



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

July/August 2017

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Calendar of Events:

July 2nd: **Sporting Clays #3 50 Birds**; Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed; Open Shooting from 9-Noon. Skeet may be closed.
July 4th: Club Closed
July 6th: Summer Trap League Wk #10; Rifle & Pistol Ranges close at 4 PM
July 9th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
July 10th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM**
July 11th: Open Shooting 5:50-9
July 13th: Summer Trap League Wk # 11; Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed all Day
July 16th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
July 18th: Open Shooting 5:30-9
July 20th: Summer Trap League Wk #12; Rifle & Pistol Ranges close at 4 PM
July 23rd: **Fall 100 Bird**; Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed; NO Open shooting
July 25th: Open Shooting 5:30-9
July 27th: Summer Trap League Make-up Shooting; Rifle & Pistol Ranges close at 4 PM
July 30th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
Aug 1st: Rifle & Pistol Ranges Close at 11 AM; Open shooting 5:30-9
Aug 3rd: Summer Trap League Shoot Offs & Super Annie Oakley; Rifle & Pistol Ranges close at 4PM
Aug 6th: **Sporting Clays #4 100 Birds**; Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed; Open Shooting from 9-Noon. Skeet may be closed.
Aug 7th: Hunter Ed 6-9PM
Aug 8th: Open Shooting 5:30-9
Aug 9th: Hunter Ed. 6-9PM
Aug 10th: **Polish Shoot**; Rifle & Pistol Ranges close at 4 PM
Aug 11th: Summer Trap League **Steak Fry/ Awards Night 5-9PM**
Aug 13th: **Sporting Clays Rain Date**; Open Shooting 9-Noon; Ranges Closed if Rain Date
Aug 14th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM**; Hunter Ed. 6-9PM
Aug 15th: Open Shooting 5:30-9
Aug 16th: Hunter Ed. 6-9PM
Aug 19th: **Hunter Ed Range Day**; Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed till Noon
Aug 20th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
Aug 21st: Hunter Ed. 6-9PM
Aug 22nd: Open Shooting 5:30-9
Aug 23rd: Hunter Ed. 6-9PM
Aug 27th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
Aug 29th: Open Shooting 5:30-9
Sept. 1st: **Iron Man Set-up**
Sept 2nd & 3rd: **IRON MAN**

President's Page

Happy summer to all. I hope you all have taken advantage of the change in climate to pull some triggers. As the weather heats up, so does the activity around the clubhouse. The graduations of our senior teen shooters are complete and the parties are winding up. Congrats to all for the accomplishments you have made and are about to make!

To get into the meat of our summer events, we are just past the half-way point on the summer trap season. Where does the time go! With that, we must start to prepare for the Thursday Night Trap league Steak Fry! Yes, you read it right. The Steak Fry is coming back. However, I need some help from the members with taking time out to attend this event. A lot of work goes into the awards and preparation of this banquet with only a few showing up. Let's see if we can get back to better participation as it is a good time to kick back and socialize with your fellow members. Not to mention your input in making this season and others better needs your input in decision making. Bring your appetite and ideas and let's have a great time reminiscing the past season.

As this is published, the smoke will be clearing on Shelly Clark and company's Shoot N for a Reason event. I hope you all had time to enjoy a great event which gives back a ton to the community. Shelly and the group put their heart and soul into making this a huge success for the clubs recognition as well. Thank you to all the individuals who are involved in this event in one way or another. To the membership, if you missed it this year you better put it on your calendar for the upcoming years!

Jeff Davey and Steve Beres are warming the kids up for a long run in summer trap competition with the Target Terminators. The squad has been doing remarkable in the SCTP events already and are looking for more hardware as they made their presence felt at the ATA Northeast Zone Shoot. The team is setting their sites on the state SCTP event and the WTA State Shoot not to mention the Nationals in Sparta, Illinois. Good luck to all the athletes and thanks to all the coaches and parents behind the scenes.

On to ATA news. The big 50's and marathons will be wrapping up by the end of June. As mentioned above not only did the Target Terminators do well at the Zone shoot at Fox Valley Trap Club, we had a great showing from our members as well, congrats to all that placed in the event there were some long but fun days. Members do not forget that the State Shoot in Rome will be the second week in July. Make sure you check out the new State shoot shirts which will be sold by the Target Terminators with profits going to the team as well as a portion to the WTA.

For the specialty shooters, on Tuesday night, the club has been the place to be as JD has whipped up a great 5 stand event which continues to grow at a fantastic pace. This is not to be outdone by Joe, who has made our sporting clays events one to talk about as we start to draw from a further distance as we have shooters coming from Milwaukee. A huge shout out to all that assist Joe as the #2 event surpassed the 90 shooter mark and Joe says he is not done yet! Members, make sure you take time to enjoy these events as well as these members are putting a lot of time into this for our enjoyment.

In closing, I want to take time to thank you for allowing me to be your president in what I believe is the best club around. The compliments received from visitors to our facility are very flattering and you should all be proud of this club and what has been done. However, we can always do more to make it better. With that, I am calling out to you all to take time and give back to the club, whether a few hours or whatever you can spare as people are what makes this club successful. To add to that, we have a pheasant farm which is always looking for help and a great way to either get pheasants or shooting cards. If interested stop in to the club and we can give you all the information you will need. Lastly here is hoping you have both a great and safe summer season! See you on the line.

Gary Witzke- President
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Iron Man

Calling all Club Members. One of our biggest fund raisers of the year is fast approaching. The annual Iron Man competition is held every Labor Day weekend. On Friday, September 1st is Set-up. The competition is on Saturday & Sunday the 2nd & 3rd. We need all members to pitch in and help with many different things: Set-up & take-down, scorers for both stationary stands and sporting clays, trap fillers, bartenders, raffle assistance & sign up help/scoring verification, Range safety officers, & general fill-in workers to relieve other workers. Please contact Gary Witzke @ [920-204-1329](tel:920-204-1329) or [gwitzke@ outlook.com](mailto:gwitzke@outlook.com). **PLEASE VOLUNTEER AT LEAST A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME.**

Thursday Night Trap League Steak Fry/Awards Night

It's hard to believe that our Thursday Night Trap League is over half way completed! The last week of league is July 20th with a make-up week of July 27th, if necessary. Any shoot offs will be on August 3rd, along with Super Annie Oakley. If you haven't qualified yet, you only have a few more weeks to do so. Don't be afraid to line up along the fence and take out your neighbors! We will again be having an end of the season steak fry. This will be held on Friday, August 11th with the awards presentation and our league meeting. If you have anything you wish to see changed to our Thursday Night Trap League or have any other comments or suggestions, please plan to attend the meeting or let Amy know. Sign up sheets for the steak fry will be out soon. Spouses and guests are welcome! Payment will need to be made at the time of sign up. If you have any further questions, please contact Amy Thoma at [920-229-5288](tel:920-229-5288).

This steak fry is a great way to socialize and also enjoy a GREAT Steak dinner. Please plan on attending.

Pheasant Farm Work Days

Birds are here and growing fast.

New work days have been set up:

Tuesday, July 18th 4:00 PM - ?

Saturday, July 22nd 8:00 am – Noon

*Thursday, August 3rd 6:00 AM- till Done

*This is the day we are putting Blinders on the birds. Much help is needed on this day so we can get done before it gets to hot outside and stresses the birds too much.

The pens are coming together slowly. More help is needed or they won't get done and the birds will be crowded in one pen. Please volunteer to help. Get work hours for credit for birds or shooting cards.

Also we have 100# LP tanks for Sale. Some are full and some empty. See Dave Polzin, Bob Pribnow, or Mark Trampf.

Wood Duck Houses

Wood Duck Houses have been completed. There are still houses available to purchase at a cost of \$10.00. We will also take orders for more houses. Contact Ken Keenlance with questions at 920-361-0300.

Thrivent Financial

The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation meeting that was held the first week in June had a guest speaker from Thrivent Financial. Dave Shattuck informed us that all BCC members that are also members of Thrivent can choose to give money back to the Foundation, as it is now registered to receive "Choice Dollars. You can designate where you would like your Choice Dollars to go. These are just some examples: Target Terminators, Banquet, Trap League, Hunter Education, or whatever you as a member decide on. You can also designate Action Teams and Give \$250 to do something good in community. The Foundation uses this money to donate back to the BCC. We have just donated money to buy new bar stools for the club house.

Berlin Conservation Club Foundation

The BCCF held a meeting on June 5th. New board members and officers were elected. We want to thank Dave Polzin and Gary Witzke for their time served on the Board, as they choose not to run for Re-election. New members elected were President Steve Klika, Vice-President Shelly Clark, Treasurer Greg Junak, Secretary Donna Polzin, Grant Writer Jill Nimmer-Beres. Other board members are Steve Beres, Gene Thom, Jerry Reetz, and Kevin Rosenau.

BCC Banquet

The BCC Annual Banquet is held every February. The Banquet Committee has been meeting and one of their biggest concerns is lack of attendance by members at the banquet. The committee members are racking their brains to try and come up with reasons why the attendance has been slipping. PLEASE- Provide your feedback to help the committee do what is needed to increase the attendance. The Banquet is our biggest fund raiser of the year. In order to keep your club operating and keep costs down, we will need to keep the banquet successful. Please contact Banquet chairman, Don Metzger at don@admachine.biz or call him at **920-295-9838**, or contact Ticket chairman, Dave Polzin at roosterbuster1@gmail.com or call him at **920-573-2760**.

Sporting Clays

The 3rd Sporting Clay event will be held on Sunday, July 2nd. This is a 50 Bird event. The 4th Sporting Clay event will be on Sunday, August 6th. This is a 100 Bird Event. Come and check out these events. Involvement is up this year. Check out our 3 new sporting clay machines that were purchased recently in June.

3-D Archery Shoot

There will tentatively be a 3-D Archery Shoot in August if there is any interest in holding one. If you would like to have one and/or would like to help with one, please contact Don Metzger at don@admachine.biz or call him at **920-295-9838**.

Lost & Found

What have you left at the clubhouse and have not claimed? There is a lost and found box located behind the counter. It is overflowing. If not claimed, all items will end up on the free table.

Tuesday Nights

We are open every Tuesday night for shooting. This is a good time to do a warm up for Iron Man. You can shoot doubles, Handicap, regular trap, or 5 Stand in the Woods. If you have never seen 5-stand shot, please check it out. JD makes it a challenge every week even for the best Sporting Clays shooters. NO ONE has run the course yet this year. Come and try to be the 1st.

Berlin Target Terminators

The team is off to a good start! We have gained several young shooters since we started the new season, and these shooters are excelling at a very strong rate. The SCTP program shoot highlights and awards so far this season are:

Shooter	Class	Award	Shoot Location	Score
RJ Gropp	Rookie	2 nd place	Green Bay	79x100
		3 rd place	Beloit	78x100
		3 rd place	Beaver Dam	89x100
		1 st place	Berlin	88x100
Maxwell Naparalla	Intermediate/Entry	1 st place	Horicon	93x100
		1 st place	Green Bay	94x100
		3 rd place	Beaver Dam	93x100
Dawson Niemuth	Intermediate/Entry	3 rd place	Green Bay	88x100

Louie Spanbauer	Intermediate/Entry	3 rd place	Berlin	88x100
Bryce Werch	Intermediate/Entry	2 nd place	Berlin	95x100
Blane Davey	Intermediate/Advanced	2 nd place	Green Bay	92x100
		2 nd place	Beloit	90x100
Peter Cisler	Jr. Varsity	3 rd place	Berlin	95x100
Jackson Davey	Jr. Varsity	1 st place	Berlin	97x100
Josh Rodencal	Varsity	1 st place	Berlin	100x100
Blair Tischafer	Varsity	2 nd place	Berlin	99x100

**Just a side note: Blair Tischafer and Josh Rodencal were also tied for High Shooter in the Kettle Moraine Conference. For the AIM (ATA) shoots, we have had only two so far. The first was an online shoot with kids throughout the Midwest. Our top squad shot a 475x500, and we are still waiting to see where we placed. We had a very strong showing at the ATA Zone shoot held in Oshkosh, even with it being a windy, gusty day. Those who shot were:

Victoria Chanez	182x200		Peter Cisler	178x200
Blane Davey	190x200		Jackson Davey	184x200
Andrew Fritz	184x200		Peter Fritz	160x200
RJ Gropp	174x200		Tyler Hetzel	196x200
Wyatt Juday	191x200		Steve Klika	193x200
Alex Konen	195x200		Marcus Krentz	191x200
Kevin Moldenhauer	182x200		Maxwell Naparalla	189x200
Dawson Niemuth	182x200		Emma Dora Olson	177x200
Richard "Ole" Olson	185x200		Josh Rodencal	196x200
Blair Tischafer	198x200		Bryce Werch	189x200
Trent Weiss	183x200		Gage Witzke	175x200

Last week the Berlin SCTP Endowment Shoot was held, where our best score to date was shot by our top five shooters (491x500). The highest Varsity score ever shot by our team—we are **READY** for the State Shoot in Rome! It will be very hard for coaches to pick squads with the way the team is shooting. We have high hopes to keep Berlin, WI on the map as producing some of the best shooters in the country.

Did you Know?

PULL

Ever wonder why everyone uses this word? Why not: ok, yes, now, ready, go, set, show me, etc. Everyone could have their own signal. Young shooters use pull and don't even know why.

Trap shooting started in England in 1750's using live birds under boxes, in pits with planks over holes, and even under top hats. Each covering had a cord attached and was pulled to release the bird. Live birds started in the east U.S. about 1825. There were even animal rights groups then, so glass balls became targets starting about 1865. Balls were launched using catapults with attached cords which were again pulled to release balls. 1870 brought "new" clay targets set on outside launchers with attached cords, which were pulled. As machines improved, spring tension was added to the throwing arm and released by pulling the attached cord. Older trap shooters will remember the machines being placed into a covered "houses", in which sat a trap tender, who cocked a spring loader arm and placed a target. A cable ran out to a 3'-4' long arm behind the shooters which, when signaled, was pulled by another person. Things progressed to electric machines, release cords and buttons, now voice activated wireless target releases. The same word is used in shooting skeet, sporting clays, 5-stand, etc. You can see how "Pull" stuck the whole time as it started with all the cords and cables and shooters telling the worker to **pull - (the cord)**.

Memberships

When applying for membership, please read the entire waiver below, sign it, and include it with the completed application form below. Failure to include this signed waiver will result in your application being refused until receipt of a signed waiver. Mail application and fee to: Berlin Conservation Club, PO Box 303, Berlin WI 54923.

The participant, in consideration of the acceptance of participant's application to participate in the event or events conducted under the auspices of the Berlin Conservation Club, W898 Whiteridge Road, Berlin, Wisconsin, does hereby release and discharge said Club sponsoring said event and assumes all risk of personal injury of the participant whether due to negligence of the participant or other participants, officers, or member of said Club and this release shall be binding upon the participant, his/her heirs, executors, and administrators or assigns. All club rules are available at the clubhouse or online at www.berlincc.org. I have read and understand the waiver for this membership application.

SIGN HERE: _____

Under age 18 years of age, parent or Legal Guardian sign here: _____

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DO WE HAVE YOUR PERMISSION TO E-MAIL THE NEWSLETTER TO YOU? ____ YES ____ NO

_____ ADULT \$10 _____ JUNIOR \$4 (16 & under)

_____ New Member _____ Renewal

Please note: If you fail to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, your membership card will be on the board in the clubhouse.

Board of Directors

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