

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

November 2025

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BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

11/10/2025

287 Annual Members

24 Life Members

3 Agencies

314 Total Members



Concealed Pistol License Class

TBD

Contact Deb McGraw

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President's Column

Thank you to Mike Hartman for facilitating the removal of the tree by the muzzle loader pavilion. Since it came down, Dan VanHaften and I have been chopping branches, splitting wood, and filling the woodshed. Feel free to take your axe out to help us with the process! We will be taking a bit of a hiatus during Deer Season. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers who showed up to help on sight-in Day. Good luck to all you hunters!

Ron

Let's welcome four (4) new members!

Ronald S. Bing

Steven T. Mohr

Rob Jones

Aric B. Spencer

Shotgun

As I write this, we are preparing to change from summer to winter mode. By the time you read the newsletter we will have finished the changeover. A hearty thanks to all that came out and helped close the sporting clays range. Your help was appreciated.

Now that the change has been made, we will shoot 5 stand on the skeet range and both the skeet & trap ranges will remain open as long as weather allows. When the snow gets too deep, we will shoot wobbles from the porch.

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

Our Turkey Shoot was held on Saturday, October 18th. We had eight shooters brave the dark and wet weather for a mid-October shoot. A fantastic lunch of smoked turkey chili was served after everyone had a chance to shoot. The top five scorers took home frozen turkey breast, and the top shooter also took home a custom coffee mug trophy. David Woodmay was a perfect three for three, winning this year's Frostbite, April Fools and Turkey shoots. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften, who provided a great lunch and scored the targets.

The Top Five Shooters:

1st David Woodman

2nd Wendy Kerry

3rd John Rice

4th Dan VanHaften

5th Pat Foster

The last Fall Aggregate shoot was on November 2nd. Alan Penny finished first in the aggregate followed by Dan VanHaften second and Ron Robinson third. The organized Muzzleloader shoots for 2025 are now complete and dates for 2026 are posted on the BSC website calendar. 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

Archery

We will be having an indoor archery league this winter starting in January. Stay tuned for more details!

Tyler

Pistol/Indoor Ranges

We are now switching over to the indoor range for the winter months. Please do not use the outside range during this time as it causes a serious safety issue. If you're not sure how to use the indoor range, please contact Rich Stowe or myself and we will be happy to help.

There has been some destruction to our pistol range in the past couple months. While some wear and tear can be seen as accidental, this damage I am referring to seems to be blatant. Please be respectful to our facilities. It affects all of our members.

We are going to begin shooting a friendly pistol competition beginning on January 7th at 2pm and every Wednesday following. It is a great way to spend a Wednesday afternoon in a heated facility while still being able to hone our shooting skills.

Deb

Rifle Range

Hi everyone. As always, sight-in day was a lot of fun. We were able to sight-in our rifles on a better-than-expected weather day. I have 2 takeaways: (1) We need to explore options next year to increase participation. (2) When the sight-in volunteers went to clean the rifle range building, members had already blown the leaves out and cleaned the shooting area. I want to thank everyone who put in that effort! It makes my job a lot easier and allows us all to enjoy a nice facility.

Winter is nigh and the range is open year-round. I'm always surprised by the amount of use during the winter. Bring a snow shovel and wear some good boots! See you at the range.

Paul

**GOOD LUCK DURING
HUNTING SEASON!**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

**OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER
WILL BE IN JANUARY
2026.**

November 2025 Calendar

Today < > November 2025 Month						
SUN 26 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fe	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Nov 1 • 10am Sight-In-Day • 10am Shotgun Range
2 • 2pm Muzzleloader Fe	3	4	5 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	6	7	8 Sporting Clays Closing • 10am Shotgun Range
9	10 • 5:30pm Potluck • 6pm Board Meeting	11	12 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	13	14	15 • 10am Shotgun Range
16	17	18	19 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	20	21	22 • 10am Shotgun Range
23	24	25	26 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	27	28	29 • 10am Shotgun Range
30	Dec 1	2	3 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	4	5	6 • 10am Shotgun Range

December 2025 Calendar

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28	29	30	31 • 1pm Trap & Skeet	Jan 1	2	3 • 10am Shotgun Range