

Benzie Sportsman's Club

July 2023

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

August 5th & 6th

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

07/10/2023
332 Annual Members
26 Life Members
358 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

September 9, 2023

Contact Deb McGraw
(231) 714-3423

President's Column

Lots going on at the club this summer. We repaired and installed the aerator in the pond. It looks great. We are now in the process of raking and skimming the pond to clean it up so it doesn't plug up the aerator again. We are looking for someone who will monitor the maintenance on the pond and let us know when work needs to be done. We're not asking you to take on the project yourself, but just watch it and keep the board informed of needed upkeep.

Both the pistol and rifle ranges will be closed on July 19th, just for the day. We have a private group that will be using them for one day only. We are providing the ranges as a community service. I hope everyone can work around that.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the new gate code will be in effect. If you haven't paid your dues yet, you will be unable to open the gate which can be quite an inconvenience when you want to shoot. So, get your dues to Maggie the first chance you get.

All the disciplines have an organized shoot going on a weekly basis so come on out and have some fun. Sometimes you can even go away with bragging rights. 😊

Enjoy your club,

Deb

Let's welcome five (5) new members!

Christopher Bouda

Mark Peters

Gary Peters

Brian Ross

Tom Danckaert

Rifle Range

Hope everyone is enjoying our beautiful Northern Michigan Summer! The range looks good. I do need to replace some foam target backers and just haven't had the time to do it. I will take care of that shortly.

The silhouette shooters are having fun every Thursday at 5:00pm and welcome new shooters. Bring a .22 rifle and join in! See you at the range.

Paul

Pistol Range

The building is completed. There are a few fixes necessary to our target retrievers and some improvements to our storage/shop area, but that will not affect shooting this summer.

We are still experiencing some unnecessary damage due to poor placement of our movable target frames. I guess we can eliminate the movable target frames altogether. We could move the long table closer to the fixed target frames. We would have to use the range the way we used to standing out in the weather. As you all know, some days it's hot and sunny, other days it's raining, I'm sure you get the picture. There is another solution – when you see someone placing a target in front of our fixed targets explain why that shouldn't be done.

We've purchased a small refrigerator and filled it with water and soft drinks. This fall we'll get a Keurig coffee maker, and we plan to install a gas heater to warm the building when needed.

I made the following request last month – we were underwhelmed with the responses. So, let's try again, how about some suggestions for 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. Be nice!

WE WELCOME ALL IDEAS.

Jerry



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

CALL: (231) 378-2252 – Richard Nelson

Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is now more than halfway over. We decided to move the start time again this year to start shooting at 5:00 pm instead of 6:00 pm. Our shoots continue weekly on Tuesdays. If you're never tried muzzleloading, we'll help you get started.

The Benzie Rendezvous is almost here. The Club will be hosting the 37th annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 25th through the 27^h. This is an old-fashioned rendezvous where friends and muzzleloader extended family can reconnect and enjoy these historic traditions. The rendezvous will follow a similar format as last year. Participants will organize events and matches.

There will be a small entry/camping fee of \$20 Individual or \$25 Family. Door Prize(s) will be randomly drawn from signed registrations/liability waver forms. As always, donations will be gratefully accepted.

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

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

FOR SALE!!!

Winchester model 1897 12-gauge pump. Asking \$400 or best offer. Nice collector's item.

Call Deb McGraw (231)714-3423.

Shotgun

Summer is in full swing, and all of our ranges are up running at maximum capacity. Last Saturday we ran the skeet machines completely out of targets and had to reload them for the last group of shooters. We are running our summer hours on Wednesday until Labor Day. Shooting will start at 11:00am for the remainder of the summer.

There have been a fair number of guests using our ranges this summer. This is a good thing however, please make sure that you have them check in with Connie or I and sign a liability waiver before using our ranges. Please think about safety first.

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

Nikon Monarch Rifle Scope 3x9x40 with plex crosshair
\$250 OBO

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

July 2023 Calendar

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	25		26	27	28	30			5pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte			Jul 1								10am Shotgun Ranges
	2		3	4	5	7				11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte			8								10am Shotgun Ranges
	9	10		11	12	14			5pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte			15								10am Shotgun Ranges
			16	17	18	19			5pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	10am Pistol/Rifle Range Closed 11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte			22								10am Shotgun Ranges
	23		24	25	26	28			5pm Muzzleloader Summer Aggr	11am Trap & Skeet	5pm .22 Silhoutte			29								10am Shotgun Ranges
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