



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

May/June 2017

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Calendar of Events:

May 2nd: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00
May 4th: Summer Trap League Week #1
May 6th: CWYTL Week #8; All Ranges Closed in AM
May 7th: No Skeet Shooting; **Sporting Clays #1- 50 Bird**: All Ranges Closed.
May 8th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30PM**
May 9th: **Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closing for day at 11:00 AM**; Open Shooting 5:30-9:00
May 12th: Summer Trap League Week #2
May 13th: Kettle Moraine Conference
May 14th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
May 16th: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00
May 18th: **Rifle /Pistol Ranges Closed**; Summer Trap League Week #3
May 20th: CWYTL Fun Day- 50 Bird Shoot; All Ranges Closed AM only
May 21st: **Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed; No Open Shooting; Marathon Shoot starts at 9:00AM**
May 23rd: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00; **BIG 50**
May 25th: Summer Trap League Week #4
May 28th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
May 30th: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00; **BIG 50**
June 1st: Summer Trap League Week #5
June 4th: No Skeet Shooting; **Sporting Clays #2- 50 Bird**: All Ranges Closed.
June 6th: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00; **BIG 50**
June 8th: Summer Trap League Week #6
June 10th & 11th: SCTP Endowment Shoot; No Open Shooting; No Skeet. All Ranges Closed.
June 13th: **Rifle /Pistol Ranges Closed**; Open Shooting 5:30-9:00 **BIG 50**
June 15th: Summer Trap League Week #7
June 17th: All Ranges Closed: **Shoot'n 4 A Reason**
June 18th: Open Shooting 9-Noon
June 20th: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00; **BIG 50**
June 22nd: Summer Trap League Week #8
June 25th: **Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed; No Open Shooting; Marathon Shoot starts at 9:00AM**
June 27th: Open Shooting 5:30-9:00; **BIG 50**
June 29th: Summer Trap League Week #9

President's Page

As you read this letter hopefully you have had a great winter as well as a good start to the spring season. I want to take this time to welcome Steve Klika and Ken Basel to the board of directors. Your officers will remain the same for the upcoming year. Please feel free to reach out to any of the directors with any issues you have regarding your club.

Remember that Tuesday night open shooting will be in full force with 5 Stand in the Woods being run by JD Ross. Also starting on May 21 will be the kick off of the ATA registered bird season this first event will be a marathon. Remember to get your target counts prior to the State Shoot. We will have six big 50's scheduled every Tuesday starting the 23rd of May.

The CWYTL kids are over half way done with their season and the Terminators are starting to warm up. If you have time stop out and watch the future of our club and watch how they master the sport. You may have noticed the kids are hustling tickets as well as certain raffle items not to mention the Meat Raffles which will be coming back. Please help support their cause as they work to support themselves

I can't believe that we are already getting ready for the start of the Summer League. Make sure you get you team together and sign up, let's make this a great year. We want to say a special thank you to Dave Polzin and crew for a great winter league. If you missed it, you better make plans to get a buddy and sign up for next winter.

Please pay attention to the pheasant farm work schedules as Dave Polzin and Bob Pribnow have scheduled some work days. We want to give a big shout out to the Berlin Cub Scouts Troop 3627 Bears Den that really did a great job cleaning up the south pen. Also if you get a chance, give a big Thank You to Mark Trampf in his first year with the farm. He had a fantastic high survival rate on the pheasants.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to once again be your president for the upcoming year. I look forward to once again working with the board to make your club bigger and better. To do all the projects we have planned, we will need your help with whatever time you can donate. Every little bit helps as we need help in many different areas. Remember this is your club and with your help we will continue to grow stronger.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Witzke- President

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THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks to two board members who decided not to run for re-election. Gene Thom and Shelly Clark have dedicated many hours as your board members. Just because they are not on the Board does not mean that we will not be seeing them at the clubhouse. Be sure to thank them for all their service.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Steve Klika has decided to return to the Board of Directors. He was elected to serve a 3 year term. Thank you, Steve. Our newest board member is Ken Basel. Ken was elected to his first 3 year term at the March Bi-Annual Membership Meeting. Ken was born and raised in Ripon Wisconsin. He has been an avid hunter for many years. He retired just under five years ago after being a union ironworker for 35 years & spends most of his days now with his grandchildren and family. He just recently started shooting again at the gun club and is enjoying his time there as well.

Berlin Conservation Club Foundation

The BCCF will be holding a meeting on Monday, June 5th at 6:00 pm to elect members to the board. The foundation is a 501(c)3. We need members of the club to volunteer their time to be part of this board. We meet only a few times a year, but are responsible for getting grants and other funds that we qualify for. Please contact the current President, Dave Polzin, at 920-361-4566 if you have any questions.

Sporting Clays

There will be 4 Sporting Clay events this summer. Contact Joe Gozinski at 920-428-6445 to volunteer to help set-up and run these events. Again this year there will be sub-gauge classes. Bring your 20 gauge, 16 gauge, or your .410 and try your luck.

Pheasant Farm

The pheasant chicks will be arriving the first week of June. The poles have been installed to divide the south pen into 3rds. We will need volunteers to help install the new fences and do other repairs in time for the birds arrival and also before they can be released into the big pens. Work days have been set up for the following dates: Saturday, April 29th noon-4; Saturday May 13th noon-4; Wednesday, May 17th 4:30-dark; Saturday, June 10th noon-4. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760, Bob Pribnow at 920-290-5035, or Mark Trampf at 608-790-3343 with questions. There may be additional work days due to the changes to the south pen. If you need something to do, you can go out other days. Just call one of the above numbers and they will let you know what has to be done. **We are still looking for two 500 gallon used LP tanks.**

<p><u>Event #1</u> May 7th 50 Birds</p> <p>\$20 entry — includes targets & Lewis class 3 Paid Lewis classes 60/40%, High Gun Ties divide</p>	<p><u>Event #2 June</u> 4th 50 Birds</p> <p>\$20 entry — includes targets & Lewis class 3 Paid Lewis classes 60/40%, High Gun Ties divide</p>	<p><u>Event #3 July</u> 2nd 50 Birds</p> <p>\$20 entry — includes targets & Lewis class 3 Paid Lewis classes 60/40%, High Gun Ties divide</p>
<p>100 Birds Event #4 100 Birds</p> <p>August 6th</p> <p>100 Bird FINAL SHOOT of the Year</p> <p>(It is not required to shoot the 50-Bird events to shoot the 100-Bird)</p> <p>\$30 entry — includes targets & Lewis class</p> <p>3 Lewis classes, 60/40%, High Gun, Ties divide Added money to be split into 3 classes 60/40% for those eligible**</p> <p>“\$1.00 Beers” Rain Date, Aug. 13th “\$1.00 Beers”</p>		

Summer Trap League

For those of you who didn't brave the snow and cold for Winter League, it's time to get your guns dusted off for our Thursday Night Summer Trap League which is set to begin on May 4th. Practice will take place on April 20th and 27th. The league will run 12 weeks and will end on July 27th with a make-up week. Shoot offs and Super Annie Oakley will be held on Aug. 3rd. The Club will again be holding a Polish shoot on August 10th. The registration form is available on our web site, along with the rules for league. You **MUST** be a member at time of sign up and your membership number is required on the form. Fees remain the same as last year: \$25 sponsor fee and a \$60 per shooter fee for a total of \$325 per team. You will be required to pay your full team fee at the time of registration, or no later than the third week of league. If you have any questions, please contact our new Thursday Night Trap League President, Amy Thoma at [920-229-5288](tel:920-229-5288). We look forward to seeing everyone soon!

5-Stand in the Woods

5-Stand in the Woods has begun on Tuesday Evenings. Come down and try your shooting skills. 5:00-10pm. There is also open trap shooting and skeet.

Berlin Target Terminators

Many ask...” **How does the Berlin Target Terminators run? How do we get such a high quality of shooters?”**

Each shooter pays a fee of \$100 at the start of the season. The program is also partially funded by the Berlin Conservation Club. Shooters need to volunteer 20 hours to the club each year. They can earn these hours by marking at shoots—or setting up and/or taking down or selling food at shoots. There are also club projects throughout the year such as painting, yard work and pond cleaning or working the annual banquet.

The Terminators also earn money through cooking and selling food at shoots as well as the weekly summer trap league. Last year we added raffles and walk arounds to supplement the food sold at Thursday Nite Trap. Parents must man the food booth at least once during the season, and those hours do not count toward the required 20 hours per shooter.

The shooters must provide their own shells and transportation to all shoots and practices. In return, the Target Terminator team provides the shoot fees for all the team shoots. The team has a trailer that is hauled to some of the larger shoots. We grill at these shoots and provide the meat while the parents provide the sides. Water and Gatorade is provided to help keep our shooters hydrated at the longer (and hotter) shoots.

The Terminators shoot two different programs. The first is the WI SCTP program, which was started in Burlington, WI. In 2010. The Midway USA Foundation started funding the WI SCTP Foundation, which splits \$250,000 as prize money for sponsored endowment shoots. Total payouts per shoot are \$15,000 which is split up among the winning teams.

What is the Midway USA Endowment Account?

This account is set up to take endowment money earned, as well as donations. Donations can be made personally in the team’s name, where the Midway USA Foundation doubles it. For example, a personal \$1,000 donation will be matched with Midway USA’s \$2,000 donation, for a total of \$3,000 for the Target Terminator’s account! The account can also be built up by ordering special items for free from Midway USA, which are then raffled off. The proceeds are sent in to the Endowment account where it is matched or doubled (depending on dollar level sent in). ANYONE can donate to the Midway USA Foundation in the name of the Target Terminators.

What happens with the Berlin Target Terminators Midway USA Foundation Account?

As of now, the Target Terminators have around \$57,000 in their endowment fund. \$54,500 was awarded to our team for placing at the various endowment shoots in the past (we did good!). \$2,500 was sent in from items raffled off last year. Once a year the team can take out 5% of the value of the account. This money helps fund the program. The principle of the account never changes...if you do not take the 5% out, the team does not gain anything. You cannot take the principal out of the endowment account. The team has the option to take out the 5% and send it back to the account, where the Foundation will double the return. This year the team received \$2,850 from the endowment account. The Potterfields of Midway USA have donated over \$100 million of their own money to make youth shooting possible for years to come.

New this year—the ATA will be joining the Midway USA Foundation!

Endowment money for winning teams will be awarded at the State and National ATA shoots. Since our team typically peaks around this time, we are hoping to collect more money for our endowment account.

How do we acquire such a high skill level of shooters?

The Target Terminators welcomes anyone that is willing to shoot, no matter their skill level. We have seen shooters excel to the point they are shooting (and winning) on a National level. A trap shooter does not have to be good in other sports. Team members help each other succeed and that builds the team level. Everyone contributes to the team and earns the respect of their parents, grandparents, coaches, etc.

The coaching staff is filled with past State and National champions who are giving back to the sport they love, doing what they know very well. The team is nationally ranked in the Top 10 this year. In the country! Not bad for Berlin, Wisconsin.

If you know of anyone that wants to become a Target Terminator or would like to know more info on how to help or donate, contact their Head Coach, Steve Beres, at 920-570-0240. And the next time you buy a burger or raffle ticket, now you know where that money goes! Many thanks go to all who make this program possible.

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.

ATA Shoots

If you are interested in shooting registered targets to qualify for the state shoot in Rome, WI, we will be hosting BIG 50’s on Tuesday nights this summer. Check the calendar for dates. There will also be a Marathon shoots on May 21st & June 25th.

Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed

Due to special events that are being held at the club, it will be necessary to close the rifle and pistol ranges periodically. Check the calendar for scheduled dates. It is also closed on dates that the local police use the range for training. Those dates are also listed on the calendar. The ranges are closed every Thursday starting at 5:00 PM for the Trap League.

Parents-Children

Parents- Please watch your children when they accompany you to the club. During events we have had unsupervised children creating problems. This cannot continue.

Newsletter Items

If you have any news or pictures that you as a club member would like to appear in the newsletter, contact Donna Polzin at dpolzin1@gmail.com or call her at 920-361-4566.

Winter Archery League

Special Thank you goes to Chris Kasuboski for operating the winter archery league this season. There were more teams this year than in the past.

1st Place: Shepard's 2nd: Konen Flooring 1 3rd: Petraszak's 4th: Last Place Winners 5th: Koehn Farms
6th: Konen's Flooring 2 6th: Long Shot 7th: Dave's Auto Body 8th: Fox Farms.
High Shooter was Carter Rohde.

Cub Scouts work day at Pheasant Farm

Pictures of Cub Scout Pack 3627 Bears Den Group helping clean-up the pheasant pens.



Thomas McCarthy, and Dierks Marin, Carson Whitney



Carsen Whitney, Dierks Martin, Thomas McCarthy, Caleb Voigtlander, and Wyatt Ewald



Bears Pack Leader - Travis Whitney, Brent Martin (the 5 boys - Caleb, Carsen, Dierks, Thomas, and Wyatt) also pictured is Gary Witzke, Alex Konen, Don Konen, Wyatt Markowski, Steve Klika, Chris Kasuboski, Mark Trampf, and Dave Polzin.

SCTP Endowment Shoot

The Berlin Conservation Club was granted an SCTP Endowment Shoot. The Event will be held on June 10 & 11. This is a great fund raiser for our youth shooting program. **MUCH** Help is needed to set up and run this event. Contact Steve Beres at 920-570-0240 or Kevin Rosenau at 920-229-6028 with questions.

NOTICE

On 3-6-17, the Board of Directors made a decision that **No equipment** or items are to leave the clubhouse or grounds. This decision came as the result of past uses when items would come back damaged, parts missing, not returned, etc. Items included are chairs, tables, roasters, kitchen supplies, electronic equipment, raffle items, and many items not listed here. With questions on the decision contact Jerry Reetz at 920-361-2845.

Central WI Youth Trap League

The CWYTL is half way through their season. We have a total of 103 shooters from school districts of Berlin, Green Lake, Laconia, Markesan, Omro, Oshkosh, Ripon, Wautoma, Westfield and Winneconne. CWYTL is held on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. until noon so if you are looking for something to do, come down and watch these student shooters who are in Grades 7 through 12. The CWYTL is also having a cash raffle with the drawing to be held on Saturday, May 20th. Tickets can be purchased at the Club or from any shooter. Contact league coordinator, Amy Thoma, at [920-229-5288](tel:920-229-5288) for more information. A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the CWYTL coaches who so graciously donate their time every Saturday to help the youth of our Club. The BCC can be very proud as we have some of the best coaches around which in turn means we also have some of the best youth shooters too!

Did You Know?

Seventeen years ago on April 9, 2000, the BCC was filled with heroes. Berlin EMS was called to the scene for a "man down" and CPR was in progress. Quick thinking people at the Club saw the man go down, started CPR within seconds, and summoned help immediately. Because those men selflessly performed CPR, keeping circulation going, and supplying oxygen to his brain, when the EMTs arrived on the scene to access the patient, they were able to administer several shocks. After shocking him several times, he had a heartbeat even before he was placed in the ambulance. By the time the crew left the hospital, the man was awake and talking to his family.

While early shocks (defibrillation) are what can bring a person out of cardiac arrest, without those heroes knowing CPR, the outcome could have been different. We now have a defibrillator (AED) on site in the clubhouse. Let's hope we never have to use it, but the machine will talk you through step by step and to how to administer the shocks. Please take notice of it next time you are in the clubhouse. Talk to any board of director's officer if you have questions.

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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