

Benzie Sportsman's Club

Newsletter



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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

September 2023

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

09/11/2023

340 Annual Members

26 Life Members

366 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

Summer is winding down and the beauty of fall is starting to shine. It's a great time of year because for most of us our schedules allow for some time to spend with our friends that we had to put on the back burner while we entertained our families.

That being said, we have some very important activities planned for our members. **First, we are having the grand opening of our new 3D archery range on Saturday, September 23rd.** Come on out and see the improvements that have been made and even shoot the course, if you wish. Thanks to many sponsors in our community that have made this possible. Also, a huge thank you to Calvin who took on this awesome project.

The next event is our membership appreciation dinner on Saturday, October 21st. For those of you who attended last year, you can testify that it's a great opportunity to join in fellowship with other club members. There's a flyer attached to this newsletter with the details and how to sign up, for there is limited seating.

The final event scheduled is a wild game dinner on Monday, December 11th, which will also be our election of officers and board members. Plan on coming out and sharing your favorite wild game dish with us.

Thus far I haven't heard from anyone who is interested in being a part of our board or nominating someone they would like to see as a leader for our club. If you're interested, please contact me. In the meantime, come out and enjoy your club.

Deb

Let's welcome three (3) new members!

Patricia Allen

Lucas Reynolds

Michael Daly

SAVE THE DATE!!

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
+ WILD GAME DINNER**

December 11, 2023

Pistol Range

The target frames have been renewed; they should last for a year or more, that is with the correct target placement. The material cost is about \$60.00. It normally takes about two hours, however, when the weather tops 90° it takes longer.

We have a couple of bids to install a heater in the range house, both are reasonable so, with the board's approval, we'll get one installed within the next few weeks. Our plans are to heat the building to 60° this winter, when we have shooters and drop the temp to 35° when we don't. After the first month of use we'll see what the cost is and adjust as necessary.

Steve Orange from the DNR held a Hunter Education Workshop Sept 12, at our club. There were sixteen instructors from clubs around the area who attended the three-hour refresher course. The subjects were mostly about the changes in registration and reporting class results.

The way we must record the results of the students was completely changed two years ago. Many of the instructors, me included, were struggling with the changes. This training session helped a lot.

Jerry

Rifle Range

The range is looking good. I actually had time to replace 3 of the foam target panels. Thanks to the members who were shooting when I arrived and helped.

I had a lot of fun with a group of shooters from Detroit who were guests here at the club. It was good to see every portable target used.

Looking forward to our annual sight-in event on November 4th from 10am-1pm. More details to come in the next newsletter.

The silhouette shooters have completed their season and are looking forward to next year. See you all at the range!

Paul

Muzzleloaders

The Muzzleloader's Annual Rendezvous took place from August 25th through the 27th. We had a total of 30 registrations this year, up from 22 last year. The attendees organized almost everything including some fun and different shooting competitions. Saturday night there was a potluck, door prize, and raffle drawings. The weather couldn't have been better. Many thanks to Mark Smith and the numerous volunteers that helped during the event. Ryan Kriesch won the door prize randomly selected from the signed registrations. The door prize included a very nice shooting bag and a 50 caliber Hawkins muzzleloader that had been donated to the club. Ben and Sue Kerkstra won the traveling trophies for the best woods walk scores.



The Summer Muzzleloader Aggregate shoot is now over. Dan VanHaften won this year's competition followed by Ron Robinson, Alan Penney, and Noel Ford.

The Fall Aggregate started on September 3rd and will run through November the 5th. The shoots will be on Sunday afternoons starting at 2:00pm. We shoot a total of 20 shots at four targets, all at 25 yards. Accommodations are made for shooters with limited physical abilities.

The Club will host the annual Muzzleloader Turkey Shoot scheduled for October 21st.

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

As summer begins to fade and Aspen leaves make the change to gold, our thoughts turn to our favorite bird locals. **Friday, September 15th marks the start of our small game season.** Check your game regulations for your target species.

With the cool Fall weather, there are also opportunities for birds at our local preserves. There are several and the birds are cooperative. It is a great way to spend a morning with some fine things for the plate afterwards.

Now is the time to fine tune our go to shotgun for our favorite bird pursuits. There is a bucket of paper patterning targets in the club house for those that wish to check out choke/shell combinations and see how well it is working. **The range is open Wednesday evening from 1500 (3pm) until? When there are no more shooters. Saturday afternoon is also a good time for the patterning range.**

I am finding some purple 16ga hulls on the ground on our clays course. If you are shooting a 16 auto-loader **STOP** and pick up behind yourself. 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

**MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION
DINNER WILL BE HELD ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023**

**PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR
MORE DETAILS.**

Archery

Hello fellow club members and archers!

As most of you know, the archery course has been getting a revamp and it has been a lengthy process. It began with a full redo of the course that was currently in place and clearing lots of brush, trees, and unwanted mess that was in high need of removal. The lanes have been cleared, all the old and ruined targets removed, and the path for walking has been created. There has been a slight change in how the course travels from target to target, but I'm sure you all will enjoy.

With that said, the new upgraded 3D course could not have been possible without the help and assistance from several members and volunteers who took their time to come out and make the course what it is today. Along with the help, we have to show great gratitude and support to our local sponsors within Benzie County who graciously donated ALL of the 3D targets that you will have the pleasure shooting at. Over \$6500 was donated to make this course a reality!! Below is a list of the local businesses, who we as club members, need to show support to, as they are the ones who provided what we needed to make this course great!!

I am very eager to say that we are nearing the end of completion and will be having a grand opening on Saturday September 23rd beginning at 10am. I would like all those who are interested in participating in our 3D course to attend as we will go over the rules of the course as well as provide a walk-through session so you may see how the course will run as to keep everyone safe. Please meet at the clubhouse at 10am the morning of, and of course bring your bows!

I will be slowly placing targets over the next week but I ask that no one shoots the course until the grand opening day so that I can make sure we are fully functional and safe. I will be looking for input from our members once it's open and this is just the beginning with plans to extend next 2024 season.

Thanks to everyone for being so patient and I hope you all will enjoy.

Calvin Dennis

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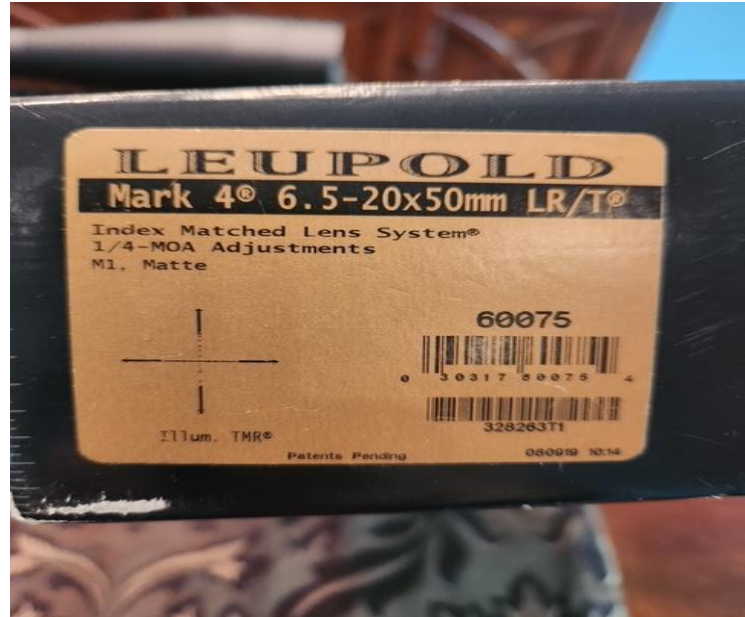
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Call Jarrel Dell for more information
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