



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

Nov./Dec. 2017

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Calendar of Events

Nov. 5th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Nov 12th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Nov 13th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm**

Nov 19th & Nov 26th: **Club is CLOSED. NO OPEN SHOOTING**

Dec. 3rd: Open Shooting 9-noon

Dec 10th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Dec. 11th: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 pm**

Dec. 17th: Open Shooting 9-noon

Dec. 24th: **Club is CLOSED. NO OPEN SHOOTING**

Dec. 31st: Open Shooting 9-noon

President's Page

Happy Fall to you all! I hope you have had a great time sharpening your eyes for the final prize of taking some of Wisconsin's wildlife for your table fare. It was another great year with the trap season once again seeing a perfect score hit on the last night. A special shout out to Amy Thoma and Kevin Rosenau, for a job well done. The only thing to improve on is to have you the members get some more teams on board. The Iron man was a great success thanks in part to Steve Beres as well as the numerous members that donated so much of their time to make the event a success.

The pheasant farm was once again a big success even though we had a bit of a setback early, Mark Trampf along with Dave Polzin and Bob Pribnow did a remarkable job in once again raising quality game. Make sure when you see them to thank them for their dedication to this project. Also thank you to the various members that came out and lend a hand with this project. It cannot happen without you. The crew did modify some pens this year and will be doing more after the birds are gone so there will be more work. The crew on Tuesday night with Gary (JD) Ross along with Mark Belau and Ken Basel did a great job as the crew on Tuesdays just keeps getting bigger. If you missed this year you should not next year as everyone that shoots the 5 stand comes back for more just like Frito-Lays! Gary and the crew now have all winter to dream up more mind boggling target combinations.

The ATA season is in the 2018 mode already. As for 2017 season, we doubled our target output, and hope to keep this on the rise. Mother Nature and other events did not help the National Trapshooting day event but 13 brave souls from around the area came out and took to the course with some very good scores. We will try to make this a better event next year going forward as well as a conversation with Mother Nature. As far as what is in store for registered shoots for 2018 I will be monitoring the Aim on-line program so one of our Marathon Shoots fall in place with the event. From information gathered, the zone shoot this year will be at Brown County and by the 2020 season we will host our first zone shoot. Also for those interested in the WTA Homegrounds, Jim (Chops) Grukowski has been working very hard on getting a building on the premise and with the successful summer and donations it appears it will be a reality. The 3rd week in October the crew is looking to have the poles set and the concrete laid prior to the freeze. So the building should be operational prior to the State this year!

But wait the club is not dead we have more for our members to keep the winter months exciting. Dave Polzin along with Greg, Donna, and Lee Ann will be hosting Winter Trap league on Thursdays starting the first week of January with a couple weeks of warm-up prior to getting into it. Last year we had 70, 2 person teams. Let's see if we can grow that number. So pull your buddy out of that recliner and come down for some good fellowship and refreshments. It sure helps to make the winter move right along.

President's Page Cont.

If cold is not your thing, Dave Polzin and Gene Thom are running the indoor archery league this coming year. Chris who had run the program had too much on his plate and had to relinquish the reins. Chris did a great job setting up the course each week and challenging all. Don't be surprised if Chris doesn't stop in to check it out and place one of his signature targets on the field at any time. Dave and Gene have been stewing up their own ideas which should be great as well.

The 2018 Banquet is right around the corner and Don Metzger and crew would like some input into what you would like to see for this year's banquet. I, along with the whole group is asking for the membership's help to get out and spread the word about the banquet and help sell tickets for the raffle. Remember this is one of the biggest fund raisers we have, which helps us to grow the club along with projects to give us more use of the facility. This is your club and you do make a difference! So let's set the bar high and have one banquet to talk about for years!

In closing I am very proud of the membership at this club and believe we have one of the best facilities in the state. However we need to get new blood involved in the club going forward. New ideas will keep this club moving in a forward position. So don't be afraid and dive in and get involved. Remember each one of you make a difference. If the entire membership donated just 4 hrs. of their time to the club the results would be incredible. Don't forget, for the hours you work you can be rewarded with pheasants or shooting cards yearly. So with that being said, I along with the entire board want to wish you all a safe and joyous hunting season along with a very Happy Holiday!

See you on the Trap Line,

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Witzke- President

920-204-1329

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Youth Pheasant Hunt

The youth pheasant hunt was held on Saturday, October 21st at Schroeder's Pheasant Farm. Special thanks to Gary Witzke for organizing the event and Dave Polzin and Greg Junak for guiding the hunts. Extra thanks to our hunting dogs, Remington and Maggie for finding the birds for us.



Pheasant Farm

The Birds are gone. All birds left were sold and the money is being used to re-build the north pen. The pen will be divided into 3rds, just like the south pen was completed this spring. Help is greatly needed to complete this task. Contact Bob Pribnow, Dave Polzin, or Mark Trampf if you would like to help. You can start earning your hours towards next years birds.

Winter Trap League

Winter Trap League will start in January with practice the first two Thursday nights the 4th & 11th, with league starting on the 18th. These are 2 person teams. Organize your team now. Sign-up sheets are available on-line or at the clubhouse. You can sign up during the practice weeks or during the first 3 weeks of league. After the 3rd week, no sign-ups will be allowed. Contact Dave Polzin with questions.

BCC 2018 Banquet

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 is Thursday, January 25, 2018. This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Pistol Raffle.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS

If you purchase your dinner ticket by Thursday, January 25, 2018, you will also receive your 2018 membership to BCC for **FREE!!!!**

BCC 27th ANNUAL BANQUET

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(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 REQUEST FORM

FEBRUARY 24, 2018

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.

TOTAL: _____

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

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

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, or many others. Be creative.

Early Bird Deadline
Jan. 25, 2018

Winter Archery League

Winter Archery League this coming year will be under the guidance of Gene Thom with the help of Dave Polzin. This is an indoor league. The first Wednesday in January, 3rd, will be practice. League will start the following Wednesday on the 10th. These are 3 to 5 person teams. Only the top 3 scores count. Just come in on the 3rd or 10th and sign your team up. If you don't have enough people for a team, come in and we will try to match you up with other shooters.

Berlin Target Terminator Fall Raffle Winners

1st Prize – Winchester SX3 12 Ga. Semi Auto With Adjustable Comb

Rick Laabs

2nd Prize – Zeiss 10 x 42 Binoculars

Bret Sloan

Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial will donate \$250.00 to any project that their members wish to donate to the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation. If you have any ideas about projects that could be completed to improve our club, please apply. Also if you have investments in Thrivent, and you receive Choice Dollars, you can donate them to the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation. If you have something in particular that you would like to have the money go to, please specify.

Wood Duck Houses

Wood Duck Houses have been completed. Thank You to the crew that assembled them. 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.

Newsletter Ads

With 2018 fast approaching, it is time to renew ads for the newsletter. We want to thank all the sponsors for our 2017 newsletter. The cost of renewing will be the same as last year. If you want the same ad as last year, please mail your check to BCC Attn: Newsletter PO Box 303 Berlin WI 54923. If you want to make changes to your ad, please send those changes to Donna Polzin at dpolzin1@gmail.com. The cost of the ads are \$75.00 for a business card size ad, \$125.00 for an ad double that size, \$225.00 for an ad that is 7" x 1 1/4". If you would like to advertise on the front cover where the mailing label goes, the costs are \$150.00 for a 3 3/4" x 1 1/4", \$250.00 for an ad that is 3 3/4" x 2 1/2".

We are always looking for NEW advertisers. Please consider placing an ad in the 2018 newsletters. Your company will receive a complimentary newsletter, plus your name will go out to our 2000 members either in print or via e-mail, and will also be on our website.

Youth Programs

The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation is starting a fund driving effort to raise money for the Berlin Conservation Club youth programs. Did you know we have 5 Different programs? All of these programs start with volunteers that spend their time and money to keep the programs running.

#1 BB gun class runs in the winter months. It teaches 8-11 year olds gun safety and marksmanship. This class is in a very controlled environment. The kids have fun shooting and have a shoot off at the end for best marksmanship.

#2 Hunter Safety ages 12 & up. This program is the DNR class certifying students in safe gun handling. This is a hands on class that stresses safety at all times. It is a very good class for young hunters and their parents to take. This class is in the spring and fall. It's not just for hunters but for people who are around guns, also.

#3 The Kettle Moraine League. Youth in the 7th - 12th grade can shoot head to head with other schools. This is held on week nights. You take the top 5 scores in each class to figure out which team wins. There is a conference shoot at the end.

#4 The Central Wisconsin Youth Trap League. This is our own Youth trap League. It starts in March and runs into May. Youth 12-18 can shoot this league. This league takes Youth from beginner to expert with help given to those who need it. This is a fun league on Saturday mornings. Teams are comprised based on what school you go to. Near the end, the teams get to go to the state high school trap shoot. There are awards given out with an Annie Oakley shoot off at the end.

#5 The Berlin Target Terminators . This team is made up of youth that have shot a bit and would like to shoot throughout the summer. The team travels throughout Wisconsin to different shoots. We shoot 2 programs the SCTP and the ATAs AIM program. Several state and national champions went through this program. This team on time to time has been in the top 10 in the country. We take youth at all levels.

The BCC's funding in these programs requires a lot of financial backing. We would like to see donations of any kind to help out with these programs. The money raised will go to the program of your choice. Please write on the check what program you want it to go to. If you would like it to go to all, write all programs. The checks should be made out to: Berlin Conservation Club Foundation. PO BOX 186 Berlin WI 54923 . Donations can also be dropped off at the club. The foundation is a 501(c)3 tax organization, which means you may be able to take a tax donation deduction.. Please ask your tax adviser Thank you for your time and consideration.

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.

NOTE: 2018 Memberships will not be sold until December 15th. 2017 membership does not expire until Dec. 31, 2017

Board of Directors

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