



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

September/October 2021

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Calendar of Events

Sept 5th: **150 Bird Shoot 8AM-2:00PM**; All ranges closed during this time.
Sept 7th: **Ranges Close 2PM-dusk**; Open Shooting, 5-Stand 5-9
Sept 12th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 13th: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
Sept 14th: Open Shooting, 5-Stand 5-9
Sept 19th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 21st: **Ranges Close 2PM-dusk**; Open Shooting, 5-Stand 5-9
Sept 26th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 28th: Open Shooting, 5-Stand 5-9
Oct 3rd: Open Shooting 9-noon; ALL work Cards are due this day.
Oct 4th: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
Oct 5th: **All Ranges Closed All Day**
Oct 10th: Open shooting 9-noon; **National Trap Shooting Day**
Oct 11th: **BCC Foundation Bi-Annual Membership Mtg 6:00PM; BCC Board of Directors Bi-Annual Membership Mtg 7:00PM**
Oct 16th: Pick up day for Pheasants
Oct 17^h: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 24th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 31st: Open Shooting 9-noon

BI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

BCCF MEETING STARTS AT 6:00 PM

BCC MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

President's Page

Hello All,

While the summer heat is still sweltering the trap season is winding down. For most the thought of shooting on the wing will be more prevalent than scores of 25. It has been a good year of recovery from 2020 although ammunition shortages still made it a challenge. To those that participated in the leagues and clays events thank you for your persistence. However, we still have more events to come thanks to your Board of Directors with our 100-bird fall shoot and a new Labor Day 150 bird shoot, so do not miss these.

What has been going on behind the scenes at BCC you may ask, well we have ordered and soon should be receiving our new voice release calling system from BRB. The new system is fully rechargeable and can run up to 65,000 targets before recharge. The original system which thanks to Tony Cheir has serviced us well and will be sold to offset the cost of the new and improved system. New carts which are built by Hal Hagen will house and protect these stations better than the original carts. Along with the new carts more video surveillance will be added in light of the recent issue with the illegal shooting of a deer on club grounds. It is sad that we have to do this but with the range being open on an honor system for metal cartridge shooters it is needed. The sporting clays group and five stand group will be adding a few new machines to the arsenal of target slingers for the upcoming year as well. The archery shoots which continue to grow is planning to continue to improve its program as well.

The Target Terminators while down in numbers this year did a great job in representing the club both at the State Shoot as well as the AIM Nationals. While writing this RJ Gropp and Lillian Longworth have stayed to compete in the preliminary events as well as the Grand American Event. Best wishes to them as they compete against the best the nation has to offer. Congratulations to Samantha Tuchscherer for being the High Lady on the 3-gun Challenge during the AIM shooting games. For the Terminators a small squad went down to Sparta but had very good results. Garrett Konrad and Tim Roeske received their first punches at the Grand while Garrett took home a sixth place in handicap.

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The doubles event saw RJ Gropp win in a shoot off to achieve a sub jr. award, along with Gage Witzke placing third in his junior class 22s. Monday started out with a bang as the team of Brady Nyhuis, RJ Gropp, Dawson Niemuth, Mason Bell and Tim Roeske paced a team high 223 followed by a 221. That night ended in amazing fashion as Caprice Juday took on 250 junior shooters to achieve the top spot in Anne Oakley. On Tuesday the teams took to the field again and proceeded to work hard as most of the team shot some of their personal bests. The team of Nyhuis, Gropp, Niemuth, Bell and Roeske missed by only a total of 3 birds of claiming a championship in the Conservation Division. Mason Bell received a runner up award with a 199 as well as RJ Gropp with his singles championship in sub-Jr as well as All American Awards. The team will be celebrating their achievements the end of August. On another note, the board was informed that I have resigned from the position of head coach for the team effective immediately. Therefore, the team will be looking for new leadership to help guide them for the years to come. Contact a board member if you are interested.

As mentioned earlier the Summer Trap League is winding down, I want to Thank Liza Fritz for once again keeping the program moving in another difficult season. Also thanks to other helpers: Steve and Jill Beres for keeping up with scores and Kevin Rosenau for keeping the lines moving. These people deserve a big thank you from all of you as this is a tedious job for 12 weeks. Also, thanks to our Thursday night bartending crew that kept up with the weekly demands.

The group out at the pheasant farm are once again doing a great job and the birds are doing well. Work days will be posted for those that would like pheasants or shooting cards. Please see a board member if you are interested in this program.

Lastly, this is coming to my end of my term as your club president, I sincerely hope that you as a member take some time to dedicate to giving back to your club as a board member. While some times and decisions have been rough, however the rewards of watching this club flourish outweighs it all. Please take the time to become a board member and help direct this club for the years ahead. This is your club and you should take the ownership as well.

See you on the line,

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Witzke- President

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Pheasant Farm

The blinders have been put on the birds thanks to some very wonderful and helpful volunteers. The pick-up day has been set for Saturday, October 16th. Everyone who turned in a work card and indicated that they would like pheasants for their volunteer hours must pick up their pheasants on that day. We have some crates available, but if you have your own, it would be helpful. If you cannot pick up your birds that day, arrangements must be made prior to the 16th. Contact the caretaker, Brian or Tammy Krueger at **920-229-4323** or Dave Polzin at **920-573-2760** to make those arrangements.

Work Cards

All work cards for volunteer hours must be turned in by Sunday, October 3rd. There is a metal box behind the bar that is labeled as work hours. All cards must be signed by a board member or the person that was in charge of the event that you volunteered for. **You must specify whether you want pheasants or shooting cards.** If you do not mark either, you will be given shooting cards. Each person is responsible for turning in their own work cards, do not rely on someone else. If no work card is turned in- no credit will be given.

Bi-Annual Membership Meetings

The Bi-Annual Membership meetings for both the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation and the Berlin Conservation Club Meeting will be held on Monday, October 11th. The BCCF meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and the BCC Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. This is the time for all our members to come and find out what has

been going on at the club and decide the direction our club will take in the future. We are looking for members who would be willing to run for the Board of Directors in March.

SUMMER GUN RAFFLE

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for the Summer 5-Gun Giveaway. Remember for every 100 dollars' worth of tickets you sell you will be entered into a drawing to win a Heritage Rough Rider 22 Single Action Revolver.

Drawing will be held on the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5th at 6:00PM. All tickets must be turned in by that time. You do not have to be present to win.

150 BIRD SHOOT

In place of the Iron Man Event, we will be holding a 150 Bird Shoot on Sunday, September 5th. This will involve 50-16 Yard, 50-Doubles, and 50-Slider. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with shooting starting at 8:30AM. The last registration will be at 2:00 PM.

WOOD DUCK HOUSES

We now have Wood Duck houses available! Sorry we sold out as fast as we did and weren't able to replace them until now. They are \$15 this year and are currently available at the club house during any open hour or call Ken Keenlance at 920-361-0300. A suggestion if you are planning to put up houses in the near future or this fall it might be a good idea to get them in advance. It will also give us the opportunity to keep the wood supplier aware of our future needs so we have the wood available when needed.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

Our Mission Statement - The BCC is a dedicated group of individuals promoting the protection and propagation of fish and game in a safe, sportsman-like and law-abiding manner. We encourage young and old alike to get involved with shooting and outdoor sports through our many safety programs and training in the proper care and use of hunting and fishing equipment. Our hope is to maintain for the use of the community our ranges and reserves for the purpose of developing characteristics of good fellowship, self-discipline and self-reliance essential to good sportsmanship, true patriotism and citizenship.

Unfortunately, our mission statement was violated by two senseless individuals on Monday evening, July 12th. These two individuals (one is a current member and one is not) decided to shoot a yearling deer on one of our ranges as the Board of Directors held their monthly meeting a few yards away! Thankfully, because of the vigilance of some board members, and with some luck, the individuals were located later that evening by law enforcement and confessed to shooting the deer, which had to be put down by the DNR Warden due to its injuries.

As Directors and representatives of your Club, we want to make all aware the **WE WILL NOT TOLERATE** this behavior, or any other unsafe manners on Club grounds! We have been made aware of other recent incidents of unsafe behavior at the ranges. This has got to stop! All rules of the Club are posted on the BC website and range rules are also posted at both ranges. If someone needs help reading and understanding these rules, contact a board member or don't use or facility! These rules are put in place for a reason – to keep everyone safe! If you don't want to follow our rules, then don't come to our Club!

The latest incident of the shooting of the deer is truly disheartening and a blatant disregard for what the BCC is all about! If you choose to ignore the rules, you WILL be referred for any charges as allowed by law!

As always, if you see someone who is not following the rules, please contact a board member or get as much information as you can. Help us keep your Club a safe place to be and for all its members to continue to enjoy for many years to come!

BCC Board of Directors

WINTER TRAP AND WINTER ARCHERY LEAGUES

I know that summer trap league and all the summer shoots just ended, but now is the time to start thinking about setting up your teams for winter trap and winter archery. Winter Trap League is a 12-week league starting the first Thursday of January with practice being the first week followed by 12 weeks of league. These are 2 person teams.

Winter Indoor Archery League starts on the first Wednesday of January. This is a 12-week league. Your team can be composed of 3 to 5 shooters. It can be a combination of men, women, or youth.

If you have questions about either or both of these leagues, contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760.

SPORTING CLAYS EVENT

A Big Thank-You goes out to Joe Gozinski and JD Ross and all their volunteers for running the 4 sporting clays events. It was a very successful season with a record number of shooters participating.

3-D ARCHERY SHOOTS

Another big Thank-You goes out to Rick Reyes and his volunteers for running the 4 3-D archery shoots this summer. Turn-out was great. Thanks to Rick and thanks of the BCC Board of Directors as there are many new targets to shoot at.

RJ Gropp

RJ Gropp has had an exceptional shooting year. He participates as a member of the BCC Target Terminators and in the CWYTL (Central WI Youth Trap League) and SCTP (Scholastic Clay Target Program) as well as the Kettle Moraine trapshooting conference where he made the All-Conference 1st Team. He has been selected Captain to the Sub-Junior WI All State Team where he has been a member for three consecutive year.

Leading up to the Grand Nationals RJ participated in the Wisconsin State Shoot where he won the Sub-Junior State Championship Singles, Doubles, Handicap, High Over All, and High All Around titles and all 10 of the other events he entered. This achievement also earned him the honor of shooting from the 27 yards line for handicap.

He then went to Iowa's State Shoot where he won the Sub-Junior Non-Resident Singles Championship shooting 100 of 100 birds leading to a Shoot-Off to claim the title.

Next up was the AIM (Academics, Integrity, and Marksmanship) Grand National Youth Trapshooting Championship. RJ won the Sub-Junior National Singles Championship with a score of 199 of 200. He placed 3rd in the AIM Doubles event with a score of 97 of 100.

Last year RJ was the 1st Wisconsin Sub-Junior to win the National Sub-Junior Champion of Champions Championship and he repeated this feat once again this year with another perfect 100 score.

While at the Grand he went on to win the NRA (National Rifle Associations) Sub-Junior singles with a score of 199 of 200. He also claimed the Sub-Junior ATA World doubles championship with a score of 99 of 100, along with placing 3rd in the Winchester AA class singles championship with a score of 199 of 200 as well as placing 3rd in the ATA High All Around Championship in the Sub-Junior division with a total score of 386 of 400 in all Championship events.



SUMMER TRAP LEAGUE

Summer Trap League has come to a close. Thanks to Liza Fritz and her crew for running a successful season. We had a total of 50+ teams. There was a challenge at times because of a shell shortage and the weather did not always cooperate. We hope everyone had a great time.

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

Officers:

Pres. Gary Witzke 920-204-1329

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Directors:

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Thursday Night Trap League Representative: Liza Fritz 920-295-7427

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