

# Benzie Sportsman's Club

## Newsletter



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Report Poachers Michigan DNR

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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>

## August 2025

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#### BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

08/11/2025

256 Annual Members

24 Life Members

3 Agencies

283 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

**TBD**

Contact Deb McGraw

(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

I want to thank all of the members who came out to clear the driveway of the debris left behind from the logging company. There was too much for one person to do, but with many helpers, the clean-up was manageable. Thank you to Mike for bringing his tractor and Linda for cooking our lunch!

As we continue to maintain our property, Mike is working on getting stone/gravel for our road into the shotgun area in the woods. Several holes need to be filled in and the road needs to be leveled after the logging equipment went through. He also needs volunteers - Range Safety Officers - on August 22 for a Veteran's Shoot.

With the idea of many hands making light work, I wanted to ask for help cutting wood for the Rendezvous on August 23-25. Give me a call if you would like to lend a hand. We are hoping for good weather for the event!

Again - thank you all for your volunteer spirit!

**Ron**

**Let's welcome two (2) new members!**

**Charlie Carmoney**

**Lucas Pletcher**

## Rifle Range

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

**Paul**

**FOR SALE!!!**

**Pacific DL-266 12 ga  
reloader. \$225. (231)714-3423.**

**Ponsness-Warren model 900 12ga  
or 20 reloaders. \$500 each.  
(231)714-3423**

## Shotgun

We have completed our first shotgun sports league. It was shot over 4 weeks and had a total of 400 targets. Great fun was had by all and everyone was challenged to improve their game and shoot some guns that haven't been out of the safe for a while. I have been asked to not publish the scores, and I won't, so if you want to know how you stack up, you will need to come and shoot with us. We had our banquet at Oaky's.



We have a large group coming on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August and we will have a shotgun start on the clays range around noon. I will need about 4 hosts / BSOs to work with me to ensure everyone is safe and uses our range properly. If anyone can volunteer, please let me know. We still have significant groups shooting both Wednesday & Saturday. Come join us and break some birds.

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

Summer is passing quicker every year. The Muzzleloader Summer Aggregate is coming to an end with our last shoot on Tuesday, August 26th. The Fall Aggregate will begin the very next weekend on Sunday, August 31st and will continue through November 2nd. The fall shoots begin at 2:00 pm each Sunday with four targets at 25 yards. We invite everyone to participate each week in this enjoyable event.

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 as last year; participants are organizing shooting matches and other events.

There will be a small entry/camping fee of \$20 Individual or \$25 Family. Door Prize(s) will be randomly drawn from signed registrations/liability waiver forms. As always, donations will be gratefully accepted.

Don't forget our last organized shoot of the year – the Turkey Shoot will be on Saturday, October 18th. Results from the Summer Aggregate as well as the 39th Annual Benzie Rendezvous will be printed in next month's newsletter.

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**

**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

We had to stop working on the building for a couple of reasons; 1. Available funds 2. Inadequate electrical service.

Mike Hartman has solved our electricity problem. He had a large coil of wire which we can use to upgrade the electric service. We will need to purchase a panel and rent a trencher to complete the electrical upgrade.



If we build three doors for approximately \$1,200, both of our indoor ranges would be useable this winter.

### Pistol range

Last week I saw a member using an assault rifle on the pistol range while moving from cover to cover. He looked quite proficient. I thought it wouldn't be difficult to setup some movable barriers creating an assault course. --- Just a thought.

**Jerry**

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