

# 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

March 2026

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**BSC MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

03/09/2026  
304 Annual Members  
24 Life Members  
3 Agencies  
331 Total Members



**Concealed Pistol License Class**

**April 25, 2026**

Contact Deb McGraw  
(231) 714-3423

## President's Column

I hope you are doing well. I think we are past the cold of winter and can start planning for spring activities! Our brush pile has been burned. We still have a great deal of wood to cut, split, and stack in sheds. It's great exercise, and you are invited to come out to help once the snow is completely gone!

**Ron**

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

**Leonidas Hawkins  
Dan Kelly  
Chris Mekas  
Greg David Niendorf**

## Shotgun

Well maybe the winter will leave before May. We have had a few nice days on the shotgun range, and a small crowd is making good use of it. Lots of people are coming and joining us on the range and lots of targets are being broken. A special nod to Doctor Dave for shooting his first clean round, now we will have to see how long it takes for the second.

As the snow recedes and the winters trash is uncovered, we will put some rakes around the Skeet field. If you have a few minutes to volunteer rake up some trash, please do. Just make small piles and I will bring my tractor up and we can put them in the dumpster.

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 club hosted its seventh annual Muzzleloader Frostbite Shoot on Saturday, February 21. A total of 7 shooters braved the cold, ice, and snow at the muzzleloader range. Many of the attendees had traveled from the south and were surprised by the amount of snow Benzie County had accumulated. Top scorers were as follows:

**1st Ron Robinson  
2nd Dan VanHaften  
3rd Todd Gomah  
4th John Rice  
5th Alex Allan**

Congratulations to Ron Robinson, club president, for the first-place win. He received a custom ceramic coffee mug. Second through fifth place winners received nice beads. A big thank you to Maggie VanHaften who did the scoring and prepared a delightful lunch of Chilli dogs.

Here are some dates of upcoming events:

**April 4: April Fools' Shoot**

**May 21-25: GT Rendezvous**

**August 21-23: Benzie Annual Rendezvous**

**On April 7th, our weekly Tuesday evening Summer Aggregate Shoots begin. Shooting starts at 5:00pm.**

**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

Archery league is going well. We are half way through our winter league and the indoor range is working great. Feel free to come out and join us!

**Tyler**

**Attached to your newsletter next month will be your membership renewal notice. It will be the only one you get so please watch for it. There will be further information and instructions with it next month.**

## **Rifle Range**

We've lost a lot of snow and I should be able to get to the target stands shortly. See you at the range!

**Paul**

## **Pistol/Indoor Ranges**

The investment in a heated indoor shooting facility on the pistol range has proven to be a great addition. The range has been used all winter and everyone has been diligent about cleaning up after themselves. Thank you for that. We will probably leave the indoor range open until sometime next month when the weather is a little more consistent. Please remember that we can only have one shooting range open at a time, so when we switch to the outdoor range, the indoor area will be inaccessible. In the meantime, the outdoor range is not available. It all revolves around safety.

We will be holding our next CPL class on Saturday, April 25. Just give me a call if you're interested and we can go over the details and get you registered.

Hope to meet some of you on the range this summer.

**We are still shooting on Wednesday afternoon at 2PM if you want to come out.**

**Deb**

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