

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

March 2025

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

03/10/2025

361 Annual Members

22 Life Members

1 Honorary Member & 3 Police Members

387 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

April 12, 2025

Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

Hello, and welcome to March! We are just days away from Spring! Although it has been nice to participate in the Pistol Shoot on Wednesday afternoon through the winter, it will feel good to get outside again. Last month's Muzzleloader Finger Nipper Shoot was chilly, but we had 11 people participate!

Thanks to Dan VanHaften for snow blowing all of the pathways and for everyone else who helped make the Shoot a successful one.

This month, I was contacted by Matt Cooper, a Benzie Sportsman's Club member. He is also a member of the RMEF (Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation), and he wanted to let people know of the RMEF banquet that will be held at the Park Place on April 5. Check the RMEF website for more information if you are interested.

Please feel free to contact me if you have thoughts or questions!

Ron

Let's welcome three (3) new members!

**Donald Stanley
Billy Joe Pelky
Stuart Yanski**

Rifle Range

The rifle range had a cold and snowy winter. However, it appears to have been used and that is good. I will be cleaning it up a bit as soon as weather permits.

See you at the range!

Paul

Archery

Nothing new to report on the archery front. Once winter releases its grip, we will make a plan to get the 3D range setup again.

Mark

Shotgun

Winter is holding on to the very end. Although as I write this, we have had a couple of pretty nice days. Yesterday we had a great group shooting wobble trap with sunshine on our shoulder. Again, what fun we had. If you are looking for an opportunity to get out and spend some time breaking clays or just shooting the bull we are open Wednesday @ 1300 and Saturday @ 1000.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here, and we do not have maid service. There are magnets in the club house for those that shoot pumps & semis. Please 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

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

I haven't been to the club in a couple of weeks, so I don't know if anything on the pistol range needs repair. If you see anything, let me know. We have a few replacement target frames stored if needed.

Last month I mentioned the possibility of building a running deer target. Well, the dearth of interest was overwhelming, so we probably won't pursue this project.

There was some material left from the air gun project. And since the pistol range requires a lot of maintenance, it makes sense to use this material to build a repair shop in its back room. The shop would be conveniently located so all our ranges could use it. That's called a win-win.

Air gun – Archery Ranges

If we want to continue building these ranges, we will need to install four egress windows. Retrofitting windows into a steel building is something we would want an experienced builder to do. After that we can complete the rest of the construction ourselves.

The reason I started this section with “if we want to continue” is no one has used these ranges. There are two mushroom heaters ready to go, target backers and tables set up and waiting. So, before we invest any more time and treasure - let us hear from you.

Jerry

Muzzleloaders

The sixth annual Muzzleloader Frostbite Shoot was very cold and windy – temperature in the mid-20s. A total of 11 shooters endured the ice and snow at the muzzleloader range. Top scorers were as follows:

1st David Woodman (again)

2nd Dan VanHaften

3rd Pat Foster

4th Mark Smith

5th Ron Robinson

The first-place trophy was a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften who did the scoring and prepared a delightful lunch of Elk Chili.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

April 5: April Fools' Shoot

May 22-26: GT Rendezvous

August 22-24: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

On April 8th, our weekly Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoots begin. Shooting starts at 5:00pm.

Watch the club's website for details. You can check out all of the club's events on the Benzie Sportsman's website.

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

March 2025 Calendar

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