September 2022

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

09/12/2022

283 Annual Members

22 Life Members

4 Guest Members

309 Total Members



**HUNTING SIGHT-IN DAY**

**November 5, 2022: 10am-2pm**

## President's Column

Labor Day is behind us and therefore we hope to find more time to do the things we enjoy. With hunting season starting in a few weeks, it gives us the opportunity to get out and enjoy nature. Hopefully you are getting things ready and practicing with whatever you choose to hunt with.

**We are having a membership appreciation dinner on Friday, October 14th. A flyer is attached to this newsletter with the details.** Seating is limited to 50, so if you plan on attending, get your reservation in as soon as possible. I'm sure it will fill up fast.

We are having issues with the gate being left unlocked. PLEASE be diligent in locking up when you leave the club grounds. This is a huge liability issue if someone were to enter the grounds and get injured. If it continues to happen, we will have to look at more secured measures to ensure it is locked. That would mean more inconvenience to you as members, so let's just make sure that it's locked when you leave.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

## Let's welcome five (5) new members!

Jeffrey L. Johnson      Frederick Schubert  
Richard Stowe          Dalton Waldeck  
Thomas Westgate

## Rifle Range

I haven't been able to get to the rifle range for a couple weeks, so I hope you have all been taking good care of the facility. I'm sure you have. We will be having a sight-in day on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.

The silhouette shooters are still having fun at 5:00pm on Thursdays and new shooters are welcome.

See you at the Range!

Paul

## Pistol Range

I apologize for starting this column with a complaint, but here goes. We spend a fair amount of time and resources trying to build a pistol range we can use during the winter. One that's comfortable. When we must repair our range because of destructive behavior by a few of our members and or guests (see the photo below) it uses up money we could spend on improvements.



Here is one of Benzie County's sheriff deputies holding part of one of the posts that hold up buckshot targets. It's evident that it has been shot off. My gosh it must be a thrill to be able to do that.

To repair this, we've got to buy a couple of pressure treated posts and spend a few hours rebuilding this. That's time and money we could use for other things.

We have a few options to curb this unnecessary expense. One option is a camera system that records activities on the range 24/7. A system with enough cameras to record the damage and who is doing it, is expensive. The cheaper option is to operate the range under supervision, locking it up all other times. I sure hope it doesn't come to that.

We have installed a wall around our shooting line and insulated it with sound proofing insulation. It works well. You can carry on a conversation in the main room while people are shooting. We hope to have the interior building ready for paint sometime next week.



Jerry

## KITTIES FOR ADOPTION!!



Need a new lap warmer for winter?

Check out these beauties: Olive, Kitty Jo, and Danny

These kittens were rescued from a dire situation. All three are socialized, sweet, love people, and ready for a home.

They have current vaccinations, spayed/neutered, leukemia tested negative, and microchipped. Folk lore states a Tortie will bring the owner good luck. Olive and Kitty Jo will make you a believer. Consider giving one of these babies a home. Come On - you got room. Any interest, call Connie 562.599.9095

## Muzzleloaders

The Summer Muzzleloader Aggregate shoot has ended, and Ron Robinson won this year's competition (again) followed by Dan VanHaften and Jerry Dell.

The Fall Aggregate will start on September 4<sup>th</sup> and run through November the 6<sup>th</sup>. The shoots will be Sunday afternoons starting at 2:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets, all at 25 yards. Accommodations are also made for shooters with limited physical abilities.

The Club will host the annual Muzzleloader Turkey Shoot scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch the club's website for details.

The Muzzleloader Annual Rendezvous took place from August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. There was a total of 22 registered camp sites. This year's event was a little different with the club's involvement kept to a minimum. Attendees organized almost everything including different shooting competitions as well as a raffle prize drawing. Saturday night there was a potluck including a corn boil. The weather couldn't have been better. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped during the event. We plan to use the same format for next year's rendezvous with a few additions.



You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website.

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

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan VanHaften**

## Shotgun

As summer begins to fade and Aspen leaves make the change to gold, our thoughts turn to our favorite bird locals.

Now is the time to fine tune our go to shotgun for our favorite bird pursuits. There is a bucket of paper patterning targets in the club house for those that wish to check out choke /shell combinations and see how well it is working. The July/August Wednesday hours have gone back to normal times. The range is open Wednesday afternoon from 1300 (1pm) until there are no more shooters. Saturday afternoon is also a good time for the patterning range.

We have had a rash of people leaving their trash on the ranges. This is not acceptable conduct for the members of the Benzie Sportsman's Club, so do the responsible thing and clean up your trash. There is no acceptable reason for leaving it behind for others to clean up.

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



**For sale: Sig Sauer MCX-177airgun. Two 30-round magazines and 3 extra belts. Four boxes of CO2 cartridges and 3 tins of 500 count 177 pellets. \$225. Proceeds will go to the renovation of the pistol range. (231)714-3423. Leave a message.**



**For Sale: Smith & Wesson .44 magnum [329PD] (\$625.00) (New, never fired) + full box practice ammo 50 rounds. Please call or email Dennis Kittleson at (231) 651-9327 or [scotties@chartermi.net](mailto:scotties@chartermi.net).**

**For Sale: Browning A-Bolt, 22 Mag with 2x7 Leopold scope – very rare rifle. \$1,200. Call Jim Hooker at (231) 352-4267**

# September 2022 Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
28 Benzie Rendezvous	29	30 5pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	31 11am Trap & Skeet	Sep 1 5pm .22 Silhoutte	2	3 10am Shotgun Ranges				
4 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Aggregat	5	6	7 1pm Trap & Skeet	8	9	10 CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges				
11 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Aggregat	12 5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	13	14 1pm Trap & Skeet	15	16	17 10am Shotgun Ranges				
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