



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

September/October 2018

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## Calendar of Events

Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> : **Iron Man**;  
Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed; No  
open shooting  
Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5-9  
Sept 9<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors  
Meeting 6:30 pm**  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5-9;  
**Big 50**; Rifle/Pistol Ranges  
Close at 3:00 PM  
Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-  
noon  
Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5-9;  
**Big 50**  
Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-  
noon  
Sept 25<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5-9;  
**Big 50**; Rifle/Pistol Ranges  
close at 3:00 PM  
Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-  
noon ; Work cards due.  
Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: **Board of Directors  
Meeting 6:30pm**  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Big 50**  
Oct 7<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup>: **Bi-Annual**  
**Membership Meetings**  
**BCCF 6:00 PM**  
**BCC 7:00 PM**  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: Rifle/Pistol Ranges  
closed all day  
Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-  
noon; **National Trap Shooting  
Day 8:00am-3:00pm**  
100/100/100  
Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: Pheasant Pick-Up  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 28<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

**BI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS ARE BEING  
HELD MONDAY,  
OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

## President's Page

Wow! where has the year went? The fall 100 bird shoot is at the door step while the Iron Man is right around the corner as of this letter. This year has gone so fast. It is mind blowing! I don't think that it is due to my increasing age. Well, enough of reminiscing, let's get into this past season.

Amy Thoma and Kevin Rosenau did a great job with this year's summer trap league. They really keep the squads moving along with quick posting of the weekly stats. While this was going on we were able to enjoy a refreshing beverage in the newly remodeled bar with a new A/C unit while Mother Nature turned up the heat. A big thanks to Steve Beres, Dave Polzin, Jerry Reetz, Gene Thom and others that put the time in to make this club a real treasure. On a more somber note we lost an asset to the club with Darrell having to relinquish his duties of setting and filling the traps for us. Darrell will be deeply missed as his energy always pushed the rest of us with the thought if he can do it I can keep going. You will still hopefully see Darrell pulling the trigger on the line. Don't forget to thank him for his time of service.

Tuesday nights keep getting bigger with more people enjoying JD's 5 stand not to mention the increased interest in the skeet field, which is great to see. I want to send out a big Thank You to Ken Basel and his wife and JD- Gary Ross for their dedication to the Tuesday night events. We are very fortunate to have people such as this to dedicate their time and skill sets.

Talking of talents and dedication, Joe Gozinski has taken our 4 event Sporting Clays program to another level with 385 shooters this year! A huge shout out goes to the support of Jerry Reetz, Gary JD Ross and Ken Basel. This is not an easy program to set up as with the way they sometimes set targets I think they are not getting enough sleep! These guys, along with many others who help to make this work, put in huge hours even after the event is complete. I am sure the guys would appreciate any help from time to time as this event keeps getting bigger.

Our registered ATA target program keeps growing with more people from outside the area coming to our facility. We received a lot of compliments this year. But wait we are not done so do not put the trap gun away just yet. Big 50's will be back in September starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> and go into the first week of October. We will wrap up our season with a National Trapshooting Day Shoot which will be a 100/100/100

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event. Stay tune for posters coming up for this event. Remember this starts the new season for target count, you need 500/500/300 for state to keep from penalty. Also, your 2-year total should be 1000/1000/600. New shooters will only need the first numbers. Also, just announced your club will be hosting the Northeast Zone Shoot on May 31 thru June 2. We will need a lot of help to pull this event off. This will show other shooters how fortunate we are to have such a great club. Feel free to contact me if you're interested in helping with this event as we will be starting planning throughout the fall and spring season. The board just approve the purchase of a 3s Scoring system which will help speed things up, but we will need people to be knowledgeable on this system, so we will be training all that want to learn.

While one season wraps up the next starts with the hunting season. As a new season starts, you will start hearing larger caliber firearms up on the rifle range. A big thank you to Don Konen for helping with our disabled shooters and making one of our tables wheel chair accessible. Also, when talking about hunting, remember the pheasant pickup on Oct. 20th will fall on the same day as the Wisconsin Pheasant season. Mark Trampf, along with Dave Polzin and Bob Pribnow, have really upgraded the facility not to mention the quality of the birds. Hopefully you all fill out your work cards and take advantage of this program.

It won't be long and we will be talking about the upcoming banquet. Don Metzger will always welcome more help and ideas to make this event a huge success. If you missed last year you won't want to miss this one!

In closing, we will have a membership meeting coming up in October and I would really enjoy seeing a full house at this event. This is your club and you have a voice in how it is run. Get involved. The water is fine and you will meet some great people who share the same interest as you! We have a great club which is marching forward to being even better so hop on and enjoy the ride. This is not just for us but for future generations to enjoy.

Best wishes and See you on the line!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Witzke- President

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## **Iron Man**

Labor Day Weekend, September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the annual Iron Man Shoot. Even if you don't shoot the 250 shells you can still come to the event and earn some volunteer hours. We are still in need of workers, especially for the Sunday shifts. Contact Donna Polzin at 920-379-6751 or e-mail her at [dpolzin1@gmail.com](mailto:dpolzin1@gmail.com). We are also looking for volunteers to help set up the course on the Thursday and Friday preceding the event. We also will need help in cleaning up on Sunday when the event is over. There are three shifts both days of the event: 8-11, 11-2, 2-5. You can volunteer for some or all of the shifts.

Don't forget that there will be a hot breakfast for all workers at 7:00 AM both on Saturday and Sunday.

Breakfast is prepared by Larry Theodozio and Kevin Merten. Please come in and join us for a delicious meal and also get your work assignments.

## **Pheasant Farm News**

The blinders have been put on the birds. The birds are out into the flight pens. We had some losses due to the cold rain. The birds are growing and looking good. Thank you to all who helped getting the pens ready for the birds and putting blinders on. The job went very smoothly. Bird pick-up will be Saturday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am until noon. Contact Mark Trampf at 608-790-3343, Bob Pribnow at 920-290-5035, or Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 if you will have a problem picking yours up that day. If you have your own crates to haul your birds in, please bring them with you.

All pheasants picked up will be divided  $\frac{3}{4}$  roosters and  $\frac{1}{4}$  hens. No one can receive 100% roosters. If the hens are not wanted, you will receive only your portion of roosters and you can donate the hens back to the club.



### **Putting on Blinders**

### **Work Cards**

If you have volunteered your time to work for the club this past year, you will have earned hours toward either getting pheasants or shooting cards. All work cards must be filled out and signed by a board member and turned in no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a box located above the cash register in the bar to drop your work cards in. You **must** specify on your work card if you want pheasants or shooting cards. If you DO NOT specify, you WILL receive shooting cards. If you do not turn in a work card for yourself you will not get either. It is your own responsibility to turn in a work card for yourself.

### **Wood Duck Houses**

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. New houses will tentatively be assembled on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the morning at the clubhouse. If you are interested in helping contact Ken.

### **Bi-Annual Membership Meetings**

October 8<sup>th</sup> is the date for the Bi-Annual Membership Meetings. The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation will hold its meeting starting at 6:00 PM. The Board of Directors meeting for the BCC will hold its meeting starting at 7:00PM. Both meetings are open to all members of the Berlin Conservation Club. Please come to find out what is planned for the future of your club and it is also a chance for you express your opinions and bring in new ideas.

### **Adopt- Wildlife Area**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has approved our application to join a program to adopt a state owned property. The area is the 13,000 acre area named the White River Wildlife Area located south and southwest of Berlin. There are specific work activities which are covered under the program to be carried out by groups of workers. Work days are voluntary and will be scheduled on days with favorable weather and at times and days which are most convenient. We are in the process of cleaning parking lot areas and will soon be involved in flower seeds. The groups will be lead by Director Jerry Reetz. If interested in joining the group contact Jerry at 920-361-2845.

### **ATA Shoots**

Big 50's are being set up for Tuesday evenings during open shooting time. The dates are September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and October 2<sup>nd</sup>. These targets will count toward 2019 target totals.

## 5-Stand

5-Stand will continue on Tuesday evenings until the end of September. Come on out on Tuesday evenings to shoot and sharpen your shooting skills for upcoming hunting seasons. We want to thank Gary "JD" Ross for running a very enjoyable and many times challenging course this year.

## Sporting Clays

Sporting clays had a very successful season. Thanks to Joe Gozinski, Jerry Reetz, and JD Ross for setting up and running the events. We had 348 shooters this year, which is an all time high.

## Summer Trap League

Summer Trap League is officially over. We had 65 teams participate. Thank you to Amy Thoma and Kevin Rosenau for running a great program. Also want to thank the trap fillers and bartenders for helping to make the season enjoyable.

## Winter Trap & Winter Archery

Just because the summer shoots have come and gone, it is not time to put your gun and bow away. Winter Trap consists of 2 persons teams and shoots on Thursday evenings. Winter Archery consists of 3 to 5 person teams and is shot inside on Wednesday evenings.

## Target Terminators

The 2018 Target Terminators season started on a good foot. The SCTP had a Midwest Regional Shoot in Green Bay, where the Intermediate Squad won their class by over 40 birds. We then shot the Zone Shoots, with the team having some outstanding shooting, including Richard Olson shooting a perfect 100 in Beaver Dam.

The SCTP State Shoot saw 1,500 shooters, and we did very good individually. With a small team, we held our ground! Target Terminators that placed:

**Robert Gropp** 1<sup>st</sup> in Doubles and High Overall; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Handicap; 5<sup>th</sup> Overall Intermediate Entry

**Dawson Niemuth** 1<sup>st</sup> in Doubles and 2<sup>nd</sup> in High Overall Intermediate Advanced

**Blane Davey** 3<sup>rd</sup> in 16-yard Intermediate Advanced

**Richard Olson** 1<sup>st</sup> in Handicap and High Overall Collegiate

Moving on to the Wisconsin ATA/AIM State Shoot, we again saw fantastic results individually—and ALL of our teams placed for the AIM portion of the shoot. Target Terminators placing:

**Jackson Davey** 1<sup>st</sup> in Class D Doubles; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior-Singles and Class D Doubles Championship

**Abigail Rosenau** 1<sup>st</sup> in Lady 1 Doubles Championship-Events 4 & 10; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lady 1 All Around Championship and Lady 1 Overall Championship

**Alex Konen** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Gold Singles, Singles Championship, Preliminary Handicap, All Around Championship and Overall Championship; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Doubles Championship, President's Handicap, Doubles Championship and Handicap Championship

**Max Naparalla** 1<sup>st</sup> in Sub Junior Doubles Championship and Handicap; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sub Junior Singles Championship, Preliminary Handicap, Doubles Championship, All Around Championship and Overall Championship

**Blair Tischaefter** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Singles, Handicap, Singles Championship and Handicap Championship; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior All Around Championship; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior President's Handicap and Overall Championship.

**Blane Davey** 1<sup>st</sup> in Sub Junior Singles; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sub Junior President's Handicap and Handicap Championship; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sub Junior Handicap, Singles Championship, All Around Championship and Overall Championship

**Steven Klika** 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Doubles Championship; 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Handicap and Singles Championship

**Robert Gropp** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sub Junior Handicap

**Bryce Werch** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sub Junior Singles Championship

**Richard Olson** 2<sup>nd</sup> in Junior Handicap Championship; 3<sup>rd</sup> in Junior All Around Championship

**Dawson Niemuth** 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sub Junior Handicap Championship

At Nationals in Sparta, Illinois, the weather was very pleasant for a change (thanks to Paul Gravunder), and scores were quite high, with a lot of personal bests. Target Terminators that placed:

**Robert Gropp** Pre-Sub Class A Champion, 16 yard; Class A Runnerup, Doubles; 2<sup>nd</sup>—Make or Break

**Alex Konen** High Overall Junior Gold Runnerup

**Josh Rodencal** International Trap Junior Champion

**Blair Tischaefter** Junior 28-gauge—3<sup>rd</sup>

As for Team shooting, our **Junior Team took Runnerup in Class C for 16 yard. This team consisted of Blair Tischaefter, Emma Olson, Dylan Gravunder, Justice Heisler and Gage Witzke.**

This year we also had **first 100-Straights by Reese Jenson, Steven Klika and Richard “Ole” Olson.** PLUS, we very recently had one **200-Straight shot by Josh Rodencal.** Great shooting!

Congrats to all the shooters on the Target Terminators team and thanks for hanging in there during the various health issues among the staff. We apologize if we missed anyone in the awards recognition—you all showed commitment and the scores proved it!

### 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**

#### Directors:

**Kevin Rosenau 920-229-6028**

**Mark Belau 920-229-9729**

**Joe Gozinski 920-428-6445**

**Steve Klika 920-229-1001**

**V.Pres. Steve Beres 920-570-0240**

**Sec. Don Metzger 920-295-9838**

**Jerry Reetz 920-361-2845**

**Ken Basel 920-369-6066**

**Don Konen (920) 229-3619**

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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**