

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter

June 2025



Benzie Sportsman's Club  
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1 (800) 292-7800

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>

### Club Officers

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

06/09/2025  
231 Annual Members  
23 Life Members  
1 Honorary Member  
3 Agencies  
258 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

**TBD**

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

Welcome to summer! The Grand Traverse Rendezvous group held their gathering over the Memorial Day weekend. It looked like there were quite a few camps set up - both rustic and modern. Our Muzzleloader Summer Aggregate continues on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. We would love to see more shooters participate! The Archery range is also in operation. I hope you will take advantage of these sunny, warm days to use the Sportsman's Club! You can see all that is offered on the Calendar on our website.

**Ron**

**Let's welcome ten (10) new members!**

**Creig Arends  
Charles Brickman  
Dennis Brown  
Michael Carroll  
James Priest  
Paul Hoke**

**Kevin Raines  
Tim Sholder  
Matt Stratton  
Stephen Szegedi  
Stewart Williams**

## Rifle Range

It's good to see the range being used for our rifle shoot on Monday once/month prior to our monthly meeting. The range looks to be in pretty good shape. I plan on redoing the 25-yard target to accommodate the extra usage that target receives. I am going to make it easier to switch foam.

Thanks for keeping the range in nice shape. See you at the range!

**Paul**

## Shotgun

Okay, I may be premature but, I think spring has finally arrived. We have all the areas open and are breaking plenty of targets. Just as a reminder, we will change to summer hours on June 18<sup>th</sup>, the first shooting day after the 15th.

I have floated the question of a league for shotgun sports several times; well, we are going to do something. Starting Monday, the 23rd of June, we will have league play. We will start with a round of skeet, a round of wobble trap, and a round of sporting clays. The cost will be \$40.00 per week for 4 weeks and we will have a prize day with food. Honors and something special to the top shooter and we may do something else. First week is any gun, then maybe subs, side by side pump & auto, we will work it out as we go. If you have any ideas or questions, call John McKinley or Jerry Cole, our league Pres & Vice. There are timber operations currently on the club property. Be aware that some areas are messy. We will work to get it all cleaned up as soon as they leave.

Come out and enjoy yourself.

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 started a high-power rifle aggregate shoot in May that will last through September. It is the second Monday of the month at 4:00pm. Please feel free to stay for our membership potluck, which follows the shoot. You are welcome to call me for details or just show up for the 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 Summer Aggregate continues each week on Tuesday afternoons starting at 5:00pm.

The muzzleloader's Annual Rendezvous and Shoot is coming up. The club will be hosting the 39th annual Benzie Rendezvous from August 22nd through the 24th. Registration will be Friday and Saturday from 9:00am to noon. Entry/Camping fees are \$20.00 individual or \$25.00 per family. Period clothing is optional. Separate areas for primitive and modern camping are available. Campers are welcome to come early. Attendees are organizing their own competitions. There will be awards for the best scores along with raffle and door prizes.

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**

### WANTED:

A 22LR double-action revolver  
2-inch to 4-inch barrel  
In the \$250 to \$300 price range.  
Please contact:  
[robjanusch@gmail.com](mailto:robjanusch@gmail.com)

### REMINDER!!

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO  
SEND IN YOUR 2025/2026 DUES.  
THE GATE CODE CHANGED  
ON JUNE 1, 2025.**

## Pistol/Indoor Ranges

At this time of the year everything moves slowly. With all of the open houses for this year's high school graduates there's not much time for the shooting sports.

### Indoor Air gun & Archery Ranges



Remember this photo of the Air gun and Archery Range? When it is raining or windy we can still shoot. Sure, all of us would rather shoot outdoors but it's nice to have this option?



We should take advantage of the summer weather and install some double-hung windows. We would need a total of four, two per side. **IF**, we get those installed and put in some insulation our mushroom heaters would be able to warm these ranges for winter use.

**Jerry**

# June 2025 Calendar

Today < > June 2025 <span>Month</span>						
SUN Jun 1	MON 2	TUE 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5pm Muzzleloader Summe</li></ul>	WED 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1pm Trap &amp; Skeet</li></ul>	THU 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5pm .22 Silhoutte</li></ul>	FRI 6	SAT 7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10am Shotgun Ranges</li></ul>
8	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4pm High Power Aggregat</li><li>5:30pm Potluck</li><li>6pm Board Meeting</li></ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5pm Muzzleloader Summe</li></ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1pm Trap &amp; Skeet</li></ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pistol Range Closed</li><li>5pm .22 Silhoutte</li></ul>	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10am Shotgun Ranges</li></ul>
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22	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5pm Muzzleloader Summe</li></ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>11am Trap &amp; Skeet</li></ul>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5pm .22 Silhoutte</li></ul>	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>10am Shotgun Ranges</li></ul>
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