



# The East Berlin Fish and Game Newsletter

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## President's Message

We have made great strides within our organization to bring you a more modern facility. We have more to achieve and with your help we will accomplish this goal. Wi-Fi has been established; grounds are starting to look amazing. We have various vacancies on committees currently so if you are interested in further helping out just let me know. There has been a lot of discussion of the new dues increase. Numerous reports of members claiming that they are not renewing. That truly is unfortunate to hear. We have a lot to offer and even more planned in the future. I would ask that you really rethink that decision. I value everyone's opinion as you are a vital member of the association. Folks we would love to keep dues as low as possible but in reality, we financially cannot properly function while trying to maintain the upkeep of our facility. Items like the HVAC system or the heaters in the archery building are end of life which is a sizable investment to replace.

A review of a few items that we have accomplished in the last year: Driveway bridge, buried the downspout to the rear of clubhouse, pond aeration system, Youth .22 shoot, streamlined our financial processes, 3D shoots are back, range improvements, grounds improvements, more US LawShield seminars, more NRA training classes, archery building backstops.

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## Ranges Clubhouse Side

Shooting Range Closures - Clubhouse Side Ranges

A "blocking chain" is now used for range closures. Any time the blocking chain is stretched around the shooting station, the range is closed! **DO NOT SHOOT! NEVER JUST TAKE THE CHAIN DOWN AND ASSUME THE RANGE IS SAFE!**

Individuals may be in the woods behind or next to the clubhouse and may not be visible from the shooting benches.

If the blocking chain is up, please take a few extra minutes to investigate who put the chain in place and why the chain is in place.

**ALWAYS - ALWAYS - ALWAYS - Safety First!**

## Archery Building

New targets have been installed in the archery building. They are easily identifiable.

**Please don't use screws in the new archery targets. Screws will damage the target material.**

Target pins on the way! If you plan to use a new target please use nails or pins while we wait on the arrival of the target pins.

The original targets are for sale - contact Bob Weaver - (717) 578-2931

## Block Shoots

The 2023-2024 Block Shoot Season is now underway - the first Sunday of every month beginning in October. Schedules are available at the shoots, at the club house and on the facebook page.

## Gun Dinner

Our 23 fall Gun Dinner was a success. The event now sports a new table layout with a more efficient approach to serving up Small Games of Chance. As always, the folks in the kitchen served up another over the top dinner.

The prize list for both the main prizes and door prizes have been updated and will be continually updated for future events.

22 guns, 20 door prizes, dinner and free beer for \$25 is one of the best buys in town!

## Upcoming Events

**Gun Show** - Don't forget our fall gun show coming up the weekend of October 14th/15th. Both buildings will be open with over 75 vendors in attendance.

**Membership Renewal** - October opens the membership renewal period. All membership forms are available on our facebook page. Membership renewal fee for 2024 is now \$60 per year.

**Website** - due to changes imposed on the Association, our website is currently down. The Technology Committee is using the down time to update and migrate our website to a new host.

## Kid's Fishing Derby

The Association sponsored Kids Fishing Derby is primarily funded by two themed raffles held in conjunction with our Gun Dinners. The Spring 24 raffle consists of three hunting guns: a .308 Bergara, a 12 ga. Girsan and a Henry .22LR.

The prize "package" consists of all three guns for one \$10 ticket. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

## Noteworthy Items

**WiFi** - WiFi is now available at the Association during Association meetings. If you would like to take advantage of this service, setup/configuration information will be available from Technology Committee members at meeting time. This service is available only during meetings

**Property Damage** - Recent storm damage to our property was limited to the light pole between the main building and the parking lot. Efforts are underway to replace the pole,, light and damaged wiring that resulted from the storm.

**Pond** - The new aeration system has produced dramatic results in the overall health and sustainability to our pond's fish population. Aquatic Resources, the firm that monitors the overall status of our pond, has reported the current conditions are very good. A "fish survey" will be conducted this fall to get information on the species and numbers that inhabit the pond. Look for survey results in the next newsletter edition.

**Clubhouse A/C** - The air conditioning unit in the main building is not in good condition. Three service calls have been placed in the past few weeks. Current expectations are a new unit will be required shortly.