



# BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

September/October 2020

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## Calendar of Events

- Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: Trap, Skeet, & 5-Stand Open Shooting 5-9
- Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: **Sporting Clays 100 Bird Event #4:** Open Shooting 9-12, No Skeet: Rifle & Pistol Ranges Closed
- Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: Trap, Skeet, & 5-Stand Open Shooting 5-9
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup>: **Rain Date of Sporting Clays Event #4;** Open Shooting 9-12. No skeet if Sporting Clays event is held this day. Rifle & Pistol Ranges closed if Sporting Clays Event is being held.
- Sept 14<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM; Volunteer Work Cards Due**
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: Trap, Skeet, & 5-Stand Open Shooting 5-9; **Last Day to make corrections, additions, etc to History Fence**
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon
- Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: Trap, Skeet, & 5-Stand Open Shooting 5-9
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: Hunter Ed Field Day
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>: Trap, Skeet, & 5-Stand Open Shooting 5-9
- Oct 4<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup>: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
- Oct 11<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon; **National Trap Shooting Day 9-2:30pm**
- Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: **Bi-Annual Membership Meeting; Berlin Conservation Club Foundation Mtg 6:00PM; Berlin Conservation Club Mtg 7:00PM**
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: **Pheasant Pick-Up Day 8-noon**
- Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon
- Oct 25<sup>th</sup>: Open Shooting 9-noon

**Don't forget to attend the Bi-Annual Meetings on Monday, Oct 12<sup>th</sup>. The BCCF meeting is held at 6:00pm and the BCC Board meeting begins at 7:00PM. Come and find out what is happening at Your Club and help make decisions as to its future.**

## President's Page

Hello all, well I must say this has been a trying year without a doubt. We started out with a good winter league in trap and archery only to have a national pandemic interrupt the whole program. While I hope this article finds you all safe and secure our world has changed in a matter of months. It is sad to see the division in our country, it appears the only solitude we have is within the confines of our great club. If not for a brief time try to forget all the negativity going on and enjoy the fellowship of our members. This too has been difficult as with social distancing and mask mandates but for the most part members have tried to somewhat comply. I as well as everyone else understands the divide this issue has had with all. Please respect the wishes of all as we hopefully turn the corner on this situation.

Enough of the doom and gloom, lets get into what has happen since the doors reopened at BCC! First of all, Summer trap lead by Liza Fritz with assistance of Kevin Rosenau took off in full swing unfortunately with a few teams sitting out hopefully this year only. The score tabulation was handled by Jill Beres and from what I have seen this group did a bang-up job in very short order. Make sure you thank them for their effort. While the CWYTL program was grounded this year as well as the KMTC the Target Terminators made a return to the field. While the issues at hand caused some kids to back off competing this year for very good reasons, we carried a group of 37 shooters. While we did not have many events, what we participated in made a good showing. The Wisconsin State Shoot went on as planned and many Terminators made some big statements in the events. Our AIM program saw our JR Gold Team take first as well as our Junior and Sub Junior Team while our other Junior team took runner up. As we headed down to Missouri for the AIM Nationals with a condensed team of 17 shooters, all had fun while some brought home hardware.

Shooting was not the only thing going on at the club as Rick Reyes once again took the reins with the 3D archery events and hosted 3 shoots which continue to grow in popularity. Thanks to Rick and the crew for the effort.

A couple of club changes I am sure you noticed are one, we have more seating space outside thanks to donations and, also the new black top around the buildings and spectator line. You will also know come later in the year that the lighting was realigned and bulbs changed for a brighter nighttime field. Thanks to Ron Moderow and crew for this.

Tuesday nights go on for another month so get your fix for 5 stand as well as skeet and practice trap. JD, Ron, Bart and Mark have done a great job with this so far this year. Also for the registered shooters two points of interest, you should have received your renewal for the 2021 season which starts Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Secondly October 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Registered National Trapshooting day event with 100 singles/100 doubles and 100 handicap. Watch for flyers soon!!

Well for very little time open there has been a lot to say! One item I would like to request is that at the clubhouse we have a donation jar for the Muscoda Sportsmans Club which was devastated by fire, please donate to this cause as we will try to help them rise out of the ashes. Look at your own clubhouse and picture if it happened to us, we must look out for our fellow sportsman. In closing I would like to Thank you all for the patience during this tough time and hopefully we are over the hill on this and get back to normal life. May you all continue to remain healthy and safe, and remember to volunteer as this is your club and it will be as great as those that help it succeed!

See You on the Line,  
Respectfully,  
Gary Witzke- President  
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### **National Championship-RJ Gropp**

Champion of Champions competition is held every year at the Grand American World Trapshooting Championship. This year it was held at Linn Creek, Missouri. The home of the Missouri Trapshooting Association. The Champion of every state and every Canadian Providence in each of the 9 divisions of trapshooting send their Champions to compete in the Champion of Champions Event. "R.J." Won the Wisconsin Sub-Junior (12-14 years of age) division with a perfect score of 100 at the Wisconsin State Trap Shoot (WTA) Home Ground in Rome, WI. To represent Wisconsin in the Champion of Champions at Linn Creek, Missouri. In the Champion of Champions competition first round of competition R.J. Shot a perfect 100 of 100 targets. However two other state champions, one from Utah, and one from New York, also shot perfect scores. In shoot off R.J. Shot a perfect 100 and each of his opponents shot 99's. winning him the title of National Champion of Champions Sub-junior division. R.J. Went on to shoot 2 more perfect rounds of 100 in the next event which was the ATA World Clay Target Championships, sponsored by Browning. Once again in shoot off with 3 other perfect 200 scores in his division, R.J. was deemed National Singles Champion Runner-up in the Sub-Junior Division with a shoot off score of 99.



## History Fence

The club has received many positive comments on the historical fence. However we are running out of room to place future plaques, so looking to the future, we are making a major adjustment. All current plaques will be removed and replaced starting at the BQQ Pit going East. In doing this, we are asking all members to PLEASE let Ken Keenlance (920-361-0330) know by September 15<sup>th</sup> if any corrections, additions, omissions, or anything that could be considered for updating the fence. This will be the **last** time we are able to make any changes to the correct plaque arrangement.

## Pheasant Farm

The pheasants look great. Pheasant pick up will be Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 8-noon. If you cannot pick up that day you must make arrangements with pheasant farm caretaker, Brian Krueger 920-229-4323, Tammy Krueger 920-896-5239 or Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or Bob Pribnow at 920-290-5035. If you have your own boxes please bring them as we are limited on boxes. If you use our boxes, they must be brought back the same day.

## Work Cards

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hour card indicating how many volunteer hours you put in at the club this year. Work Cards are due by Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>: Get the card signed by the person who was in charge of event you volunteered for and **be sure to specify if you want pheasants or shooting cards**. If you do not specify you will be given shooting cards. The box to put the cards in is behind the bar.

## Thursday Night Trap League

It was quite a year...another season of Summer Trap League has officially come to a close. We finished with the Steak Fry & Awards on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who participated this year and we look forward to seeing you back next year! A big "thank you" goes out to all those who helped make it all happen – Kevin (our squad hustler), our bartenders (Amy, Kara & Karissa) and our trap loaders (Peter & Blane).

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Top Gun–Male Jeff Tischaefter	Top Gun–Female Dawn Tischaefter
Top Gun–Veteran Don Makurat	Top Gun–Junior Male RJ Gropp
Top Gun–Junior Female Allison Trap	High Team–Men Sina Construction
High Team–Women TLC Ladies	
Class A 1 <sup>st</sup> Kiggins	Class A 2 <sup>nd</sup> Papa Murphy's
Class B 1 <sup>st</sup> Weezie's Town Pump	Class B 2 <sup>nd</sup> Red's Bar
Class C 1 <sup>st</sup> Ron's Shamrock	Class C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Altitude Roofing
Class D 1 <sup>st</sup> Blazer Audio Video	Class D 2 <sup>nd</sup> Minx Farms
Class E 1 <sup>st</sup> Holiday Food & Sport	Class E 2 <sup>nd</sup> Walkers Bar II
Class F 1 <sup>st</sup> Bohn's Bad Boys	Class F 2 <sup>nd</sup> Clem's Bar

## Bi-Annual Meetings

Mark your calendars for Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. That night is very important for all our members to come together to voice their opinions and recommend changes that need to be made at the club. There is not an election in October, but come and find out more of what the club is about. The Berlin Conservation Club Foundation meeting begins at 6:00 pm and the Board of Directors meeting begins at 7:00PM.

## Wood Duck Houses

Wood Duck houses are now available. 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 920-361-0330.

## Winter Trap and Archery Leagues

I know it is only the end of August/beginning of September, but it is time to start thinking about what you are doing on Wednesday and Thursday evenings come January. Wednesday nights are set aside for indoor archery league. It is open to men, women, and youth. The teams are composed of 3-5 members. Top 3 scores count.

Thursday nights will see winter trap league. It is a bit different than summer league. Teams are composed of 2 members. You do not have to shoot with your partner. You can also shoot practice rounds during league.

### **Hunter Ed Field Day**

The BCC will be hosting a Hunter's Ed Field Day on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM – 9:30PM.. A second one has been scheduled for Thursday, October 8th. Before attending the Field Day, you MUST successfully complete the online Hunter's Ed course. Information can be found here:

<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/Education/OutdoorSkills/onlineEd>. Sign up today as class size is limited and will fill up fast.

### **3-D Archery**

BCC's 3D Archery wrapped up its 2020 season with the most archers ever taking part in the final event. The steady increase in participation is exciting, and with big plans for improvement next year, we hope the trend will continue. With the ongoing cleanup of 'the woods' and the work done to control mosquitos, the course was really pleasant to shoot this year.

A group of young archers from the Berlin Swim Team perhaps indicate new interest in the sport, and it was fun to see them keep coming back to shoot. Youth like Caliber Hartzke, already a skilled archer, and youth new to the sport, like Jack Umbreit, prove the program has potential to grow. With more exposure for the events and continued enhancements to the course and program, we fully expect to see that happen!

Special thanks to Rick Reyes for spearheading the development of the program, and for all his many contributions of time and food. We also want to thank Steve Beres, Dave Polzin, Mike Nigl, Gene Thom, and also Rick Reyes for spreading wood chips on the archery course.

Congrats to all of the archers for a fine season. See you next year!

### **3-D Archery Shoot**



### **Youth Shooting**

The Wisconsin State Shoot went on as planned and many Terminators made some big statements in the events. Our AIM program saw our JR Gold Team take first as well as our Junior and Sub Junior Team while our other Junior team took runner up. As we headed down to Missouri for the AIM Nationals with a condensed team of 17 shooters, all had fun while some brought home hardware. Blair Tischaefter took class B champion in doubles, while Abby Rosenau took an 8<sup>th</sup> place in the ladies' handicap. Robert Gropp took home a AA first place in singles. While many of the shooters had personal best at the events we only hope to bring back more shooters next year. Finally on August 15<sup>th</sup> we had the SCTP Wisconsin

State Shoot in which the Terminators did great. Mason Bell and Robert Gropp tied as co-champions due to the covid 19 issues there were no shoot offs this year. The Intermediate advance team of: Robert Gropp, Peter Fritz, Dawson Niemuth, Lillian Longworth and Brady Nyhuis took 1<sup>st</sup>. New comer to the Terminators Garrett Konrad took 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Intermediate/Entry class, while Lillian Longworth took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the ladies Intermediate/Advance class. Mason Bell took high honors with his first 100 straight for the Senior/JV class, Robert Gropp with the mirrored 100 straight took first followed by Peter Fritz 99 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dawson Niemuth 4<sup>th</sup> with a 98. For those unaware both Robert Gropp and Trent Weiss who had placed in their classes during the state shoot made a return trip to Linn Creek Missouri to take part in the Champion of Champion event. Trent Weiss was in the Jr Gold division and had qualified prior with a 199 out of 200 at State. Robert Gropp in the Sub Jr Division ran a 100 straight to tie for the Champions event with two other contestants, to which the event carried over to the next days event in which Robert Gropp ran another 100 to take the event of Champion of Champion for Sub Jr. Not finished, Robert then proceeded to run an additional 100 to tie for the Browning Singles Championship. Robert ended the day with a runner up for the event. Another Terminator that stuck around after the AIM events was Lillian Longworth who during the AIM program ran 96 in handicap and did not place. However, she made it up with a first place in Lady one during the prelim week as well as a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in singles.

### 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:

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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**