

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

May 2023

## Newsletter



Benzie Sportsman's Club  
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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

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

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

5/08/2023  
315 Annual Members  
26 Life Members  
341 Total Members



### Concealed Pistol License Class

*June 10, 2023*

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

*Pistol Range/Rifle Range will be closed May 24th*

## President's Column

Spring is in the air which is time for new growth. I'm excited to see it happening in our club as well. I would like to welcome Calvin Dennis to the club as well as filling a seat on the Board. Calvin has shown a great deal of interest in getting our archery program back up and running.

Therefore, we are investing in 3D targets for the archery woods walk. We hope to have all 11 stations up and ready this summer. Calvin has a lot of great ideas which I believe will make this project a success. Thank you for stepping up and sharing your talent.

The 22 silhouettes will begin on Thursday, May 25th at 5pm and will run throughout the summer. Come out and give it a try. It's good fun competition and the joking and teasing never lets up.

The club is looking really good now, thanks to the many volunteers who helped on cleanup day. We were able to get everything done in just one day. Kudos to those that were able to lend a hand. That's what makes this club so great. Now that all the disciplines are up and running, come out and enjoy your club. Please make sure you are signing in and out and don't forget to lock the gate when you leave.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

**Let's welcome ten (10) new members!**

Todd Cooper	Jane Freeland-Gerschick
Roger Guthrie	Nicholas Horvath
Garrett Spivey	Nathan Walk
Calvin Dennis	Chase Ely
Adam Witkop	James Millar

## Rifle Range

The rifle range is in good shape. Thanks to the cleanup day volunteers for the help. We are all busy and the annual cleanup day is a chance to get the club up and running for the summer season. Once summer starts, it is really difficult to line up volunteers.

I will be gone for a few weeks in May, so keep up the good work and take care of the range.

Paul

## Pistol Range

The weather is getting nicer, so we have shut down the inside pistol range to complete the building and painting.

That was how we started last month's newsletter. Well, the weather didn't stay nice (warm) enough to allow us to paint the floor and shooting counters so, we'll try to get it done this month.

There is some confusion about when the range is open partly because of a failed pass lock. Anyway, we plan to use the range as we have in the past; outdoors only in the spring, summer and fall seasons. The indoor range was constructed so we could shoot pistols when the winter weather shows up.

We are still experiencing some unnecessary damage to our permanent targets due to poor placement of our moveable target frames.

The moveable targets are to be used in front of the covered area. This way you can shoot when it's raining. The moveable targets should never be placed in front of the permanent targets. It's amazing how many times I find them placed there. My guess is that a few shooters want to shoot rifles on the pistol range and use the picnic table for bench rest shooting. Really, --- on a 25-yard range?

We really don't want to remove the picnic table from our range but that may be the only solution.

We have installed door closers on the doors because the building stays cool when the doors are not left open, something we'll appreciate this summer.

Jerry



**FOR SALE:** Boat, motor, & trailer - \$3,500

CALL: (231) 378-2252 – Richard Nelson

## Muzzleloaders

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers that helped demolish the woods walk shack during the club's cleanup day. The shack had deteriorated to the point of being unusable and unsafe. Volunteers also helped clean up the grounds and remove all the junk around the picnic pavilion.

The summer aggregate shoots are now underway. Attendance continues to be very light, but the competitors seem to be having fun.

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.

We still don't have any dates yet for our Light Bench Rest shoots.

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**

## RENEWAL NOTICE + UPDATE

We have a few improvements to the club we hope to accomplish this year. One project is to finalize the pistol range by installing a heating apparatus to make it feasible to shoot year-round. Secondly, we want to get new 3D targets for the Archery woods walk and renew our archery program.

Lastly, we need to finish the indoor air rifle range by installing insulation and a drop ceiling in order to keep the heat in so we can use it during the winter months. It will be also used as an indoor archery range during the winter months.

Our board is enthused about these improvements in order to make our club something that our members can use year around. In order to complete these projects, however, we need your financial support. At the bottom of your renewal notices that you will receive in the next two weeks, there are options for you to donate to any or all of these projects. We will make sure your donation is ed in the manner you request. Thank you for your continued support.

The Benzie Sportsman's Club Board.

## Shotgun

The weather is still proving to be a challenge. With the rain and cooler temperatures, shooting has been interesting. With that said all shotgun ranges are open and available for use. There has been a hard-core group of shooters even in the bad weather, you can always come and help us solve all the world's problems, A.K.A. shoot the bull. Wear your boots, it does get pretty deep sometimes.

We continue to improve the ranges. I would like to say thank you to all those that provided the financial support for the new equipment. As you renew your membership, please remember that it is your club and will be just as good as you make it. While I am on the subject of thank you, the club clean up went well on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to all that came. **I will be gone most of May and June, if you have questions or issues with the shotgun ranges check with Connie. Otherwise enjoy until I return.**

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  
(231) 275-0335

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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

# May 2023 Calendar

Today							May 2023							Print	Week	Month	Agenda
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	
30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6			6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13		5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20			6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet			10am Shotgun Ranges				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27			6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	10am Pistol/Rifle Range Closed 1pm Trap & Skeet	Grand Traverse Rendezvous		5pm .22 Silhouette	10am Shotgun Ranges			
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25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1			6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	1pm Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhouette		10am Shotgun Ranges				