

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter

July 2025



Benzie Sportsman's Club

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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 17<sup>th</sup>

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#### ..... BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

07/14/2025

243 Annual Members

23 Life Members

1 Honorary Member

267 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

Hello all. I want to start this month's note with a word of warning. The past two Sportsman's Club Presidents have had a problem with email messages that appear to be sent from them asking for money or gift cards (or - "could you pay this vendor? I will pay you back at our next meeting"). These SPAM messages used their email address, and it appeared to be a legitimate message from them. If someone was not educated about SPAM emails, it could trick someone into believing that it was a real request. Almost immediately, when I became President, my friends alerted me to the fact that now my email was being used to send the same kind of requests. Please do not respond to emails that you receive from me that ask for money. I tend to call people - rather than emailing anyway -so you are welcome to question emails that seem "off" from me.

On a more positive note, I want to thank the generous people who donated a new fountain for our pond. I am not naming them because I don't know if they want to be anonymous donors! However, we are grateful for their thoughtfulness.

Also - I wanted to thank all the volunteers who keep each of our ranges running. We have two members who have stepped up to manage the Archery area! Watch for updates from them!

If you have been on the property, you will notice that we have had some logging done. There is a good amount of brush that still needs to be cleaned up now that the loggers are gone. I will be planning a Clean-Up Day to get our property back in shape. I don't have a date yet, but wanted to give you a heads up! I will continue to keep up with the mowing in the meantime!

**Ron**

**Let's welcome four (4) new members!**

**Thomas Anderson**

**Jeffery Disselkoen**

**Douglas VanKampen**

**Jacob McMillin**

## Rifle Range

The range looks good. Thanks to everyone for helping to take care of it this summer. We'll see you around!

**Paul**

## Shotgun

Summer is in full swing, and the ranges are all open and being used fully. We are seeing nice crowds on both Wednesday and Saturday so bring a shotgun and join us. You may even find some things to work on in your swing.

The league has finished the first 2 weeks of shooting. We are having a great time shooting some things that we don't normally do. If anyone is interested, we are there 1000 on Mondays and we will come up with a way for you to "make up" missed weeks.

The loggers are gone; however, we will likely spend the rest of the summer cleaning up after them. There are a lot of repairs that will need to be accomplished around the sporting clays range and anyone that can help will be appreciated.

While on the subject we are a club of volunteers. I appreciate all that are stepping up as I recover from hip replacement especially Connie & Kevin. Please make certain that you are doing all you can to help make things run smoothly & pick up your trash. If you are shooting with someone who is shooting one of those shell shuckers ask them to pick up behind themselves. If you can, arrive a few minutes early and help set up the range and if you are in the last group close the range. Make certain the machines are full, the houses are locked, the trash picked up, and everything is put away.

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**

## Muzzleloaders

The Summer Aggregate is now more than halfway over. Our shoots continue weekly on Tuesdays at 5:00pm. If you would like to try muzzleloading, we'll help you get started.

The Benzie Rendezvous is almost here. The Club will be hosting the 39th annual Rendezvous and Shoot from August 22nd through the 24th. This is an old-fashioned rendezvous where friends and muzzleloader extended family can reconnect and enjoy these historic traditions. The rendezvous will follow a similar format to last year. Participants will organize events and matches.

There will be a small entry/camping fee of \$20 Individual or \$25 Family. A Door Prize will be randomly drawn from registrations as well as a raffle drawing on Sunday.

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

### Indoor Air gun & Archery Ranges

There has been no activity on either the Indoor Air Gun or Archery range. I guess the weather has been too nice. I used to shoot target archery; it's quite a sport. I don't know of another indoor range anywhere near the area. You'd think the archers in our club would take advantage of our range.

### Pistol range

There hasn't been much activity on the pistol range, we only needed to replace one target board; the rest are in good shape. We do need to mow the weeds, maybe next week.

### New Parking Lot

If you've been to the club, you can see where our new parking lot is located. We had to move an elevated platform and picnic table from the shotgun range and remove a portion of fence to provide a connector to the existing parking lot. By the time you get this newsletter, the work should be finished.

We've removed some stumps on the right side of our dumpster and will plant grass seed. This area will provide overflow parking when needed.

**Jerry**

# July 2025 Calendar

## Calendar

Our operating hours are 10:00 AM to sunset, Sunday through Saturday.

Today < > July 2025 <span>Month</span>						
SUN 29	MON 30	TUE Jul 1 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	WED 2 • 11am Trap & Skeet	THU 3 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	FRI 4	SAT 5 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
6	7	8 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	9 • 11am Trap & Skeet	10 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	11	12 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
13	14 • 4pm High Power Aggregat • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	15 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	16 • 11am Trap & Skeet	17 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	18	19 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
20	21	22 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	23 • 11am Trap & Skeet	24 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	25	26 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
27	28	29 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	30 • 11am Trap & Skeet	31 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	Aug 1	2 • 10am Shotgun Ranges

# August 2025 Calendar

Today < > August 2025 <span>Month</span>						
SUN 27	Next month MON 28	TUE 29 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	WED 30 • 11am Trap & Skeet	THU 31 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	FRI Aug 1	SAT 2 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
3	4	5 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	6 • 11am Trap & Skeet	7 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	8	9 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
10	11 • 4pm High Power Aggregat • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	12 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	13 • 11am Trap & Skeet	14 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	15	16 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
17 Hunter Education Field Day	18	19 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	20 • 11am Trap & Skeet	21 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	22 Benzie Rendezvous	23 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
24 Benzie Rendezvous	25	26 • 5pm Muzzleloader Summe	27 • 11am Trap & Skeet	28 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	29	30 • 10am Shotgun Ranges
31 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fall Ag	Sep 1	2	3 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	4 • 5pm .22 Silhoutte	5	6 • 10am Shotgun Ranges