

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

12/11/2023
351 Annual Members
26 Life Members
377 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

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President's Column

It's hard to believe another year has gone by. I am so thankful for the new members I've met and the friendships we've struck up. This truly is a great association to be a part of. We've had a number of new faces join us in our endeavors to keep things running smoothly. This includes spring cleanup, work on improvements to the pond, hunters' education, sight-in day, and our fellowship dinners, just to name a few. Thanks for taking a special interest in your club. As Mike always reminds us, we are a club of volunteers and without you we could not be the club we are proud to be a part of.

Starting next month, we will be having air rifle competition again. If anyone wants to join us, but don't have an air rifle, the club has a few available. Come on out and join the group.

We will also have a day set aside for pistol shooting. It's great being able to shoot from indoors where we don't need to trudge through the snow to post targets. We also have the pistol staging area heated, with tables, chairs, and a coffee pot to warm up between shoots.

The board would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous year ahead.

Deb

Let's welcome two (2) new members!

JACOB SZPUNAR & ADAM GLIELMI

Pistol Range

We abandoned plans to create an indoor air gun and archery range in our large storage building. Instead, we are going to finish the small storage area in the pistol range.

This area will become a small workshop for the times when we need to repair equipment used on our ranges.

We could dedicate part of this area for a reloading center for use by our members. Many of us have presses and other equipment that we use occasionally. By combining these seldom used tools we could end up with a state-of-the-art reloading center.

Anyone using this workshop would have to provide their own components. Additionally, the club could stock some common supplies for sale at a modest profit.

Right now, this reloading area is just an idea but, who knows.

We plan to get started on this project after the holidays.

Jerry

Rifle Range

I stopped by the rifle range on a windy, wet, and chilly day recently and there were three (3) people shooting. The trash cans were almost full. It's good to see the range being used despite our northern Michigan weather.

Some of the foam is getting a little beat up, but still usable. I will replace as needed. See you at the range!

Paul

Muzzleloaders

The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2023 are now over. We want to thank our members and guests for making it a safe and enjoyable season. The number of muzzleloading participants continues to decline so we would like to invite anyone with any interest to reach out to any of the muzzleloaders and we will help get you started. Muzzleloading can be a fun and entertaining way to improve your shooting skills.

The Muzzleloader shoot dates for 2024 are already posted on the BSC website calendar.

The first organized Muzzleloader shoot for 2024 is the Frost Bite Shoot scheduled for February 24th. This should be a fun shoot but can be challenging depending on the weather. Watch for more details coming soon.

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

Well, we survived Thanksgiving, deer season, and the first snow of the year. We are using the Skeet and Trap ranges on Wednesday & Saturday with multiple target presentations from the deck. There are targets that will challenge all skill levels. Come and join us for the afternoon.

The closing of the clays course went extremely well with thanks to all those that came and helped. Your assistance made an arduous task easy. Again, many thanks.

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

Archery

I hope you all found some great success this bow season and for those who haven't, I hope you still find time to get out and bag your buck! I am very pleased and proud of the last several months with the 3D course and have heard great feedback. As of Saturday, November 25th, the course has been taken down and all targets have been removed for the winter. Thank you to those who took the time to help break down the course. I can't thank everyone enough for the support. The targets all withstood this past shooting season without damage and I appreciate everyone taking great care of them. As we progress into the winter months, we may be working to bring you some indoor shooting, however, no definitive decisions have been made at this time. If anyone has any comments, concerns, or ideas for the upcoming spring when we re-open the 3D course, please feel free to email me at bowhunter_15@hotmail.com. I would love to hear any and all input from our club members as this is your course! I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and may your arrows fly true should you be out filling the freezer!

Calvin