



The East Berlin Fish and Game Newsletter

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President's Message

Members,

As we dive into 2023, I would ask that you try to find some time to participate with events or to come up with some money making events. Everyone is fully aware of the higher cost of doing business. We see this everyday in our lives. East Berlin Fish and Game is also experiencing this. Attend the membership meetings be more involved.

There will be a proposed dues increase open for discussion on March 16 during the membership meeting and a vote on April 17th. The last time dues increased was over 10 years ago. Come with open minds and listen to the presentation. The Recruitment and Retention Committee was formed on May 2022 to dive deep into our financial records and to also look into neighboring Associations for what they have to offer and what they charge to be a member. They met numerous times throughout the 2022 year and once in Jan 2023 when they finally agreed on a proposal. They even reached out to various businesses and numerous donations have been received thus far.

I want to personally Thank the committee for a job well done. There are many ways to find out what is going on with the association. Check us out on the members only group on Facebook or the redesigned website <http://www.ebfg.webs.com> or attend the meetings.

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American Legion

Jason Trimmer (EBF&G President) and Wanda McCoy (EBF&G Treasurer) accepted checks from Marc Firestone, American Legion Shiloh Post 791 Commander.

The Post and the Sons of the American Legion as well as Marc and his girlfriend Carrie all made donations toward our pond aerator/Kids Fish Day.

Thank you all. We appreciate the donations.

Check here for details: <https://ebfg.webs.com/what-s-happening>

Pond Upgrade

In December of 2022, membership approved the purchase of a new aeration system for the club pond. The current fountain/pump has been costly to operate, is at the end of its life cycle, and is working ineffectively at best. It only pumps water (no air), which provides quite limited oxygen in the immediate splash zone of the fountain.

The new diffused aeration system will pump air directly to the bottom of the pond through five pods, which provides oxygen through the entire water column depth and throughout the entire pond. This new system will greatly improve the health of the pond and improve conditions for the fish. The new system will be installed in the early spring of 2023 as weather permits.

For additional information of the new system, its capabilities and how the system will improve overall pond quality visit the vendor website: <https://aeclakes.com/fountainsaerators/diffusersystems/> or contact the Pond Committee chair: <https://ebfg.webs.com/standingcommittees>

Trout Stocking

March 29 and May 3 are the trout stocking dates for 2023. Please consider coming out and helping with the stocking operations. All that is needed is to show up at the club and carry a few buckets. If you enjoy taking fish from the pond, why not consider putting a few in the pond? The more help we have the faster the job gets done.

The stocking truck is scheduled for 9 AM but is usually a bit early. Actual starting time is generally 8:15-8:30. A typical stocking takes approximately 2 hours.

Please consider helping on one or both of these dates.

Community AID

East Berlin Fish and Game has partnered with the Community Aid organization - <https://communityaid.org/> Participation in the Community Aid program pays the Association \$0.06/lb. on donated items and also provides access to grant programs in the fall of each year.

A Community Aid collection bin will be placed at the Association this month. Beginning February 2023 you can bring your gently used, clean, unwanted clothing to the clubhouse and place those items in the Community Aid provided bin.

Appreciation Dinner

Annually East Berlin Fish and Game hosts a member's appreciation dinner for those who volunteer their time and resources throughout the year. It's these volunteers that make all the Association's events a success. This year the appreciation dinner was held on February 12. Good company, good food, and plenty of recounts of the years events provided a lot of laughs. Pictures here : <https://ebfg.webs.com/what-s-happening>

A special "Thank You" to the volunteer team (chaired by Karen Garber) that organized the event and to the East Berlin VFW Post 8896 for hosting.

Noteworthy Items

Updated club range rules were approved by the general membership at the February 16th meeting. **These new rules are now in effect.** Downloadable copies are located on the club website: <https://ebfg.webs.com/documents-reports-member>

The 2023 Spring Gun Show will be held the weekend of March 11, 2023. Mark your calendars. For show information or to volunteer to assist with the event, check the event flyer here: (<https://ebfg.webs.com/event-flyers>), contact Rick Coleman :717-259-9719 or leave a message on the club phone: 717-259-9474.

The 2023 Spring Gun Dinner will be held Saturday, April 15, 2023 (Tax Day). Again, mark your calendars. For event information or to volunteer to assist with the event, check the event flyer here: (<https://ebfg.webs.com/event-flyers>), contact Byron Bechtel 717-451-5763 or leave a message on the club phone: 717-259-9474.

Newsletter

Do you have any content for the Association newsletter? Anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Forward your content/comments to the Technology Committee, submission link is posted on the club website: <https://ebfg.webs.com/officersandcontacts>