



BERLIN CONSERVATION CLUB

September/October 2023

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Calendar of Events

Sept 3rd: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 5th: All Ranges close at 3:00PM; Open Shooting & 5-Stand 5-9PM
Sept 7th: **Summer Trap League Steak Fry, Awards Night, and Annual Meeting 5:00PM**
Sept 10th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 11th: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
Sept 12th: Open Shooting & 5-Stand 5:00PM
Sept 17th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 19th: Open Shooting and 5-Stand 5:00PM
Sept 21st: All Ranges close at 3:00PM
Sept 24th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Sept 25th & 26th: Hunter Education Class
Sept 26th: Open Shooting and 5-Stand 5:00PM
Sept 30th: All Ranges closed for Hunter Ed Day
Oct 1st: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 2nd: **Board of Directors Mtg 6:30PM**
Oct 3rd: All Shooting Ranges closed ALL Day
Oct 8th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 9th: **Berlin Conservation Club Foundation Membership Mtg 6:00PM; Berlin Conservation Club Membership Mtg 7:00M**
Oct 15th: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 22nd: Open Shooting 9-noon
Oct 29th: Open Shooting 9-noon

President's Page

Wow, in what seems like the blink of an eye our Thursday summer league was here and gone. Thank you to everyone that lent a hand in any way to make this season another huge success. I'd like to give a special shout out to Reid Crump, Gene Thom, Mark Hodge, George Stollfuss, and Eric Johnson. This is our trap machine maintenance crew; they do spring maintenance on all the machines as well as service and repair them during the course of the year. This group is a big reason our club is known for throwing great targets. Thank you, guys!!

Our Sporting Clays events are more popular than ever with our June, July, and August shoots breaking attendance records from the previous month! The August shoot had over 130 shooters hitting the woods. Great job by everyone that helps with these events.

While things are starting to wind down for the season Tuesday nights will be open for trap, skeet, and 5 stand through September. Sunday mornings will be open till mid-November, plenty of time to keep your shooting skills sharp. Also, if you have any work cards be sure to turn them in to receive your pheasants or shooting cards.

A number of new projects are on the horizon, so keep an eye out for more improvements that will be coming to our clubhouse and grounds.

In closing I'd like to wish all the hunters out there good luck and be safe, I'll be waiting to hear all your stories come spring.

Respectfully,
Don Konen, President

Pheasant Farm

A thank-you goes out to all the volunteers who showed up at the pheasant farm to put blinders on the birds. We were done with the task in under 2 hours. Birds will be distributed to volunteers for any hours put in at the club and club activities on Saturday, October 14th. Pick up will start at 7:00AM and go until Noon. If you absolutely cannot pick up your birds on Oct 14th from 7-noon, there will be very limited times other than that for pick-up. Contact Dave Polzin at 920-573-2760 or Brian Krueger at 920-229-4323 or Bob Pribnow at 920-290-5035. Call to make arrangements. Bring your own boxes if you have any because

there is a limited supply of boxes. If you use the BCC Boxes they must be returned ASAP as others will need to use them.

There will probably be extra birds left over that will be available for purchase if you would like additional birds. Prices have not been set yet.

Work Cards

If you volunteered any hours for the club in the past year, you must turn in a work card by September 24, 2023. Work cards must be filled out completely including how many hours you worked, and a signature from the board member who was in charged of the event or events you volunteered for. You **MUST** also check which you would like to receive- either pheasants or shooting cards. If you do not specify, you will receive shooting cards. The number you receive will depend on how many work hours are turned in and how many pheasants we have to hand out. Everyone **MUST** turn in their own card. **DO NOT** expect anyone to turn one in for you. Completed cards should be placed in the box behind the bar in the clubhouse.

Hunter Ed

The Berlin Conservation Club will be hosting a hunter education course. September 25th and 26th will be the in-classroom phase of the course. The range day will be on September 30th. You must go to the DNR website in order to register.

Membership Meetings

Bi-Annual Membership Meetings for the Berlin Conservation Club Foundation and the Berlin Conservation Club will be held on Monday, October 9th at the clubhouse. The BCCF meeting starts at 6:00PM and the BCC Meeting begins at 7:00PM. All current members of the BCC are encouraged to attend. Come and find out all the things your club does. Meet the Board Members. Voice your opinion as to what you would like to see done at the club.

Raffles

The 3 raffles that were being held at the clubhouse have almost come to an end. The winner of the SAVAGE AXIS 6.5 CREEDMORE was Dave Grenier. Winner of the BROWNING SATORI CXT TRAP GRADE WITH 12 & 20 GAUGE BARRELS. FULLY ADJUSTABLE. OVER/UNDER DONATED BY HOLIDAY FOOD & SPORT IN RIPON will be drawn on Thursday, September 7th during the Summer Trap League Meeting. You still have time to buy your tickets. \$20 Each. The 50/50 Progressive Raffle will also be drawn on Thursday, September 7th at the Summer Trap League meeting. That means you still have time to buy tickets for this raffle.

Winter Trap & Archery Leagues

Now is the time to start thinking about getting your teams together for Winter Trap League and Winter Archery League. The Winter Trap League will be starting up the first Thursday in January. Teams consist of 2 members. It is a 12-week league. You do not have to shoot with your team mate.

Winter Trap League will be starting on the first Wednesday in January. Teams can consist of anywhere from 3 to 5 members. The top 3 scores count for team standings. This is an indoor league. This is also a 12 week league.

Summer Trap League

By the time this newsletter goes to print, the actually shooting for the summer league will have ended. On Thursday, September 7th we will be having our year end steak fry. After the steak fry a meeting will be held to discuss the events of the league. We will also be electing the board members for the league. Awards will be given out at this time for teams that placed in Lewis class. Come and enjoy a delicious meal and voice your opinions. Thank you to everyone who participated in the league this summer. Special thanks to Liza Fritz for organizing and running the league. She did a great job. We also want to thank the bar tenders, trap fillers, cooks and servers of food and anyone else who helped with the summer league.

Sporting Clays

The last 3 sporting clays events increased in attendance. They set new records for attendance. We want to thank Joe Gozinski and his crew for a great job.

3-D Archery

The participation was increased in size with each shoot. Thanks to Ricky Reyes for setting up and running both the 3-D Archery shoots and also the Summer 3-D archery league.

Wood Ducks, Wren & Blue Bird Houses

Over the past few years, the BCC has been donated or provided much of the wood and materials for the construction of 995 duck houses. That is a lot, so given the volunteers and old timers who now are retiring and giving the responsibility of constructing the duck house to the younger BCC members a thank you With all that being said, the price of wood continues to go up in price. **Suggestion:** Get your wood duck houses now and replace your old houses before the price of wood goes up again. The cost of Wood Duck Houses is \$20.00 and the cost of Wren and Bluebird Houses is \$10.00.

2024 BCC Banquet

Start making plans now!!!! Our 34th Annual BCC Banquet will again be held at the Oshkosh Convention Center on March 23rd, 2024. Watch your mail for invites to be coming out. We are always looking for donations to be used on door prizes or our many raffles or also the silent auction. Reserve the date. There is also a hotel attached to the Convention Center, so if you are coming from a distance you could plan an overnight stay. Last year we gave away over 60 guns plus so many more raffle prizes. Everyone receives a door prize. The November/December Newsletter will contain an application to reserve your spot at the banquet.

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

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