



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

November/December 2021

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## Calendar of Events

Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: Sporting Clays; All Ranges Closed; Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Practice 5:00 PM-  
Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Practice 5-9PM  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>: Gun Show 9-2  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**  
Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #1  
Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Practice 5-9PM; Green Lake 4-H Archery  
Jan 15<sup>th</sup>: WI Bear Hunters  
Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30**  
Jan 19<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #2  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #1  
Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30M**  
Jan 26<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #3  
Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #2; Green Lake 4-H Archery  
Jan 30<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30PM**  
Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #4  
Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #3  
Feb 6<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30PM**  
Feb 9<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #5  
Feb 10<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #4; Green Lake 4-H Archery  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30PM**  
Feb 14<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**  
Feb 16<sup>th</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #6  
Feb 17<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #5  
Feb 20<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **Youth Archery Class 5:30-7:30PM**  
Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Archery League Wk #7  
Feb 24<sup>th</sup>: Winter Trap League Wk #6; Green Lake 4-H Archery  
Feb 27<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

## President's Page

Wow 2022, I just read that earth in the last fifty years is now rotating faster. No wonder time now flies as we start another year at Berlin Conservation Club. The only thing that has slowed down is the availability of ammunition we all so desperately want. The good news is that with the dedicated help and being resourceful your club board has secured ammunition for the Winter League as well as a start for the youth league. Most of you may or may not know that as of November we closed the club until January. This along with the shortage of ammo had us come to the decision that this was the best. I hope this did not inconvenience you too much and clearly understand the position taken,

Well, let's get on with 2022, first of all memberships are available at the club house starting Jan 02. The button thanks to Jerry Reetz have a completely new look and per Jerry may be changing yearly to give a look of change going on at the club. You may ask what change to start with the club barring bad weather will have its first sporting clays event on January 02, banquet tickets for the 2022 banquet which will be held in March are available. New leadership with the Target Terminators and rebuild of the team which is being aided by Steve Beres. Also in March will be the Membership meeting and election of board members. As of now we are looking for candidates that have been with the club continuously for the past 3 or more years to be eligible. If interested please contact Jerry Reetz or Gene Thom. Pretty exciting stuff for just the first quarter of the year!

Changes at the club first of all we have replaced the Cambridge target callers with new BRB callers. A big shout out to all helped to install the new system. For those that are interested the Cambridge callers will be refurbished and placed for sale to off set the cost of the new system. We also have installed more surveillance cameras throughout the facility to curtail some vandalism which has taken place on our grounds. Also new will be more sporting clay machines to keep the programs very interesting.

While this should be my last Presidents Page that I have authored I want to again thank the so many members that have guided me and trusted me with the pleasure to have been the president of Berlin Conservation Club. I have always held high the position and the club knowing that this is one of the best clubs in the State of Wisconsin! After March I will not only be a member but an active member.

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This is what the club is all about it needs you to help take it to the next level. Please take the time to give back to your club to make it better for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Witzke- President  
[gwitzke@outlook.com](mailto:gwitzke@outlook.com)  
920-204-1329

### **Bi-Annual Membership Meeting**

The Bi-annual Membership Meetings will be held on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> in the clubhouse. The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation Meeting will start at 6:00PM and the Berlin Conservation Club meeting will begin at 7:00M. At both meetings there will be an election held to fill vacancies on both Boards. It is time for our members to start thinking about helping out their club by volunteering to run for election for either board. These meetings are also held for our members to voice their opinions about the future of the club. **Contact Jerry Reetz at 920-361-2845 or Gene Thom at 920-745-0926 to find out more information about running for a position on a board.**

### **Winter Trap League -Thursday Evenings**

Winter Trap League is a 12-week league that runs from January to April. Teams are comprised of 2 shooters. You are not required to shoot with your partner. We will have practice January 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> with league running for the next 12 weeks. Teams should not get more than 3 weeks behind unless we have weather that does not permit the club to be open. Come down for some fun on Thursday nights and keep your shooting skills intact. Shells will be available for purchase for league shooting. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) if you have questions.

### **Winter Archery League – Wednesday Evenings**

Winter In-Door Archery League is a 12-week League that runs from January to April. This is a fun league to keep your hunting skills intact for the hunting season. January 5<sup>th</sup> will be a practice week with league starting on January 12th. The season ends with a fun night. Teams are comprised anywhere from 3 to 5 shooters. The top 3 scores count for team standings. Teams can be composed of all men, all women, all youth, or a combination of any of these. If you are by yourself or don't have a complete team, come down and we will match you up with a team. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at [roosterbuster1@gmail.com](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com) if you have questions

### **2022 BCC Banquet**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual BCC Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Oshkosh Convention Center on North Main St. in Oshkosh. The banquet tickets are \$60.00 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](mailto:roosterbuster1@gmail.com)

**ONLY 325 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD. GET YOURS EARLY.**

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR THE NIGHT OF THE BANQUET.**

**\*\*\*\*ALERT\*\*\*\***

The Board of Directors stuffed the envelopes that were sent out to all our members. The envelope should have contained a banquet invite along with a pack of 8 tickets for the 10-gun raffle. Due to an error, a number of envelopes were mailed out empty. If you received one of those envelopes, please contact me at [Dpolzin1@gmail.com](mailto:Dpolzin1@gmail.com) or call me at 920-379-6751 and I will see that you receive a new packet in the mail or stop down at the club and pick up the information.

**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 Banquet Bucks For \$100.00, you will receive \$125.00 in BCC bucks 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 20, 2022.** This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Pistol Raffle.

**2022 BANQUET REQUEST FORM**

**March 12, 2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$60.00 each

Table of 8 @ \$450.00. \_\_\_\_\_ Please list all names and addresses on a sheet of paper and include with reservation. Must list all 8 names when you order.

\_\_\_\_\_ # 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**

**Also, when you purchase your dinner ticket before the Early Bird Deadline date of February 20, 2022, 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.**

### **\*\*\*SOMETHING NEW\*\*\***

**Get your family and friends together to attend the banquet. You can purchase a table of 8 for \$450.00. Each table will receive \$200.00 in BCC Bucks. All 8 must register at the same time on the same form. A table will be reserved in your name.**

### **BASKET RAFFLE**

We will be having a Basket Raffle again this year. You can donate a basket of goodies with a value of at least \$25.00. Each donor will receive 3 tickets toward winning a basket. You can also purchase other tickets. 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. Be creative.**

### **YOUTH ARCHERY PROGRAM**

**SOMETHING NEW!!!** A youth archery class is starting in January on Sunday evenings for youth ages 10-12. Starting date will be January 16<sup>th</sup>. Class time is 5:30-7:30PM. Bows and all equipment will be provided for use. This is not a hunter safety class. It is a class to learn how to properly shoot a bow. This class is for beginners and youth who want to learn. The class will be meeting for 6 weeks. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or e-mail him at roosterbuster1@gmail.com

### **WBHA TOWN HALL MEETING**

The Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association (WBHA) will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 15, 2022 at the Berlin Conservation Club from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This meeting is open to WBHA members only. Not a member? Not a problem.....memberships will be available at the door. The meeting will include guest speakers, legal updates, door prizes, raffles, and silent auction items. Proceeds will go to the WBHA Foundation and the WBHA legal fund to help fight for the hunting rights of all hunters. Come get to know your WBHA Board of Directors and Officers. For more information, please contact John Trochinski at 920-229-0365. Hope to see you there!

### **CENTRAL WISCONSIN YOUTH TRAP LEAGUE (CWYTL)**

CWYTL is set to begin with registration and practice on Saturday, March 5, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This is an 8-week league, held on Saturday mornings, 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](mailto:amysthoma@gmail.com). Watch for more information on Facebook and the BCC website after the new year.

### **GUN SHOW**

Mark your calendars for the Target Terminators sponsored gun show at the Berlin Conservation Club on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Food and refreshments available. Admission fee is

\$4.00. For those interested in setting up a table, the table fee is \$20.00. Contact John Piechowski for more information at 920-566-2855. Thank you in advance for your support of our youth shooters!

### Newsletter Ad Renewal

Thank you to all those who have been advertising in our newsletter. An invoice will be arriving shortly after the new year. There is room in the newsletter for new advertisers. Contact Donna Polzin at [dpolzin1@gmail.com](mailto:dpolzin1@gmail.com) or call at 920-379-6751 if you have questions or are interested in advertising.

### 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

Gen Thom 920- 745-0926

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 Tischefer 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