



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

January/February 2021

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## Calendar of Events

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Practice & Sign-up  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Practice  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk #1  
Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Practice  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk #2  
Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #1  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk#3  
Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #2  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Archery Wk #4  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk#3  
Feb 7<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk #5  
Feb 11<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk#4  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk#6  
Feb 18<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #5  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery Wk #7  
Feb 25<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk#6  
Feb 28<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

## President's Page

Hello All and Happy New Year!

Wow does that feel good to say Happy New Year, didn't think we would ever get out of 2020. Now by all means we are not out of the woods yet and may not for some time, but at least there is a dim light at the end of the tunnel. For those that reload if you did not prep you may be caught short for a while like most of us, looking for primers right now is like looking for the Holy Grail! Powder is not much better and shells well if they have them, they are either gone or priced to the moon. Hopefully as time goes on things will come back down to earth. Until then we all become a little Indiana Jones in search of our precious goods, we all want.

Enough of that what is coming up at the club? Well let me tell you we are back at it as Dave and the crew get ready for another Thursday Winter Trap League. These are two person teams if you don't have a partner still come on down and we will try to pair you up with another single. This is a great way to grow the amount of shooting friends you have. For those that are not the hearty type and brave the elements we will have Wednesday Indoor Archery League running. A great way to stay on your game when that trophy comes through your path. Hopefully on January 9<sup>th</sup> you took advantage of the first Berlin Gun Show being hosted by the Conservation club and the Target Terminators Youth Shooting Team. We are very fortunate to have this event at our club and to also have it benefit our youth programs.

Registered targets, for those that follow the ATA and attend the shoots the target number needed for 2021 is back to the original numbers for the State Shoot in July. Keep an eye on the bulletin board at the club for shoot info and qualifications for events. I would like to congratulate those individuals that frequent our club and made the 2020 All State Team: Jim "Chops" Gurkowski, and Rich "YZ" Weisensel from the Vet division. Dwight Paulin and Don Chrapla Sr. Vet Division. Robert Gropp- Captain Sub Junior division and Lillian Longworth Sub Junior division. George Hass took top Honors in the Men's division along with pacing a 99.56% out of 1600 singles targets along with 98.20% in 1000 Doubles.

Calling all youth shooters, the CWYTL league needs you! Starting in March our Saturday League will be forming. If you have your Hunters Education completed come down and sign up. Certified trap shooting coaches are on board to help assist you in learning the sport. More information will be posted on the club website in the near future.

The new buzz word around now is giving forward, while this may be a slight twist on its meaning. The Berlin Conservation Club has worked to give you the outdoor enthusiast, a special place to enjoy your sport whether it be metal cartridge, shotshell, archery or just a place for

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fellowship. What can you do in return you might ask? Well in March we have a Membership meeting and will have board elections open. This is a 3-year commitment with its own rewards in preserving and growing a great club already. You say that's too much well the Pheasant Farm has work days your reward for this is for your effort you will be compensated in pheasants or shooting cards your choice. Another way to fill the work cards are our event shoots that come up whether trap or sporting clays. We are always looking for people to score or load traps. We ask if you would like to do any of this contact a board member and we will get you trained. As you can see your effort in giving forward your time will help you get rewards as well as keep our club going in the right direction.

In closing this last year was hard on all of us, take a moment to reflect and remember that this type of year never repeats its self. I hope the New Year finds Joy and Health for all of you. I look forward to getting back to not the new normal but the normal and enjoy the great facility we all have helped to grow. Until then, See you on the line!

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Witzke- President

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### **Wood Duck Houses**

A **Thank You** to Bruce Pepler, Les Achterberg, and the Picket Antique Engine Club for donating materials to construct an additional nineteen Wood duck houses in 2020. Winter will be here shortly, ice will be on the water and it's time to be thinking about cleaning out your current wood duck houses or replacing or adding additional ones. They are still selling for the same low price of \$10.00. You can purchase them at the club during any open hours, or call Ken Keenlance at 920-361-0300.

### **Pheasant Farm**

We are looking for working dehumidifiers to be used in the brooder houses at the pheasant farm. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) or just drop them off at the club house.

### **Tools Wanted**

Do you have any hand tools, wrenches, pliers, electrical tools, or any types of tools, etc? The club is looking for any of these you might not be using. Downsizing, moving, no longer needed items? Consider donating them to the club for building, grounds, equipment maintenance and repairs. Drop off at club house.

### **Winter Trap League**

Don't put those trap guns away!! I know most of you are looking at this and thinking- WOW!!! It is time to start thinking about setting up your team for the winter league. Winter league teams consist of only 2 shooters. There are 12 weeks of shooting along with a Polish Shoot at the end of league shooting. League will be starting with practice on January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. League shooting will start on January 21<sup>st</sup>. You will be able to sign up your team starting January 7<sup>th</sup> until the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of league on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Come out and keep your shooting eye sharp. If you don't have a partner, come on down the first couple weeks and we will try to pair you up.

### **Winter Archery League**

Remember our Winter Indoor Archery League starts in January on Wednesday nights. Teams consist of 3-5 shooters. The top 3 scores count for the team statistics. If you would like to shoot a fun course in the clubhouse, come down and sign up. There will be a week of practice on January 6<sup>th</sup>, with actual league starting the following Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. If you don't have a whole team, come in on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and we will match you up with a team. What else do you have to do on a cold winter night, and it's a good way to stay shooting straight.

## Vandalism Problem

In case you are not aware of the problem we have been experiencing at the rifle and pistol ranges, I would like to fill you in. Someone or ones have been using the shooting benches to hold targets to shoot at. The shooting benches are being destroyed. If you see anyone doing this, please inform them that this is not allowed. If it continues the shooting benches may have to be removed. Just a reminder ALL targets must be on the backstop fence and no where else. Only paper targets are allowed.

## Newsletter Ads

Renewal for newsletter ads is coming due March 15th. Invoices will be mailed out after the first of the year. Prices will remain the same. Please consider renewing your ad. We do have room in the newsletter for new ads. Please consider advertising in our bi-monthly newsletter. The cost is only \$75 a year for a business size card ad.

## Bi-Annual Membership Meetings in March

The Bi-Annual membership meetings for both the BCC Board of Directors and also the BCC Foundation will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of March. During these meeting there will be an election of board members for both boards. Please consider running for a position on either board. Please support your club. Contact any board member for more information.

## CENTRAL WISCONSIN YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE (CWYTL)

CWYTL is set to begin with sign up and practice on Saturday, March 6, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This is an 8 week league that is open to any school aged youth who have successfully completed a hunter safety program. For more information, please contact CWYTL coordinator, Amy Thoma, at 920-229-5288 or by email at amysthoma@gmail.com. Watch for more information on the BCC website after the New Year.

## BCC 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

The banquet will be held on March 13, 2021 at the Oshkosh Convention Center. 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 #10 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

**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 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, February 28, 2021.** This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Raffle.

## 2021 BANQUET REQUEST FORM

March 13, 2021

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

### **Early Bird Gun Raffle**

When you purchase your banquet ticket before February 28, 2021, you can also purchase for \$10.00 each, Early Bird Gun Raffle Tickets. Win a Taurus Curve .380 or a SSA B6 9mm.

**NO sales for this raffle after Feb 28th.**

Also when you purchase your dinner ticket before the Early Bird Deadline date of February 28, 2021, you will be entered into a drawing to win BCC Bucks. There will be 3 prizes, \$150.00, \$100.00, & \$50.00 worth of BCC Bucks.

### **\*\*New This Year\*\***

For every \$100 worth of 10 Gun Raffle Tickets that you sell, you will be entered into a drawing to win a pistol. If you turn your tickets and money in at the club house, be sure to sign the sheet giving your self credit for your sales. Tickets will be filled out with your information and dropped into the barrel at the banquet. If you return them by mail, be sure to include your name, address, and phone number in the correspondence. The drawing will be the night of the banquet. You do not need to be present at the banquet to win.

## **\*\*Basket Raffle\*\***

**New this year is a BASKET raffle. Everyone who donates a basket of goodies with a value of at least \$20.00 will be given 3 tickets toward the drawing of the winners of the baskets. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the raffle table. Some examples could be floral arrangements, beauty products, alcohol, gift certificates, fishing equipment, turkey hunting, kid's basket, etc. Be creative. Just bring your basket the night of the banquet.**

## **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. We also need donations for the kid's drawing. Be creative.**

## **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:**

**Don Metzger 920-295-9838**

**Mark Belau 920-229-9729**

**Joe Gozinski 920-428-6445**

**Ron Moderow 920- 748-3862**

**V.Pres. Don Konen 920 -229-3619**

**Sec. Jerry Reetz 920-361-2845**

**Amy Thoma 920-229-5288**

**Jeff Tischaefer 920-658-3289**

**Bart Schepp 920-597-0225**

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

**Grounds Keeper: Corey Splittgerber 920-290-3179**

**Pheasant Farm Caretaker: Brian Krueger 920-229-4323**

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