



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

November/December 2018

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## Calendar of Events

Nov 4<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Nov 11<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Nov 12<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 PM**  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> & Nov 25<sup>th</sup>: No open shooting. BCC Club closed.  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: Stuff Envelopes for Banquet.  
All members encouraged to help  
Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Meeting  
6:30 PM.** Setting of 2019 Calendar.  
Pot-luck meal  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Dec 30<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

## President's Page

Happy Fall to you all! This time of year is bitter sweet as most of us set down the trap gun and pick up the trusty hunting firearm and hit the great natural resources of Wisconsin. I hope you all have a great season in whatever game you are after. But enough of that let's look at what has been happening at the club and what is coming up!  
Let's start with our bread and butter, the trap leagues. A big shout out to Amy Thoma and Kevin Rosenau as I believe put on a great program this season for all the participants. My only disappointment is that we did not see you all at the awards banquet. This banquet serves two issues, one, great comradery and two, a way for you to voice your concerns or approval of how your league is run. This is not to mention the great steaks which are served as well. Amy and the group are always open to suggestions on what you want out of your league party. Speaking Amy did open nominations for the position of President for the trap league. While Amy has done a great job, she is a great magician with juggling her work and enjoyment of family with the the league. Amy has stated should no one come forward she would cover the upcoming year again. Another way to help Amy is to donate some time to help ease the burden of this program as I know Amy will never turn down help!

Another big splash this year was the Sporting Clay events which were headed by Joe Gozinski with the aid of his two sidekicks, Gary JD Ross and Jerry Reetz. These guys did a remarkable job in putting up a top shelf program which continues to grow yearly. But as we talked about previously, these programs take time and volunteers. Sound familiar. These are big events which take time to set up and run not to mention take back down. These guys are going to burn out, and as stated earlier, they will never turn away any help. Please, next year check your schedule early and gives these guys some help. This can only make us better!

Tuesday Night open shooting this year has just started to explode with activity whether shooting trap or challenging your marksmanship with JD Ross's rubic's cube of shooting with his fantastic 5 stand set up. It is great to see the following that has brought some new shooters along with some that have been away for a while back in the fold. For the dedication, Thanks JD in what you have done for the club! This is not to mention the new surge in skeet shooters. A big thank you goes out to Ken Basel and his wife, for the time put in allowing shooting of different disciplines on another night at BCC. While the season is now over please make plans to attend next year as this just keeps getting better!

Registered target season is in hibernation but not for long as we will be abuzz this next year as BCC will hold its first Northeast Zone Shoot. This is a 3-day event starting on May 31 through June 2. Some of the area's best shooters will be in attendance to warm up for the Wisconsin State Shoot which continues to grow. This event will need a lot of volunteers for tasks such as scoring, food and beverage vending, trap fillers, maintenance, daily set up and take down personnel. Tyler Thoma has started to gather individuals to form committees to have this event pull off smoothly. This will be as big as the Shooting 4 a Reason which has been so successful in the past thanks to volunteers and committee that the organization has. Please check your calendar now to set aside some time for next year to assist with this event. A new scoring device was just purchase for the registered target program and was trialed this last week. While some operator issues need to addressed, we will be looking for volunteers to learn to use this system for many of our upcoming events not just registered targets. Speaking of last week, a big Thank you to those that came out and helped for the National Trapshooting Day. A Big Thanks goes to Tyler Thoma and Mike Bloesel along with Steve Klika and Les Fritz, including some of the Terminators. Mother Nature once again decided to water the area during the event which dampened the day. We did however hand out \$434.00 in prize money. This shoot was to give back to the WTA in which registered targets to do the same. These funds help the WTA maintain a top shelf shooting facility which just keeps doing better and getting bigger!

On a more somber note Steve Beres who has been the head coach of the Target Terminators has decided to step down from the position for personal reasons. Steve will still stay involved with the Midway Foundation which allows endowments for youth

teams to reduce the cost of shooting expenses. I want to thank Steve personally for all his time and effort in continuation of a program which allows our youth to enjoy the sport we all enjoy. You will be missed but not forgotten. Steve did state on a happier note that he will help to continue to grow the program whichever way he can. Please take time to Thank Steve for his dedication when you see him as he is a valuable asset to the club. Remember that this club needs to have the youth program as a way to keep this club moving forward and staying fresh.

Many of you will be heading to the rifle range shortly to sight in Betty Lou for the big hunt. A couple of neat changes as Don Konen has taken charge and made some requested modifications at the range. The first was to make a shooting bench wheelchair accessible for our handicap shooters. Lastly, just in is a lead sled for that table which was brought up as a suggestion at the annual fall meeting. The income with the range continues to grow with the approaching of the whitetail season, best luck to all! It is a little hard to not see that we have some construction going on at the club. Your BOD has first replaced the heating and A/C unit for the building along with adding more insulation above the bar area. Secondly we have had handicap distance poured on trap 5 along with a completion of the side walk along the north end of the clubhouse, as well as a pad poured for the dumpsters on the south end of the clubhouse. Also addressed was the handicap area by the range as well as prepping the drainage from the warehouse to prevent further erosion of our parking lot. The concrete slab will be poured heading into next year which allows smoother transition for the tractor to the shed which has become difficult to maneuver. Lastly a long debated program of installing new efficient windows will begin this fall thanks to Mike Sina and Ronnie Modrow. The club will be seen in a new light!

Lastly I want to Thank each and every member for making this club one of the state of Wisconsin's best shooting facilities. A big shout out goes to my Friday cleaning crew that keeps the club looking great as well as keeping the traps full. Thanks guys by the way they are always looking for help as well, if interested contact Bob Pribnow or Ken Keelance. There might be a top shelf donut in for you as well as let's just say coffee. Also thanks to Larry and Corey that keep the yard looking nice not to mention the S----W that is not too far away. I know I sound like a broken record but please consider giving some time back to the club in whatever capacity it is always appreciated and rewarded.

Hope to see you all at this year's banquet as they are drumming up a big event as usual so watch for announcements and come join the fun! Also do not forget about our winter trap league and archery. A great way to make the winter a little shorter. Best of luck to those heading out for the 30 pointer and be safe! Remember this is your club make it great –Thank You!

See you at the Club-“Load Clip”

Gary Witzke – President

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### **Pheasant Farm News**

The pheasants have been picked up by all those who volunteered their time at the club during this past year. We would like to thank everyone for their work hours whether they chose pheasants or shooting cards. Special thanks to all those who helped to rebuild the pheasant pens this year. Also thanks to Mark Trampf for his work raising the birds.

### **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.

### **Winter Trap League**

Winter Trap League will start in January with practice the first two Thursday nights the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, with league starting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The last night of league will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> week, no sign-ups will be allowed. Shooting does not start until 5:00 PM . Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) with questions.

### **Winter Archery League**

Winter Archery League will be under the guidance of Dave Polzin. This is an indoor league. The first Wednesday in January, 2nd, will be practice. League will start the following Wednesday on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The last night of league will be March 27<sup>th</sup> with fun night being April 3<sup>rd</sup>. These are 3 to 5 person teams. Only the top 3 scores count. Just come in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Shooting starts at 5:00 PM. There is make-up on the following Sunday during open shooting time. It is for make-up only. Please try to make it on league night. The cost will remain the same as last year.

### **Volunteers Needed to Rebuild Archery Targets**

We need volunteers to help rebuild the archery targets for the Indoor Archery League. Please contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) to set up dates for the volunteer help.

## Special Thanks

We want to send out a special thank-you to JD Ross and Ken Basel for setting up and running the Open Shooting/ 5-Stand on Tuesday nights this year. We also want to thank Gary Witzke for doing the Registered targets during the summer and fall months.

The Friday cleaning crew also deserves a much needed thank-you. (Or as Ken Keenlance calls them- the Old Farts). They volunteer their time and come down every Friday morning to clean up the clubhouse and refill the trap houses with targets. If you have some spare time on Friday mornings they would appreciate some new help. Contact Bob Pribnow at 920-290-5035 or Ken Keenlance at 920-361-0300 for more information and times.

We would also want to thank Larry Theodozio and Corey Splittgerber for all their hard work at keeping our grounds looking nice. Also give a thanks to Kevin Mertens for recycling the empty shells.

Also we want to give a thank you to Steve Beres. Steve has decided to resign as head coach of the Target Terminators. Steve took over as head coach 12 years ago. Prior to that, he worked with Debra Longworth while she coached just one team of kids. The team has grown to around 20 youth under Steve's guidance. He has worked very hard at getting the team to be self funded by working with the Midway USA endowment program. He also serves on the WI SCTP Foundation. During Steve's tenure as head coach, he has coached many of our youth to State and National Champions. If anyone is interested in making a non-profit contribution, they should contact Steve.

## Iron Man

A Big Thanks goes out to Steve Beres and all the other volunteers who made our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Iron Man Shoot a success. This shoot could not be accomplished without the help of all the great people who volunteer their time. The results are posted on our website at [www.berlincc.org](http://www.berlincc.org). We would like to offer special congratulations to Brian Marotz, who shot high score for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Please watch for announcements for the 2019 Iron Man Shoot, which will be our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Shoot. We want to make this a very special shoot.



## Steve Beres, Iron Man Shoot Chairperson, with Brian Marotz Thursday Night Summer Trap League

We want to thank Amy Thoma for volunteering to be the President of the Thursday Night Summer Trap League. Amy has chosen to step down from this position. We are looking for someone to step up and take her place. This position also includes a voting position on the Board of Directors. Contact Gary Witzke, Board President, if you would like more information. Contact Gary Witzke at 920-204-1329 or e-mail him at [gwitzke@outlook.com](mailto:gwitzke@outlook.com).

## 2019 BCC 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 Sunday, January 20, 2019. This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Pistol Raffle.

## BCC 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BANQUET

The banquet will be held on February 23, 2019 at the City Inn in Berlin. The banquet tickets are \$50.00 per person. If you purchase your dinner ticket by Sunday, January 20, 2019, you will also receive your 2019 membership to BCC for **FREE!!!!**

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 37<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:don@admachine.biz)

Or call ticket chairperson, Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto: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 23, 2019**

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 37<sup>th</sup> 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, ladies raffle, or many others. Be creative.

**“New This Year”**

**Early Bird Raffle**

When you purchase your banquet ticket before January 20, 2019, you can also purchase for \$10.00 each, Early Bird Raffle Tickets. The prize will be a Taurus Judge 45 Colt /410 Revolver. NO sales for this raffle after Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.



Youth Pheasant Hunt at Schroeder's Pheasant Farm October 20, 2018

## Youth Pheasant Hunt

The Hunter Education Youth pheasant hunt was held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Schroeder's Pheasant Farm. It started out with a down pour with winds of 30mph and ended with a snow storms with white out conditions. It was a very successful hunt for the kids. They shot 13 out of 20 birds. The kids had a great time. Thanks to Mike Thorsen for organizing the hunt. Thanks to Vern Tollakson, Jerry Buttke, and Mike Thorson for walking along and helping with the hunt. Also thanks to the dog handlers, Greg Junak with his dog, Mollie and Dave Polzin with his dog, Remington. Thanks to Gene Schroeder for allowing us to use the farm.

### By-Law Changes and Future Changes to the BCC By-Laws

The By-Law changes approved at the October 8, 2018, meeting and the new changes to be approved at the March 2019 meeting are available at the link below.

<http://www.berlincc.org/by-laws.html>

### Hunter Education

The Hunter Education program at the BCC is currently looking to expand the number of teachers and helpers that are involved in the program. If you are a certified DNR Hunter Education Instructor or are not certified, but would like to help with the program, please contact Mike Thorson at 920-229-7080.

### 2019 Memberships

New 2019 memberships will be available to purchase on or after December 20, 2018.

#### 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](http://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

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Sec. Don Metzger 920-295-9838

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Thursday Night Trap League Representative: Amy Thoma 920-229-5288

Grounds Keeper: Larry Theodozio 920-361-2852

Pheasant Farm Caretaker: Mark Trampf 608-790-3343

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