

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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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

*August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>*

April 2023

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

04/10/2023

309 Annual Members

22 Life Members

4 Guest Members

335 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

*June 10, 2023*

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

Spring is definitely here. I have seen a number of you at the ranges honing your shooting skills. I'm sure you've noticed that winter has left its mark on every part of the club grounds. That being said, we are having spring cleanup day on Saturday, April 22 at 9am. This is our chance to clean up, do needed repairs, and even take down some dilapidated shacks. We really need your help. In order to keep the yearly dues where they are for now, we are depending on volunteers to help keep the club in good repair and attractive to all members and their guests. That is how we grow. We also want a sense of pride when speaking about our club. So please come out and give us a hand for a few hours. You will be surprised at how enjoyable it is to meet and work with fellow members who share a common interest.

We will be sending out emails this month to all of you to remind you that your membership renewal is coming up in the month of June. That will be followed up by a written renewal notice that you can return with your payment. Please don't lose track because it is the only written notice you will receive. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact Maggie, our membership secretary, or myself if I can be of any help.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome two (2) new members!

Michael Steffes  
Harold Chappell, III

## Rifle Range

I was able to clean the rifle range a bit last week. It was in pretty good shape. Thanks everybody! I will replace target boards in a few weeks. The other day one of our members was showing me a 30-caliber air rifle he plugged into a compressor before shooting multiple mags of pellets. This is a long way from our old CO2 BB guns (that always leaked CO2). See you at the range!

P.S. The air gun range is looking good. We hope to have a better heating set up for next season.

Paul

## Pistol Range

The weather is getting nicer, so we have shut down the inside pistol range to complete the building and painting. A plus is more shooters can use the range at the same time.

Our inside range door pass latch sometimes stuck giving the impression that we had shut down the range which wasn't the case. So, to eliminate the confusion we are going to install door closers without pass locks so that you only need to pull the door open to use the range. We will add deadbolt locks on the outside range door and the inside range door so we can isolate one range from the other.

There is a small group shooting Saturday afternoons starting at 2:00 pm. As far as I know they haven't started an organized competitive shoot but I'm thinking that's coming. As this grows, we could install a clock for timed events. If you have any ideas for range improvements or shooting events let us hear from you. One more thing - Most of you are signing in and having your guests fill out the liability waivers. We would like to change the "most of you" everyone is, it's an important insurance requirement.



It's hard to believe that anyone would not be able to see what's wrong in this photo. But apparently, those people exist. The shooter/shooters must think their bullets (that's the projectile that exits the barrel of your firearm) stop when they hit the target they're aiming at. Of course, those of us who weren't born in Rio Linda realize that the bullets continue on until they hit the earthen backstop; going through anything that lies in between the shooter and the backstop.

Also, they are using some boards that our law enforcement friends use for their training. That's not kosher guys, so please refrain from doing that.

Let's hope that's 'nuff said.

Jerry

## Muzzleloaders

The Benzie Muzzleloaders held their annual April Fool's Shoot on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The snow and sleet held off until we were shooting the last target. We had a total of seven shooters competing for a nice trophy for first place and bead prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Pat Foster and I traded places from last year. Ron Robinson and Mark Rice also traded places. Top scorers were as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan VanHaften
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Foster
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Robinson
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Rice
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jerry Dell

Special thanks again to Maggie Vanhaften for providing her "Blue-Ribbon" chili lunch and scoring the targets. The Summer Aggregate started April 4<sup>th</sup> and is now under way with weekly shoots each Tuesday beginning at 6:00pm. Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 25-29: GT Rendezvous

August 25-27: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

The club's board has designated our annual Spring Cleanup Day for Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many areas need some attention including all the ranges and the campground areas. We plan to start around 9:00. Lunch will be provided. Join us if you can.

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

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Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

**Dan VanHaften**

## Shotgun

We have been making some changes to our clubhouse. With a new counter and gunracks available for everyone to use come on out and see the difference. Also, we are cleaning things up for spring. Those that came and picked up a rake or used a leaf blower to clean up the winter mess, your efforts are greatly appreciated. The clays range is being put back together as I write this and should be ready for use when you read it. Again, many thanks to all those that helped to clean up the winter mess, it has been a real undertaking.

I have been calling those that have come in the past to help. If you did not get a call, I'm sorry. Please drop me a note and you will next time. As a reminder, we have club cleanup planned for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. There are still many spring-cleaning items that need to be addressed. The ranges will remain closed until after lunch.

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

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### FOR SALE!!!

Ruger old model M77RS w/ (rings and sights)  
Leupold 3-9x \$925  
Call Jarrel Dell for more information  
(231) 275-0335

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Browning BPS 12ga pump NIB  
engraved model, with set of choke tubes \$800  
Call Jarrel Dell for more information  
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Browning A-Bolt, 22 Mag with 2x7 Leupold scope  
Very rare rifle. \$1,200.  
Call Jim Hooker for more information.  
(231) 352-4267

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

# April 2023 Calendar

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26	27	28	1pm Trap & Skeet	29	30	31	Apr 1								
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2	3	4	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet	5	6	7	8							
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9	10	11	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet	12	13	14	15							
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