



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

January/February 2020

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Calendar of Events

Jan 1st: Club Closed. Happy New Year
Jan 2nd: Winter Trap League Practice 5PM
Jan 5th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Jan 8th: Winter Archery League Practice
Jan 9th: Winter Trap League Practice 5PM
Jan 11th: WI Bear Hunter Assoc. Town Hall Meeting
Jan 12th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Jan 13th: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30 PM**
Jan 15th: Winter Archery League Wk #1
Jan 16th: Winter Trap League Wk #1;
Green Lake 4-H Archery
Jan 19th: Open shooting 9-noon
Jan 22nd: Winter Archery League Wk #2
Jan 23rd: Winter Trap League Wk #2
Jan 26th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Jan 29th: Winter Archery League Wk #3
Jan 30th: Winter Trap League Wk #3;
Green Lake 4-H Archery
Feb 2nd: Open Shooting 9-noon
Feb 5th: Winter Archery League Wk #4
Feb 6th: Winter Trap League Wk #4
Feb 9th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Feb 10th: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
Feb 12th: Winter Archery League Wk #5
Feb 13th: Winter Trap League Wk #5;
Green Lake 4-H Archery
Feb 16th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Feb 19th: Winter Archery League Wk #6
Feb 20th: Winter Trap League Wk #6
Feb 22nd: **29th Annual BCC Banquet;**
Doors Open 5:30 PM; Dinner 7:00 PM
Feb 23rd: Open Shooting 9-noon
Feb 26th: Winter Archery League Wk #7
Feb 27th: Winter Trap League Wk #7;
Green Lake 4-H Archery

**Happy New Year to All our
Members!**

President's Page

Hello all and welcome to a new decade! Wow where has the time went? Hope all had a great New Year and set those resolutions to once again make BBC a premiere shooting location. In this past decade the clubhouse and grounds have changed considerably, thanks to the help of many dedicated members. I can hardly imagine what the next decade will bring!

FYI the calendar for the 2020 season is on the website, thanks to Steve Klika as well as announcements via Facebook. Communication in a club our size can be difficult so Thanks to all that help out.

Well let's get into the decade with a bang as Winter Trap League on Thursdays kick off. Dave Polzin and the crew are back to set up another frigid shooting season which is always a good time. Also, on Wednesday nights the archers take their game indoors for a challenging league. Also, Sunday open shooting continues throughout the year. With all of this going on there should be no epidemic of cabin fever!

With activity kicking in at the club let's not forget the annual Berlin Conservation Club Banquet. This year's banquet has some really neat things planned so remember to get your tickets early as there are only 300 tickets available and you do not want to be left out in the cold in February for this event! Once again, we will have a benefit for the food pantry for this event as well so check your cupboards or hit Aldi's to help Jerry Reetz and crew fill the cupboards in Berlin!

It is never to early to talk about spring with that just to let you all know we still have wood duck houses for sale. The crew does a great job in manufacturing these houses but will do no good unless we all help to purchase and set these great houses out for the ducks to use. If you have one or more already, make sure to take time to clean it out before the spring so you will be able to enjoy the shrill call of the wood ducks.

Once again, this year we will be calling to members to step up and dedicate sometime, as the board will be looking for a few good men or women to put their hat in the ring for the election coming up on March 9th. If you are interested in serving this great club contact Mark Belau or Ron Moedrow from the election committee. While we are on the subject of Membership meetings, I am a little disappointed in our

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attendance for our biannual meetings. I am sure you all have ideas on how to make the club better but without representation the ideas fall short and the board is left to guide as they see fit. Take time out and give your club a couple of hours twice a year to make sure your voice is heard. We truly have a great club but it can always be better so this year look in the mirror and reflect what we can do to keep our climb to being the best!

Registered target shoots and Big 50's is posted on the BCC calendar for 2020. For your information the BCC this past year was the fifth highest total of targets thrown in the State of Wisconsin. This total even included the WTA grounds so a big Thank You to all that helped this past year to achieve this goal as well as put on a remarkable zone shoot. 2020 should be an exciting year as well and we will be looking for more help as we go along.

Well as you can see the club does not rest very long so as it starts to stretch its legs for the start of the new decade, I want to thank all of you again for your dedication to the past decade and to what will come forward. I am sure this comment gets old but true This is your club and your voice and help are needed to keep the gem in Berlin shining. May you all have a great New Year and a prosperous 2020.

See you on the line,
Gary Witzke- President
gwitzke@outlook.com
920-204-1329

Renewing ads for Newsletter

It is beginning to be that time of year again. The renewal for ads for the newsletter is approaching. Due date for renewing your ad or placing a new ad is March 14, 2020. Invoices will be going out to current advertisers after the 1st of the year. The prices will remain the same as last year. If you are not a current advertiser, but would like to place an ad, the price for a business size card is \$75.00 for the year. The newsletter goes out bi-monthly and the ads are on the website and facebook year round. You do not have to be a business to advertise. If you would like to place an ad to support the club, such as the Smith Family supports the BCC, would be welcome.

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 2nd and 9th. League shooting will start on January 16th. You will be able to sign up your team starting January 2nd until the 3rd week of league on January 30th. 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 pair you up.

Election of Board of Directors

At the March Bi-Annual Membership meeting on March 9th, we will be having the election of new members to the Board of Directors and also to the BCC Foundation Board. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents by serving on either board, contact a current board member. There will be 4 openings on the BCC Board. There are 3 openings on the BCCF Board. The BCCF meeting starts at 6:00 PM and the BCC Board meeting follows up at 7:00 PM. Please come to support your club, share your ideas, and think about volunteering your time and talents.

Winter Indoor 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 8th, with actual league starting the following Wednesday, January 15th. If you don't have a whole team, come in on the 8th, and we will match you up with a team. What else do you have to do on a cold winter night, and its a good way to stay shooting straight.

BB Gun Instructors Needed

The BCC is looking for approximately 4-6 instructors to assist in running a BB gun program for our youth, to be held at the Club starting in late January/early February. Typically, this program is one night per week. (We are currently looking at Monday nights) for 5-6 weeks. If you are interested, please contact Amy Thoma at 920-229-5288 as soon as possible. This has been a great program in the past that begins to teach our youth about gun safety, starting with the BB gun. If we do not get enough instructors, we will have to discontinue this program.

2020 BCC Banquet

The banquet will be held on February 22, 2020 at the City Inn in Berlin. 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 37th 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

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.

2020 BANQUET REQUEST FORM FEBRUARY 22, 2020

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 37th Ave.

Omro WI 54963

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 1, 2020.** This money can be used on most raffles. Exceptions are 50/50, Walk-arounds, & 52 Card Pistol Raffle.

Early Bird Raffle

When you purchase your banquet ticket before February 1, 2020, you can also purchase for \$10.00 each, Early Bird Raffle Tickets. The prize will be (2)SAR USA B6 9mm Pistols. There will be 2 winners. NO sales for this raffle after Feb 1st.

Also when you purchase your dinner ticket before the Early Bird Deadline date of February 1, 2020, you will be entered into a drawing to win BCC Bucks. There will be 3 winners of \$150.00, \$100.00, & \$50.00 worth of BCC Bucks.

DONATIONS

We are also looking for banquet donations. These donations could be monetary, prints, homemade craft item, gift certificates, 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.

Wood Duck Houses

There are still wood duck houses available to purchase for the cost of \$10.00. Come down to the club when it is open to purchase yours or call Ken Keenlance at 920-361-0330 to order more.

Update on Skeet House Repair

The repairs on the skeet houses have been completed. The old rotten wood has been taken out and replaced. There is new siding and also new roofs. Doors have been added to the upper house so it will be easier for our Friday cleaning crew to stock it with targets. Also the existing steel doors were taken off, sanded, and repainted to match. A BIG thanks goes out to all those who pitched in to make this project possible.

Friday Cleaning Crew

Starting the first Friday in January, the cleaning crew will be back at keeping out club looking good. Come down for a cup of coffee and a doughnut and enjoy the camaraderie with other club members. They will put you to work on one of their many tasks. Be there by 7:00 AM, or if you like to rise earlier there are those who are already there by 6:00 AM. You don't have to commit to every Friday, but come when you can. All help is appreciated.

Central Wisconsin Youth Trap League (CWYTL)

CWYTL is just around the corner and set to begin with registration/practice on Saturday, February 29th. This is an 8 week league which is held on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until noon. CWYTL is open to any school aged youth, who have **successfully completed a hunter education class**, through grade 12. If you have any questions regarding this league, please contact CWYTL coordinator Amy Thoma at 920-229-5288. We are looking forward to seeing you!

A BIG THANK YOU

We want to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their help in 2019. We hope we can depend on you next year to pitch in and get others to join you also. Remember all volunteer hours go toward earning pheasants or shooting cards.

Hunter Education

The next hunter education course is scheduled to start on Wednesday, April 15th. Start watching for sign up on the DNR website the middle of February.

WI Bear Hunters Association (WBHA) Town Hall Meeting

The WBHA will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at the Berlin Conservation Club from 1:00 p.m. to 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 and WBHA Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization. For more information, please contact John Trochinski at 920-229-0365. Hope to see you there!

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

Tres. Dave Polzin 920-573-2760

V.Pres. Don Konen 920 -229-3619

Sec. Jerry Reetz 920-361-2845

Directors:

Kevin Rosenau 920-229-6028

Mark Belau 920-229-9729

Joe Gozinski 920-428-6445

Ron Moderow 920- 748-3862

Don Metzger 920-295-9838

Ken Basel 920-369-6066

Steve Klika 920-229-1001

Thursday Night Trap League Representative: Amy Thoma 920-229-5288

Grounds Keeper: Larry Theodozio 920-312-2341

Corey Splittgerger 920-290-3179

Pheasant Farm Caretaker: Mark Trampf 608-790-3343

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