



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

Nov./Dec. 2016

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PO Box 303 Berlin WI 54923 Website: berlincc.org

Calendar of Events:

Nov. 1st: Rifle/Pistol ranges closed.

Nov. 6th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Nov. 13th: Open Shooting 9-noon

There will be no Open Shooting on Sundays, Nov. 20th & 27th due to the deer hunting season.

Nov. 14th: **Board of Directors meeting 6:30pm**

Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Dec. 6th: Rifle/Pistol ranges closed.

Dec 12th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30pm**

The club will be closed on Sunday Dec. 25th.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all our members.

Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday.

REMINDER

- The Berlin Conservation Club will **NOT** be open for open shooting on Sunday, November 20th, Sunday, November 27th, and Sunday December 25th.
- Sundays, Dec. 4th, 11th, & 18th there will be practice for the Winter Archery League during the open shooting times.
- The rifle/pistol ranges will be closed on Nov. 1st for Police training and also again on Tues. Dec. 6th.

President's Page

Hello All,

Hope you all are enjoying the fall colors and cool weather. While you have hung up the trap gun and brought out your favorite hunting gun. I hope the season includes large bag limits and enjoyable times. I would like to thank all who have helped this season with making our club one of the best in the state.

While things have seemed to quiet down at the club we are not completely done as we still have Sunday morning open shooting going on as well as the pace is picking up with the rifle range as everyone eyes that chance for a trophy buck. Remember the range is \$2.00 per shooter and is open from 8:00am till dusk most days. Please refer to the calendar on the club website for exact times.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming February 18th BCC Banquet which will be held at the City Inn, Berlin WI. Back again is the 10 item prize board which tickets should be out soon for this event. Please tell your friends of this event and let's fill the hall. This is one of the biggest fund raisers that we run for the year. The success of the club begins with you!

Finally to all of you, the board and myself wish you all a safe and fun filled hunting season. Happy Thanksgiving to all and we will see you all soon for Winter Archery and Winter Trap League starting after the first of the year 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Witzke-President

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DID YOU KNOW?

- In 1928, when the club first formed, we had 32 charter members.
- In 2016 we have over 1600 members.
- If all 1600 plus of you pitch in and volunteer to help with just one thing that is listed on the insert, the board members would not have to spend so many hours to make **your** club successful.

WINTER ARCHERY LEAGUE

NOTE: THERE HAVE BEEN CHANGES TO THE WINTER ARCHERY LEAGUE SCHEDULE. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY AND MAKE NOTE OF IT ON YOUR CALANDAR.

PRACTICE: Practice for winter archery league will be available on the first 3 Sundays of December during open shooting times, 9- noon.

LEAGUE: The first scoring week of the league will be January 4th. The league will be 12 weeks long this year. March 22nd is the last scoring week, and March 29th will be fun night.

Winter archery rules will be posted on the website by December 1st. We have spots available for new teams. Teams are comprised of 3 to 5 members, with the top 3 scores counting. Get your teams organized now. Come and join the fun.

If you have any questions, contact Chris Kasuboski at 920-858-2414.

WINTER TRAP LEAGUE

Time to get those trap guns out again. Winter trap league teams are comprised of two members. The first two Thursdays of January are practice, the 5th & 12th. League shooting starts of the 19th of January. This is a 12 week league. You cannot fall more than 3 weeks behind unless the club is closed due to the weather.

Remember: This is a winter league. Please sign-up during the practice weeks. It is a pre-pay league. Contact Dave Polzin with questions at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at roosterbuster1@gmail.com.

WOOD DUCK HOUSES

The lumber for the wood duck houses has been cut. The duck house crew will soon be assembling the houses. If you would like to order one or more than one, you can sign up at the clubhouse or contact Ken Keenlance at 361-0300.

PHEASANT FARM NEWS

We had a very successful year at the pheasant farm. If you see our new caretaker, Mark Trampf, tell him thanks for all the work he did. The birds have been distributed, and the remaining birds were sold. The profit made from the sale will be used to upgrade the pens at the pheasant farm.

Watch for announcements for work days, because volunteer help will be needed.

If interested in helping contact Mark Trampf, Dave Polzin, or Bob Pribnow.

TARGET TERMINATORS

Four Target Terminator shooters all had an epic year. They are Blair Tischaefter, Trent Weiss, Alex Konen, and Jackson Davey. Alex Konen shot his first 200 straight at the AIM Nationals held in Sparta. The other three young men each shot their first 100 straight in ATA competition this summer.

Congratulations to all members of the Target Terminators and the CWYTL for representing our club so well. All members should be very proud of how well the youth represent the Berlin Conservation Club.

Board of Directors

Officers:

Pres. Gary Witzke 920-204-1329

Tres. Dave Polzin 920-573-2760

V.Pres. Steve Beres 920-570-0240

Sec. Don Metzger 920-295-9838

Directors:

Kevin Rosenau 920-229-6028

Mark Belau 920-229-7332

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Joe Gozinski 920-428-6445

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Bob Pribnow 920-290-5035

Grounds Keeper: Larry Theodozio 920-361-2852

Pheasant Farm Caretaker: Mark Trampf 608-790-3343

BCC 26th ANNUAL BANQUET

The Annual banquet will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at the City Inn in Berlin. Please make your reservations now. This will be our 26th annual banquet. You will be receiving information in the mail.

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 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-C3 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 920-361-4566 or e-mail him at roosterbuster1@gmail.com.

BANQUET REQUEST FORM FEBRUARY 18, 2017

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

of Tickets _____ @ \$50.00 each

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

Berlin Conservation Club Foundation
Attn: Dave Polzin
N615 37th Ave.
Omro WI 54963

DONATIONS FOR BANQUET

We are looking for anyone who would be willing to donate items to be used in the raffles for the banquet. We especially are looking for craft items to put on the silent auction. We would also be very appreciative of any donations that could be used for door prizes or any other raffle.



Membership

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)

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

The BCC Needs and Wants YOU!

Looking for a new hobby or interest? Do you want to become more involved in your club? Do you want to make a difference in your club or community? The Berlin Conservation Club has some awesome opportunities for you. The BCC has a number of programs that are offered and we are looking for volunteers to help. Some of the areas that we could use assistance are:

The Youth BB Gun Program for 8 – 11 year olds. This Program is a 6 week program meeting one night a week. These volunteer instructors introduce our young students to the importance of gun safety and basic BB gun shooting skills. The class generally starts in February and runs for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday nights,

Hunters Education – This program is a 3 week program meeting 2 times a week and a Saturday for live firing. These instructors ingrain the importance of gun safety into the student's everyday habits by working with small groups of students on firearm safety, basic shooting skills, stances, carries and ethics. These students leave the class and are ready for their hunting field experiences. Often parents come back to instructors and let us know that their students were able to teach them a thing or two. This is a rewarding opportunity as when instructors are out and about students and parents often share their hunting experiences and pictures of success with the instructors. There is nothing more rewarding in my mind than that smile of a student sharing their first successful harvest story with me. Currently this class is held in April and August, 2 nights a week for 3 weeks.

Tuesday Night Trap – The club is open on Tuesdays for practice during the spring/summer months and into the fall. We offer a challenging 5 stand clays experience for those looking for a challenge. We welcome all shooters but we also need help running this program. If you are interested in learning how to setup and run this course, we need you. You would be working with our experienced members.

Thursday Night Trap League – 2016 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Thursday Night League. As the old tag line from a commercial, "You've come a long way baby!" The league started with a group of friends and 16 teams to at one time having almost 100 five person teams. The number of teams has been around the 70 mark for the last few years. We are looking for shooters and also people interested in learning how to run and operate the league. The league has its own set of officers that are responsible for listening to the teams and making the league successful from feedback from the teams. This league starts with 2 weeks of practice in late April. Shooters have 13 weeks to shoot 12 times with their teams and then we have shoot-off and our Super Annie Oakley Championship. The league ends with a Sunday 100 bird shoot and an awards banquet.

Sporting Clays – The club hosts monthly sporting clays shoots May – August. This event draws shooters from all over the surrounding area. Shooters come to test their skills on some fun yet challenging courses. Sporting clays targets simulate more of a hunting experience target than trap. We are looking for volunteers that will help create and setup these challenging courses for the shooters that have come to know Berlin's course as one of the best. 50 bird events are held one Sunday a month May – July wrapping up with a 100 bird shoot in August.

Sunday morning Practice – the club is open almost every Sunday of the year for practice. We are in need of volunteers that would be able to help us out a couple times a year in assisting in running the sign up and filling traps for our shooters that are here to practice.

Pheasant Farm – Each year the club purchases 2400 day old pheasant chicks that we raise on our game farm west of Berlin. Although we have a caretaker living on premise, it is more work preparing for and raising these birds. We have a number of work days in which we work on preparing the brooder coop, patching and ensuring the pens are ready for the pheasants. We also require help when we place blinders on the birds to prevent them from picking the feathers from one another. In the fall when the birds are ready for release we review the work cards submitted by our club members and then the club members are able to pick up birds in correlation to the number of hours they volunteered at the club through the various events.

Annual Banquet – Our single largest fund raiser each year. This banquet is comparable to other sports banquets such as DU, NWTF, Whitetails, etc. Up to 400 tickets are available for this event. Attendees have a 1 in 3 opportunity of winning a door prize and every 7th person wins a gun. We need volunteers to assist on the committee in organizing, setting up and working at the event.

Friday Morning clean-up Crew – We have a group of volunteers that come to the club every Friday morning during the spring and summer months. They fill the trap houses with clay targets so they are ready for Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday night shooting. They also empty the garbage cans and tidy up the club house. They usually meet around 6:00 a.m. and are done by 8:30. They are treated with donuts and coffee and have been known to put on early morning fish fries.

Wednesday Archery League – 8 week league which shoots Wednesday night from January – March. These shooters shoot practice tips at targets as small as rabbits and as large as deer and bear. To add additional challenges by shooting through fake trees, 3-d targets and more. The target ranges vary from 3 yards to 20 yards. The league ends with a fun night of shooting.

Ironman – Our single largest shooting event annual is held on Saturday & Sunday of Labor day weekend. With setup for the event on Friday. This event is a test of ones endurance in shooting 250 targets over 7 different events. We look for volunteers for this day to

keep score, cook and server food, bar tend, sell raffle chances. We need a lot of volunteer power for this event. Don't worry if you do not know how to score or do something, we have plenty of experienced members that would be more than happy to teach you what to do.

Board of Directors – Our board of directors serve 3 year terms and meet the 2nd Monday of each month. Our director's primary duty is to represent the voice of our club membership and ensure we are offering the right programs to sustain the club for years to come. The directors serve on committees of their choosing as well as helping run our special events. If you are interested in learning more about being on the board or of directors or committees reach out to any current director for more information.

Summer 3-D Archery – There are 3 shoots in the summer. Normally one in June, July, & August. It is a 2 day event. Help in set-up, running the shoots, and take down.

Maintenance – There is always something to work on either at the club or at the pheasant farm. You can volunteer to help with whatever and whenever you find it possible. If you don't have your own tools, some will be provided for you. It could include things such as painting, repair work, brush clearing, etc.

I am interested in helping with the following: You can choose as many as you would like to help with. You can always add or subtract activities as you learn more about them.

- Youth BB Gun
- Hunter Education
- Thursday Night Trap
- Tuesday Night Trap
- Sunday Morning Practice Trap
- Board of Directors
- Sporting Clays
- Pheasant Farm
- Wednesday Night Archery League
- Annual Banquet
- Ironman Shoot
- Friday Morning Clean-up Crew
- 3-D Archery Shoots
- Maintenance at club and pheasant farm

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Email Address:

Phone: _____

Please mail this sheet with your choice(s) circled or marked to BCC at PO Box 303 Berlin WI 54923 or drop off at the club.