

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

TBD

March 2023

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

03/13/2023

307 Annual Members

22 Life Members

4 Guest Members

333 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

April 15, 2023

Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Welcome to spring. We are having our annual spring cleanup on Saturday, April 22nd beginning at 9am. We have some backstops that need to be rebuilt, brush to be cleared and hauled to the campground area, raking, and driveway repair, just to name a few projects. Please come out and lend a hand. With enough people, we should be able to be finished by noon and throw some burgers on the grill to feed our hunger.

Our air rifle range is now open on Friday afternoons at 2pm. Come on out and give it a try. We have a few air rifles available if you're interested but don't have one to shoot. If you're like me it won't take much time and you will want one of your own. They are a lot of fun to shoot.

I believe most of our disciplines will have their weekly shoots up and running by mid-April so come on out and enjoy some friendly competition.

The self-defense class was well attended. Dan and Troy gave us a lot to think about and shared some techniques that prove to be valuable in a volatile situation. We are planning a second class real soon as a follow up. There is far too much to cover in one session. Watch the website for date and time.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome four (4) new members!

Peter Jacobs

Sue Maastricht

Derrick Thomas

Christopher Pickell

Rifle Range

I have been surprised by the usage of the range through this winter. Just about every time I have been to the club, the range is in use. As soon as the weather warms up, we can give the range a good cleaning.

The air rifle range needed an upgrade to the back stop. Some of the air rifles were a bit too powerful for our original design (as in a hole in the back of the pole barn.) Hopefully, we have resolved that issue and if we haven't, we can always put up some more plywood. **Just a reminder, we are shooting air rifles at the range on Fridays at 2pm.** See you at the range!

Paul

Pistol Range

Look closely at the photos below. The first one shows moving the target truck out a short distance so you are able to see the wooden axel.



As you can see below the target frames are installed simply by "hooking" the frame onto the axel attached to the truck.



As we said last issue, the target track and carrier apparatus are simple and sturdy but if handled roughly something could break so, please use a modicum of caution. That means don't be rough.

After you've finished shooting, please remove the target frames by reversing the procedure and store them inside the building.

Soon we will be opening access to the full range so we will have to close the inside chamber for safety reasons. I'm sure you all understand.

Just a reminder, we are shooting pistols at the range on Saturdays at 2pm.

Jerry

Muzzleloaders

I'm sure the weather played a factor in this year's fourth annual Frostbite Shoot attendance. A total of 7 shooters muddled through the ice and snow for the muzzleloader shoot. The weather was cold, partly sunny, a light wind but dry. Top scorers were as follows:

- 1st David Woodman
- 2nd Mark Smith
- 3rd Dan VanHaften
- 4th John Rice
- 5th Ron Robinson

The first-place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften who did the scoring and prepared a nice sloppy joe lunch. A special thank you to the Rice brothers for clearing a path to the shooting range.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

April 1: April Fools' Shoot

May 25-29: GT Rendezvous

August 25-27: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

On April 4th, our weekly Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoots begin. Shooting starts at 6:00pm.

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

www.benziesportsmansclub.com/calendar.html

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften



Shotgun

We are having some really good crowds on both Wednesday and Saturday. With the moderate winter weather, we are enjoying activities for all. Again, if you are new to the shotgun sports or would just like to try something new, just give me a call and we can set aside some time for individual instruction.

We are starting to plan to clean up our winter mess. This year with all the broken birds in the yard, once the snow is gone, we are asking shotgun shooters to bring a leaf rake and make piles of debris. We can then use the loader to pick them up and put it in the dumpster. I will not be scheduling a day however, if you have a half hour that you could volunteer just come to the range and rake up 10-to-15-foot circles.

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!!!

Ruger old model M77RS w/ (rings and sights)
Leupold 3-9x \$925

Call Jarrel Dell for more information
(231) 275-0335

Browning BPS 12ga pump NIB
engraved model, with set of choke tubes \$800

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(231) 275-0335

Browning A-Bolt, 22 Mag with 2x7 Leupold scope
Very rare rifle. \$1,200.

Call Jim Hooker for more information.
(231) 352-4267

THERMAL X Ice Shanty 2-man popup \$500.00
Call Mike Laslo for information.
(231) 882-7252

March 2023 Calendar

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