

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

August 17th

April 2025

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

04/14/2025

362 Annual Members

22 Life Members

1 Honorary Member

3 Police Officers

378 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

May 10th

Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

Welcome to Spring. It seems to be on its way! Now that the snow is gone, the shotgun group is shooting outside! It is time to start the outdoor chores like picking up sticks to ready the lawn for the mowing season. If you would be interested in helping, we have a club-wide cleanup day planned for Saturday, April 26th from 9:00 am - Noon. Lunch will be provided! Our April Fools Shoot for Muzzleloaders went well this month. Thank you to Dan and Maggie VanHaften for organizing the event, assigning volunteers, and making lunch. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Our leadership board meets on the second Monday of each month.

Ron

Let's welcome one (1) new member!

Patrick Harlan

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

We'll be setting up the 3D range and clearing the shooting lanes during the cleanup on Saturday, April 26. The more the merrier.

Mark

Shotgun

Okay with spits and sputters, Spring may be on the way. With the melting of the snow, the winter mess rises, and man is there a field of orange debris in front of the shotgun clubhouse. Like years past, I will leave some rakes out front and if you have some time to spare, (Ha, Ha) just rake the mess into piles and when the dumpster is empty, we can use my tractor to send it away.

The weather has been nice enough to shoot some skeet and reopen the trap range, we will push the wobble machines out some to help keep the range clean but if you would like to shoot come and join us.

I will renew my offer, if anyone would like to improve on a skill, I am willing to come and work with you. Contact me and we can set up a time and we can see if there are some ways to improve your swing.

Remember we are a club of volunteers, please clean up after yourselves, your mother is not here and there is no 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

ATTENTION HIGH POWER RIFLE SHOOTERS:

We are starting a high-power rifle aggregate shoot in May through September. It will be the second Monday of the month at 4:00pm. That way you can stay for our membership potluck, which follows the shoot, if you want. You are welcome to call me for details or just show up for the first shoot with your firearm and 9 rounds of ammunition and we will go over the details before we begin. I always enjoy a little friendly competition.



Thanks,
Deb McGraw

Muzzleloaders

The Benzie Muzzleloaders held their annual April Fool's Shoot on April 5th. The weather was almost perfect. We had a smaller turnout with only 7 registered shooters competing for a nice trophy for first place and bead prizes for 2nd through 5th. Top scorers were as follows:

1st David Woodman (again)

2nd Dan VanHaften

3rd Ron Robinson

4th John Rice

5th Jim Payne

Special thanks again to Maggie VanHaften for serving a smoked turkey chili for lunch and for scoring the targets. A thank you also goes out to Vic Ellis for serving as our line officer.

The Summer Aggregate shoots start April 8th. Weekly shoots are each Tuesday beginning at 5:00pm.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

May 22-26: GT Rendezvous

August 22-24: Benzie Annual Rendezvous

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

<http://www.benziesportsmansclub.com/>

Keep your powder dry and your whistle wet,

Dan VanHaften

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

If you've been at the range lately you already know we need to repair/rebuild all the target boards; just waiting for better weather. Once we've finished rebuilding, let's try not to shoot up the target holders. Once the weather warms, we will start working on our back-room shop.

Indoor Air gun & Archery Ranges

Our electrical "panel" needs a serious upgrade before we can do much more work. There is only a twenty-amp service for this building. We'll need to install four egress windows.

Clubhouse Front and Back Yard

There are two flag poles that should be removed. There is a birch tree that should be cut down and the stump removed. There is a picnic table to be burned.

Rifle Range

The outhouse - what can we say???

Muzzleloader Range

The campground outhouse could use an upgrade. At least a serious cleaning. There is a trailer and picnic table that should be hauled away.

The firewood supply is depleted. And a general grounds cleaning is sorely needed.

Club House

The storage room needs a serious inventory reduction.

Jerry

April 2025 Calendar

<div> <div>Today</div> <div>< ></div> <div>April 2025</div> <div>Month</div> </div>						
SUN 30	MON 31	TUE Apr 1	WED 2 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	THU 3	FRI 4	SAT 5 • 9am April Fools Shoo • 10am Shotgun Range
6	7	8 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	9 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	10	11	12 • 10am Shotgun Range
13	14 • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	15 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	16 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	17	18	19 • 10am Shotgun Range
20	21	22 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	23 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	24	25	26 • 9am Clean Up Day • 10am Shotgun Range
27	28	29 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	30 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	May 1	2	3 • 10am Shotgun Range

May 2025 Calendar

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SUN 27	MON 28 Next month	TUE 29 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	WED 30 • 1pm Trap & Skeet • 2pm Pistol Shoot	THU May 1	FRI 2	SAT 3 • 10am Shotgun Range
4	5	6 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	7 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	8	9	10 CPL Class • 10am Shotgun Range
11	12 • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	13 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	14 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	15	16	17 • 10am Shotgun Range
18	19	20 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	21 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	Grand Traverse Rendezvous		24 • 10am Shotgun Range
25 Grand Traverse Rendezvous	26	27 • 5pm Muzzleloader St	28 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	29	30	31 • 10am Shotgun Range