

Benzie Sportsman's Club

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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

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

11/13/2023
349 Annual Members
26 Life Members
375 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

A lot has been happening at the club in order to prepare for the winter months. The muzzleloader's Fall aggregate is over. They are done now until spring, outside of a finger nipper shoot in February. The outside pistol range is closed and the indoor shooting lanes are now being used. This enables us to use the pistol range all winter without dealing with the winter elements. The clays range is closed for the winter. We are still shooting trap and skeet at this point.

We had our sight in day on the rifle range a couple weeks ago. It was quite a busy day with many people taking advantage of the opportunity to use the range and have the assistance of knowledgeable people to help them get their firearms ready for deer season. Many thanks to Paul, Bruce, Rich, Mike, Ron, and Dan for sharing their expertise with other hunters.

Don't forget about the wild game dinner planned for December 11th at 5pm. Come share your favorite dish with the rest of us. We are willing to try anything but road kill. In the meantime, may those of you who hunt have a safe and successful season.



Deb

Indoor Ranges

We are working on the plans and cost estimates to create an indoor air gun and archery range in our large storage building.

To build these ranges, we will need to finish, or build out, eighty (80) feet towards the rear of the building.

To complete the first phase of this project, the ceiling, we will need to hire someone to install attic vent chutes, OSB and eventually insulation. Vent chutes protect the insulation from condensate dripping off the metal roofing.

The cost for this would be \$1,000 for vents, \$2,000 for OSB, and \$4,500 for labor. Totaling \$7,500. We wouldn't insulate until we were finished with the walls, windows, electrical, and heating.

To do the entire ceiling at this time would cost another \$3,500 for a total of \$11,000.

To invest \$11,000 at this time merely for a couple of low use ranges doesn't make much sense. However, we would have the beginning of a new clubhouse, which, if you remember, was the original plan for this building.

If we approve this project, we would complete this phase this winter.

Jerry

Let's welcome six (6) new members!

Anjelo Salamore

Tyler Johnson

Scot & Sara Middlebrook

Benjamin DeWys

Tyler Jones

SAVE THE DATE!!

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS
+ WILD GAME DINNER**

December 11, 2023 at 5pm!

Rifle Range

Our annual sight-in day on Saturday, November 4th was a big success. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Even though the Rifle Range is my responsibility, I am strictly a "good enough" shooter when it comes to accuracy. Several of the shooters who were sighting-in had groups the size of a cupcake at 100 yards. Pretty darn impressive.

The silhouette shooters are done for the season, but looking forward to next year. The range is in good shape and, as always, I appreciated you all policing the area after you are done shooting. See you at the range!

Paul

Muzzleloaders

This year's Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 21st. We had a grand total of nine shooters. The weather was perfect for a late October shoot. A fantastic lunch of turkey chili was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. The top five scorers took home frozen turkey thighs or drumsticks, and the top shooter also took home a custom coffee mug trophy. A big thank you to the volunteers that helped put on the shoot including Vic Ellis, who served as line officer, and Maggie VanHaften, who provided the great lunch and scored the targets. The final scores for the match were very close, a total of three points separated first and fifth place.

The Top Five Shooters:

- 1st Pat Foster
- 2nd John Rice (tie)
Wendy Kerry
- 4th Dan VanHaften (tie breaker)
- 5th Todd Gomah

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 5th. Dan VanHaften finished first in the aggregate offhand division, followed by Ron Robinson second, Alan Penny third. In the Bench Rest division, Vic Ellis finished first.

The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2023 are now complete and dates for 2024 are posted on the BSC website calendar.

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 this newsletter goes to print, the sporting clays range will be closed for the season. We will bring it back online in late April or early May as soon as snow conditions permit. We likely already have put the traps from the clays range to good use with multiple target presentations off the deck. We will continue to keep the range open Wednesday @ 1300 and Saturday @ 1000. Hot drinks are always available and you are welcome to use them.

I would like to thank all those who came and helped put away the equipment from the sporting clays range. Your service to the club is greatly appreciated and I thank you for all your help.

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

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!!**