

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

June 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

06/12/2023  
326 Annual Members  
26 Life Members  
352 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

*September 9, 2023*

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

Wow, are we having a fantastic summer so far. All of the ranges are busier than ever. I think it's wonderful that so many of you are coming out. All the disciplines are showing a substantial increase in participation. Although I don't get out there as much in the summer as I would like to, I still enjoy coming out occasionally and seeing some of you. As a lot of you know, golf is my passion and takes up a lot of my spare time during the summer months. I do, however, enjoy the 22 silhouettes weekly and teaching gun safety on the pistol range. I do occasionally get to enjoy trap and skeet, but more so in the winter.

Our latest endeavor is working on the pond. We are trying to get the aerator working and the edges of the pond cleaned up. We hope to get the mosquitoes under control. Right now, they will carry you away. Thanks to Jim Colville, we now have a rowboat that we can use when working on the pond maintenance. We really appreciate the generosity.

That being said, if we all clean up after ourselves on the ranges, it frees up the volunteers to assist in other projects. The main thing I noticed is the trash receptacles. If they are getting full, could you please empty them in the dumpster. It seems like a small task, but is a major contribution. It would be very much appreciated.

Enjoy your club,

Deb

### Let's welcome eleven (11) new members!

Brain Childs	Darrin Childs
Brandon Malson	Travis Jacobson
Douglas Pace	Josephine Pace
Russ White	Marke Wolfe
Wendy White	John Allen Pepler

Grand Traverse Band Tribal Police

## Rifle Range

I was gone for several weeks in May, but the range looks good. Some of you are not only cleaning up after yourselves, but others as well. Thanks for doing that. It is a big help. See you at the range!

Paul

## Pistol Range

We have been able to get the pistol shooting chamber finished; the new paint on the floor is non-skid paint and it seems as if it will work out fine. It's not slippery, which is what we were afraid of. We'll be finishing the remainder of the building floor soon; maybe before this newsletter is published.

We will be closing the interior of the range building during the floor painting process. We will remove the gate so you may use the range without going through the building. The sign-in book will be fastened down so it will not blow away. Last month we were still experiencing some unnecessary damage due to poor placement of our movable target frames. Come on guys you all know better than that, so stop doing it. Our plans are to get a small refrigerator so we can have some cool water and soft drinks available. And, before fall we'll want to have a coffee maker available.

We're planning to install a small gas heater so we can maintain about 60° in the building this winter.

Now here comes the hard part -at least on your part – how about some suggestions about improvements to your range? We have a box; it has some red and white stripes on it; you can insert any suggestions you may have. **WE WELCOME ALL IDEAS.**

Jerry



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

CALL: (231) 378-2252 – Richard Nelson

## Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate continues, and the shooting is heating up. It seems each week we have a different top scorer.

Our rendezvous is coming up. The club will be hosting the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Benzie Rendezvous from August 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information in an upcoming newsletter.

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**

## Archery

Work has begun on purchasing targets and laying out a design for the course. As we move through the summer months, we will be looking to have a work bee to begin demolition and clearing of brush. Looking forward to building a great 3D Archery Course.

**Calvin Dennis**

## Shotgun

**Beginning Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, shooting will start at 11:00AM.** Summer hours will continue through Labor Day.

All shotgun ranges are open and ready for shooting. The Sporting Clays course has been receiving very positive reviews. Come join us on Saturday mornings.

**Mike will be gone most of June, if you have questions or issues with the shotgun ranges check with Connie.**

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.

**Connie**

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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 Leopold 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

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4	5	6 6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	7 1pm Trap & Skeet	8 5pm .22 Silhoutte	9	10 CPL Class 10am Shotgun Ranges
11	12 5:30pm Pot Luck 6pm Board Meeting	13 6pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	14 1pm Trap & Skeet	15 5pm .22 Silhoutte	16	17 10am Shotgun Ranges
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