



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

March/April 2021

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Calendar of Events

March 1st: **Board of Directors Mtg**
6:30PM
March 3rd: Winter Archery League
Wk#8
March 4th: Winter Trap League Wk #7
March 7th: Open Shooting 9-noon
March 8th: **Bi-Annual Meetings**
BCCF 6:00 PM
BCC 7:00 PM
March 10th: Winter Archery League Wk
#9
March 11th: Winter Trap League Wk #8
March 13th: **30th Annual BCC Banquet**
March 14th: Open Shooting 9-noon
March 16th: Open Shooting 5-9PM
March 17th: Winter Archery League Wk
#10; **50 Bird Green Bird Event**
March 18th: Winter Trap League Wk #9
March 21st: Open Shooting 9-noon
March 23rd: Open Shooting 5-9PM
March 24th: Winter Archery League Wk
#11
March 25th: Winter Trap League Wk
#10
March 28th: Open Shooting 9-noon
March 30th: Open Shooting 5-9PM
March 31st: Winter Archery Wk #12
April 1st: Winter Trap League Wk #11
April 4th: **Club Closed Happy Easter**
April 6th: Open Shooting 5-9PM
April 7th: Winter Archery Fun Night
April 8th: Winter Trap League Wk #12
April 11th: Open Shooting 9-noon
April 12th: **Board of Directors Mtg**
6:30PM
April 13th: Open Shooting 5-9PM
April 15th: **Polish Shoot**
April 18th: Open Shooting 9-noon
April 20th: Open Shooting 5-9PM
April 25th: **Spring 100 Bird**; All Ranges
Closed; No Open Shooting
April 27th: Open Shooting 5-9PM

President's Page

Greetings all, well an election is done and a new chapter starts in our country. Obviously, the pandemic / flu is still around and making noise. Apparently, it has escalated from Charmin to Shot shells as supplies have dried up. Our provider for ammunition is already 13 semi loads behind. As a precaution to have shells on the shelves for our shooters the board decided to allow only box purchases to be made for shooting at the club. This was not an easy decision and hope is that this will end by mid-summer.

Let's get into some positive news, starting with the Winter Trap and Archery Leagues. As most of you know our Archery indoor league is off and running with 10 teams this year. Thanks to all that are taking time to help make this program flourish! The Winter trap team has still fell victim of the Covid 19 issue. It is good to see some back at it on the trap line here too thanks to the group that runs this program every Thursday.

On a somber note, Covid 19 not only short changed the club of many events it also saw a well-known board member resign. Mark Belau handed his resignation after 8 plus years on the board, signaling covid 19 as a contributing factor. Mark was concerned for his family and career. We would like to Thank Mark for his dedication to the club for the past years and hope to see him back with us participating at the club soon. Gene Thom has graciously accepted to finish out Marks term which comes due in 2022. Gene has been a staple on the board for many years and we welcome him and his knowledge back on.

What's on deck at BCC you may ask? Well first of all our banquet is around the corner March 13 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. Banquet tickets are available as this year due to covid the committee has put in many stop gaps to assure everyone's safety. After the banquet on March 17th stop down to the club for our first St. Pats 50 bird shoot. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be on the menu for those who would like to keep the holiday spirit. Hamburgers will also be available furnished by the Target Terminators.

Calling all Youth shooter whether experienced or not the CWYTL is looking for you, sign up and info will be available on March 6 starting at 8am. Also, the Target Terminators will have their sign up on March 6th as well. Parents and youth are asked to attend on March 6th at 12 pm.

Lastly, the second Monday in March will be the Membership meeting. I would like to see some additional participation as we have elections to address. Please be a part of your club. We also are always looking for help around the grounds as well as the pheasant farm. Please donate some time to keep this club going in the right direction, and remember this Is Your Club!!

See you on the Line!
Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Witzke – President
gwitzke@outlook.com
920-204-1329

Wood Duck Houses

Wood Duck houses will be available again as soon as the team gets them built. They are selling for \$15.00. You can purchase them at the club during any open hours, or call Ken Keenlance at 920-361-0300.

Newsletter Ads

Renewal for newsletter ads is coming due March 15th. Invoices were mailed out after the first of the year. Prices will remain the same. Please consider renewing your ad. We do have room in the newsletter for new ads. Please consider advertising in our bi-monthly newsletter. The cost is only \$75 a year for a business size card ad. I want to thank all those who already renewed their ads. Our newsletter goes out by US Mail and also e-mail to over 2000 members. Please contact Donna Polzin at 920-379-6751 or e-mail at dpolzin1@gmail.com if interested.

Bi-Annual Membership Meetings

The Bi-Annual Membership meetings will be held on Monday, March 13th at the clubhouse. The meeting for the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation will begin at 6:00 PM and the BCC Meeting will begin at 7:00PM. There will be an election of board members at each meeting. Please consider serving your club by running for a position on either board. Contact any board member if you would like your name to be placed on the ballot. In order to vote in the election, you must have been a member in 2020 and also have a current membership for 2021. Please purchase your 2021 before the night of the meeting.

Banquet Update

If you are concerned about attending the Berlin Conservation Club's 30th Annual Banquet at the Oshkosh Convention Center on March 13th, I just want to let you know the changes that are being made to keep you safe. We will have the entire Convention Center. That means we will have double the space we had last year and can spread out more. There will be 6 feet between all tables and there will only be 6 people seated at each table. Each attendee will be given a pen when they enter to keep so there is no sharing. The meal will still be a delicious buffet, but the Convention Center staff will be serving the entrees.

BCC 30th Annual Banquet

The banquet will be held on March 13, 2021 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. The banquet tickets are \$50.00 per person.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the club during open shooting or during the winter trap or archery leagues. You can also request yours by mail. Send your request along with a check payable to the **Berlin Conservation Club Foundation** or **BCCF** and a **self-addressed stamped #10 envelope** to Dave Polzin at N615 37th Ave. Omro WI 54963

By making your checks payable to the BCCF you may qualify for a tax deduction. Contact your tax preparer to see if you qualify. The BCCF is a 501(c)3 organization.

If you have any questions contact Banquet Chairperson, Don Metzger at 920-295-9838 or e-mail him at don@admachine.biz

Or call ticket chairperson, Dave Polzin, at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at roosterbuster1@gmail.com

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. GET YOURS EARLY.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE BANQUET.

Please support the club by coming to the banquet. This is our biggest fundraiser to keep our club operating.

Banquet Early Bird BCC Bucks

You can purchase BCC Early Bird Money. For \$100.00, you will receive \$125.00 in BCC money to be used to purchase raffle tickets the night of the banquet. You will pick up your BCC bucks the night of the banquet. BCC Bucks will **NOT** be available to purchase the night of the banquet. **Deadline to purchase has been extended to Thursday, March 4, 2021.** This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Raffle.

Corporate Sponsor

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor at the banquet for the cost of \$1000.00, you would have a reserved table for 8. It includes 8 banquet tickets and your name on a banner. It also includes \$200 in BCC Bucks to spend on the raffles, and a business size card ad for our bi-monthly newsletter. This is a \$75.00 value

2021 BANQUET REQUEST FORM

March 13, 2021

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

of Tickets _____ @ \$50.00 each

of Early Bird BCC Bucks Packets _____
\$125.00 worth of raffle money for \$100.00.

of Early Bird Raffle Tickets @ \$10 Each. _____

TOTAL: _____

Please mail check with a self-addressed #10 stamped envelope to:

Berlin Conservation Club Foundation

Attn: Dave Polzin

N615 37th Ave.

Omro WI 54963

Early Bird Gun Raffle

When you purchase your banquet ticket before March 4, 2021, you can also purchase for \$10.00 each, Early Bird Gun Raffle Tickets. Win a Taurus Curve .380 or a SSA B6 9mm.

NO sales for this raffle after March 4th.

Also when you purchase your dinner ticket before the Early Bird Deadline date of March 4, 2021, you will be entered into a drawing to win BCC Bucks. There will be 3 prizes, \$150.00, \$100.00, & \$50.00 worth of BCC Bucks.

New This Year

For every \$100 worth of 10 Gun Raffle Tickets that you sell, you will be entered into a drawing to win a pistol. If you turn your tickets and money in at the club house, be sure to sign the sheet giving your self credit for your sales. Tickets will be filled out with your information and dropped into the barrel at the banquet. If you return them by mail, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in the correspondence. The drawing will be the night of the banquet. You do not need to be present at the banquet to win.

****Basket Raffle****

New this year is a BASKET raffle. Everyone who donates a basket of goodies with a value of at least \$20.00 will be given 3 tickets toward the drawing of the winners of the baskets. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the raffle table. Some examples could be floral arrangements, beauty products, alcohol, gift certificates, fishing equipment, turkey hunting, kid's basket, etc. Be creative. Just bring your basket the night of the banquet. You will be given your 3 tickets at the Basket Raffle Table.

DONATIONS

We are also looking for banquet donations. These donations could be cash, or any item that could be raffled off at the various raffles, such as silent auction, food pantry, youth raffle, gun raffles, outdoor raffle, ladies raffle, or many others. We also need donations for the kid's drawing. Be creative.

Target Terminator Meeting

There will be a meeting and sign up for the upcoming Target Terminator season on Saturday, March 6th, at noon, at the club. Shooters and a parent should attend. The trap team welcomes any new shooters as well. For more information contact Gary Witzke at 920-204-1329.

Shell Shortage

As many are aware, there is currently a shortage of shells and reloading supplies. The BCC shell order has not yet been filled and we are unsure when we will receive our order. Due to this, the BCC will only be selling shells by the box, and the by the case. We ask for your cooperation during this time and ask that you only purchase when you need. Thank you for your understanding.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to earn a shooting card or pheasants? There are many opportunities for you to volunteer your time at the BCC and/or the Pheasant Farm. Contact a board member for more information on how you can help your Club.

Pheasant Farm

The chicks have been ordered for spring. Watch the newsletter and website and signs at the club for possible work days at the farm. It is a good way to earn volunteer hours. We are still in need of working dehumidifiers for the pheasant farm. Drop them off at clubhouse.

Board of Directors

We would like to thank Mark Belau for his time served on the board of directors. Mark has resigned his position. Gene Thom has volunteered and was approved by the Board to finish out Mark's term.

Artificial Christmas Trees

If you have an old artificial Christmas tree that you no longer need or want, consider donating it to the Winter Archery League. Dave Polzin uses them to create realistic hunting set-ups to challenge the league shooters. Drop them off at the clubhouse if you have one to donate.

Central WI Youth Trap League (CWYTL) Information

ATTN: YOUTH SHOOTERS AND PARENTS: The Central Wisconsin Youth Trap League (CWYTL) is set to begin on Saturday, March 6, 2021. This is an 8 week league that is held at the Berlin Conservation Club (BCC) on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. CWYTL is open to youth, through 12th grade, who have successfully completed a Hunter Education program. Any youth from the surrounding communities may participate in the CWYTL program. We encourage youth to participate even if they have never shot trap before. CWYTL coaches are available to work with any shooter on an individual basis. For more information, and to complete the registration/waiver form, please visit the BCC web site at <https://www.berlincc.org/central->

wisconsin-youth-trap-league.html or contact CWYTL coordinator, Amy Thoma at 920-229-5288 or amysthoma@gmail.com. We hope to see you for registration/practice on March 6th at 9:00 a.m.

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

Officers:

Pres. Gary Witzke 920-204-1329

Tres. Dave Polzin 920-573-2760

Directors:

Don Metzger 920-295-9838

Gen Thom 920- 745-0926

Joe Gozinski 920-428-6445

Ron Moderow 920- 748-3862

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Sec. Jerry Reetz 920-361-2845

Amy Thoma 920-229-5288

Jeff Tischefer 920-658-3289

Bart Schepp 920-597-0225

Thursday Night Trap League Representative: Liza Fritz 920-295-7427

Grounds Keeper: Corey Splittgerber 920-290-3179

Pheasant Farm Caretaker: Brian Krueger 920-229-4323

Hunter Ed. Coordinator: Mike Thorson 920-229-7080