



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

Sept./Oct. 2017

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## Calendar of Events

Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: Iron Man Set-Up; Rifle/Pistol Ranges closed  
Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: **Iron Man 8 AM-2 PM;** Rifle/Pistol Ranges closed;  
Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: **NO** Open shooting or Skeet  
Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5:30-9  
Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Sept 11<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**  
Sept 12<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5:30-9; Rifle/Pistol ranges close at 6 pm  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5:30-9  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 5:30-9; Rifle/Pistol Ranges close 6 pm  
Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM**  
Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rifle/Pistol Ranges Closed  
Oct 8<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: **Berlin Conservation Club Foundation Bi-Annual Meeting 6 PM**  
**Berlin Conservation Club Bi-Annual Membership Meeting 7:00 PM**  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>: Pheasant Pick-Up  
Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: **Make-A-Wish Shoot 9-3;** Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 21<sup>st</sup>: Hunter Ed Hunt  
Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Oct 29<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

## BI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Bi-Annual membership meeting of the Berlin Conservation Club will be held on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00 PM. Prior to that meeting the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation will hold its meeting at 6:00 PM.

**ALL MEMBERS OF BCC ARE ENCOURGED TO ATTEND BOTH MEETINGS.**

## President's Page

Wow where did the summer go? It is hard to believe we were just talking about the start of the summer league for trap and we are now complete and heading towards the second biggest fund raiser for the club. I hope that your club gave you a lot of opportunities to enjoy the shooting sports this year so far.

With the end of the summer league trap season, I would like to send a big Thank You to Amy Thoma along with her side kick Kevin "Gummy" Rosenau for the great job in keeping this year running smoothly. Once again, this year, on the last night, we had a team knock off a perfect score. The team of Steven Klika, Jack Werch, Alex Koenen, Dave Prellwitz, and Tyler Hetzel, put on one heck of a clinic not to mention wrapping up the Summer League Championship. Congrats to them and to all the teams for a great year of shooting.

Also wrapping up was the Sporting Clays events as Joe G. set some lofty goals and proceeded to reach them. Hopefully, you all get a chance to thank Joe with his posse of Jerry Reetz and Gary JD Ross, for all the hard work in putting a top shelf program on.

Do not put that trap gun or sporting gun away just yet as we still have open shooting on Tuesdays with JD's famous 5 stand. Also, do not forget that time is getting short to make sure you are scheduled for our Iron Man on Labor Day weekend. Steve Beres has had all year to think and I am sure he will not let us down. This is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and we need a lot of help. We shoot for two days with 3 shifts a day with 10 teams a shift so we need people. Look at your calendar and see if you can give your club at least a couple of hours. I am sure you will have a great time. Another couple events coming down the pipe is Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. The ASTOP Women's Day, which will have loads of things to do.

Applications for the event are at the club or on line. A special Thanks to Patti Crump in heading this up. Next will be Oct 14<sup>th</sup> which will be National Trapshooting Day. The club will have a Saturday 100 bird shoot in which will have both Registered and Non Registered target shooters competing. The proceeds from the shoot will go to help in the funding of the WTA Homegrounds. We have challenged other clubs to join in and do the same so let's be the leader and load up for a great event. The next day, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, will be the Bergstrom Automotive Make a Wish shoot which will have meat raffles and other fun things besides a 50 bird shoot. As you can see, BCC is going to be a hopping place still for a couple of months more not to mention our open shooting on Sundays from 9am till Noon. P.S. remember to thank your Board of Directors as they take time to open the club up for your enjoyment.

ATA members, please do not forget that September starts another calendar year for targets and membership renewal for both the ATA and the WTA. This last year at the State shoot we had some confusion with qualifying targets. A quick reminder is that the total for the current year is 500 singles/500 handicap and 300 doubles. If you shoot prior to the current year this year and last must give you a total of 1000 singles/1000 handicap/600 doubles to not be penalized. If you are a Senior Veteran classification there is no target limit as long as you would report shooting as a Senior Veteran. Also we will have a couple of Big 50's in September as well as the October 14<sup>th</sup> shoot for 2018 target count. Also there is continuous talk of starting a league or more Registered Shoots in 2018, watch for further announcements later on.

Speaking of registered targets, the Berlin Conservation Club had an awesome showing once again with its adult club members and the Target Terminators at the State Shoot at Rome during the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup>. After taking the hardware from Rome, the Target Terminators with Coaches Beres, Davey, and Rosenau set sites on the AIM Grand in Sparta Ill. While the competition was tough, the Terminators plowed through with some of the best weather that southern Illinois

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could provide. Many of the Terminators shot their personal best and some brought home very nice hardware. Keep a watch out for the Berlin paper which Amy will have articles showing what these kids have done this past summer. Also again Berlin Conservation was able to have an athlete perform in the Champion of Champion shoot back at Sparta once more with Blair Tischafer running up a score of 97/100- Congrats Blair! And thanks for being the clubs ambassador.

In closing, I want to personally thank all the members that take time out to help with our events whether at the club or at the pheasant farm. We could not run such a great club without your help. Thank you to the Board of Directors. What a great bunch of unselfish individuals that sacrifice their time for the betterment of the club. For those that want to get involved but are afraid to step up, the water is fine come and join in. Remember this is your club and we will make it great together!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Witzke-President

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## Pheasant Farm News

Pheasant pick-up will be October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM until Noon. It looks like it will be 20 birds per card. 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. Please bring crates if you have them as club crates are limited in supply. If other pickup arrangements are needed, you will need to contact either Bob Pribnow 290-5035, Dave Polzin 573-2760, or Mark Trampf 608-790-3343 after 4 pm. As soon as the birds are gone, the plans are to start work on the north pen. Help will be needed to tear down the old nets and remodel the north pen to match the south pen. Please watch for upcoming notices of work dates and feel free to volunteer.

## Work day at the Club for Target Terminators

A number of our Target Terminators showed up at the club for a work day. As you can see from the pictures that we had some “very” brave souls who went out and cleaned the pond. They also did painting and other jobs around the clubhouse and grounds.



## Work Cards

Work cards are due by September 18<sup>th</sup>. They need to be filled out with name and be sure to indicate if you prefer pheasants or shoot cards. The way it looks now, there will be approximately 20 pheasants per card. If you do not specify, you will receive shooting cards. All cards must be signed by a committee head or a board of director. Please drop in box behind bar. Any questions contact Dave Polzin or Bob Pribnow.

## Donations

The Target Terminators have received two monetary donations. One is from the WhiteTails Unlimited and one from the Poy Sippi Hunter Education instructors.

The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation donated the funds that were used to buy our new bar stools.

## BCC Banquet

The BCC Annual Banquet is held every February. The Banquet Committee has been meeting and one of their biggest concerns is lack of attendance by members at the banquet. The committee members are racking their brains to try and come up with reasons why the attendance has been slipping. PLEASE- Provide your feedback to help the committee do what is needed to increase the attendance. The Banquet is our biggest fund raiser of the year. In order to keep your club operating and keep costs down, we will need to keep the banquet successful. Please contact Banquet chairman, Don Metzger at [don@admachine.biz](mailto:don@admachine.biz) or call him at 920-295-9838, or contact Ticket chairman, Dave Polzin at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) or call him at 920-573-2760.

**We will be having a banquet committee meeting sometime after the Iron Man. Please watch for posting of date and time and plan on coming to help plan our next banquet.**

### Berlin Target Terminators- State Shoot

The Wisconsin State Shoot was held at the WTA Home Grounds in Rome, WI on July 11 – 16 2017. Over 1,600 shooters from 15 different states participated. The Wisconsin State Shoot is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest shoot in the nation. The Berlin Conservation Club was represented well with approximately 70 members participating, which includes 25 youth shooters.

Target Terminator Blair Tischaefter won the singles championship shooting a 99/100 which tied with another shooter and forced a shoot off. Blair came out on top and represented Wisconsin at the 118<sup>th</sup> Grand American World Trapshooting Champion of Champions Shoot in Sparta, IL on August 9, 2017 shooting a 97/100. Great shooting Blair!

Doubles -Jackson Davey - Class D 1st place; Doubles Abigail Rosenau - Lady 1 1st place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 1st place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 2nd place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 1st place  
Handicap- Blair Tischaefter - Junior 3rd place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 1st place, Alexander Konen - Junior, Gold 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 2nd place

Singles- Blair Tischaefter - Junior 1st place, Jackson Davey - Junior 2nd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 1st place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 3rd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 1st place

Handicap- Blair Tischaefter - Junior 1st place, Steven Klika - Junior 2nd place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 1st place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 1st place, RJ Gropp - Sub Junior 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 3rd place

Singles- Steven Klika - Junior 2nd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 1st place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 3rd place

Handicap- Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 1st Place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 2nd place  
Wisconsin Doubles Championship- Jackson Davey - Class D 2nd place, Abigail Rosenau - Lady 1 1st place, Steven Klika - Junior 1st place, Trent Weiss - Junior 2nd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 2nd place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 3rd place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 2nd place

Wisconsin Singles Championship- Blair Tischaefter - Junior 1st place, Bryce Werch - Sub Junior 3rd place

Wisconsin Handicap Championship-Blair Tischaefter - Junior 1st place, Richard Olson - Junior 2nd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 2nd place, Dawson Niemuth - Sub Junior 3rd place

Wisconsin All-Around Championship- Abigail Rosenau - Lady 1 3rd place, Blair Tischaefter - Junior 2nd place, Richard Olson - Junior 3rd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 1st place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior, 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 3rd place

Wisconsin Overall Championship- Abigail Rosenau - Lady 1 3rd place, Blair Tischaefter - Junior 3rd place, Alexander Konen - Junior Gold 1st place, Tyler Hetzel - Junior Gold 2nd place, Maxwell Naparalla - Sub Junior 2nd place, Blane Davey - Sub Junior 3rd place

Team Awards: Junior Gold 1<sup>st</sup> place (481 out of 500)

Jackson Davey, Abigail Rosenau, Alex Konen, Kevin Moldenhauer, Tyler Hetzel  
Junior 1<sup>st</sup> place (481 out of 500)

Wyatt Juday, Joshua Rodencal, Steven Klika, Richard Olson, Blair Tischaefter  
Junior 2<sup>nd</sup> place (469 out of 500)

Trent Weiss, Peter Cisler, Emma Olson, Reese Jensen, Marcus Krentz  
Junior 3<sup>rd</sup> place (433 out of 500)

Bree Moderow, Gage Witzke, Peter Fritz, Dawson Niemuth, Andrew Fritz

Sub Junior 1<sup>st</sup> place(463 out of 500)

Bryce Werch, RJ Gropp, Louie Spanbauer, Blane Davey, Maxwell Naparalla

The adults from BCC who placed were John Madsen, James Gurkowski, Tyler Thoma, Mike Bloesel, Stefan Jankowski, Michael Sina, and Peter Lantvit Jr.

## **AIM Nationals—Sparta, Illinois**

### **16-yd.**

Pre-Sub Class A, Champion: RJ Gropp, Jr. Gold Class C, Third: Kevin Moldenhauer

Sub-Junior Team Class A, 12<sup>th</sup> place with a 918, Junior Team Class A, 6<sup>th</sup> place with a 963

Jr. Gold Team Class AA, 22<sup>nd</sup> place with a 941

### **Doubles**

Jr. Gold Class C, Third: Kevin Moldenhauer

### **Handicap**

Pre-Sub, Third: Dawson Niemuth, Pre-Sub, Fourth: RJ

Gropp

### **AIM Shoot'n Showdown**

High Overall, Jr. Gold Champion: Tyler Hetzel

### **Annie Oakley Challenge**

Pre-Sub, Third: Dawson Niemuth, Jr. Gold, Third:

Tyler Hetzel

### **AIM International Event**

Pre-Sub, Third: Dawson Niemuth, Jr. Gold, Champion:

Tyler Hetzel

### **CZ USA .22 Handgun Challenge**

Pre-Sub, Champion: RJ Gropp

### **Parent Event**

Runner-up: Jeff Tischaefter, Third: Jeff Weiss

We had three cancellations which caused us to reconfigure our teams at the last minute. Considering we were missing some great shooters and were down one squad, the team did incredibly well ... rising to our expectations and above. No shooter gave up, and the coaching staff was very pleased with their performance. We look forward to what possibilities lie in store for next season!

## **Sporting Clays**

Well it's another year in the books. I would like to thank everyone who shot or helped out this year. It was a very successful year. We had 330 shooters this year. If anyone has any suggestions on the course next year that they would like to see please let me know. If anyone wants to help next year please let me know. Hope to see you all again next year. I would like to thank JD Ross and Jerry Reetz for handling set up. Thanks to Jill Nimmer-Beres for doing scores, and anyone else who pitched in to help.

## **Summer Trap League**

Summer Trap League has ended. We would like to thank Amy Thoma and her crew for a job well done with a conclusion of a great and delicious steak fry and awards banquet on Friday night. Be sure to come back next year and bring some friends with you.

## **Winter Trap League & Winter Archery**

I know you don't want to think about winter coming, but it is time to start thinking about organizing your teams for winter trap league. It is a 2 person league. There will be one week of practice and 12 weeks of league starting January 4, 2018.

Throw on some warmer clothes and come out to join the fun. If you have questions contact Dave Polzin.

Winter Archery will be starting on Wednesday nights in January. These are 3 to 5 person teams. This is shot indoors so don't worry about the cold. It is a good way to keep your hunting eye in focus after the hunting season is over.

## **Youth Pheasant Hunt**

The Hunter Education Youth Pheasant Hunt will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at Schroeder Pheasant Farm in Berlin. Dogs and handlers are provided. It is free to all recent graduates of the BCC Hunter Education Program. To sign up or for more information contact Gary Witzke at 920-204-1329.



## Did You Know? Clay Targets- How did that Happen?

The first targets were live birds. These had inconsistent flight so glass balls were then used. These smooth balls created ricochets and were inconsistent in weight, so patterned surfaces were added. Some even had feathers and sawdust inside to help detect hits. Many other materials, shapes, and combinations were tried: cardboard with rubber balloon centers, metal balls that clanged, pottery clay, unbreakable targets where pellet hits were counted, hard paper with sawdust, plaster of Paris, ice with dye, sand cinders, collulois, gypsum, tar, river bottom silt, or metal with dropping flanges when hit.

The first movement towards today's shape and material was patterned after watching boys skip spinning clam shells across water. Other tries were made, including one of pasteboard, covered with fulminate of mercury (causing explosion when hit) and sand for weight. Twice fired clay was soon used and led to the discovery that the best materials were asphalt and silt or asphalt and gypsum.

Modern targets are made of pitch (asphalt tar) and ground limestone or gypsum. Past American names for targets were asphalts, flying discs, traps, blackbirds, mud's, soil disks, river bottoms, and clay birds and clay pigeons,, which are used today.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:

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