



The East Berlin Fish and Game Newsletter

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ATTENTION MEMBERS: Association Bylaws and General Club Rules will be strictly enforced beginning January 1, 2024. No exceptions. Check your Bylaws booklet - focus on General Club Rules #9. Bylaws booklets are available at the club - pickup only, no mailings.

President's Message

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Appreciation Dinner

This year's Appreciation Dinner was held on February 25th, 2024. The venue was VFW Post 8896 in East Berlin. As always, the Post put on a delicious home cooked meal.

The event is an opportunity to socialize with fellow volunteers outside the normal intensity of an ongoing event. There were lots of laughs and good memories recounting the events of the past year. No to mention the chance to win a few door prizes.

As you know, our Association runs completely on the efforts of volunteers. If not for our volunteer force the Association would fold in relatively short order. If you volunteered for any event in 2023, your efforts are greatly appreciated. If you did not, please consider offering some of your time for your organization. Yes, we do work and work hard at not only the events but the planning stages as well.

Our events do support the organization, but the untold return is the opportunity to mingle with some friends and the opportunity to meet and make new friends. Try it some time, you may just be pleasantly surprised.

Archery

Our 3D Archery Shoot series is gearing up for another fun filled summer season. The 2024 season calendar is posted under the "Events" tab as well as a downloadable, printer ready, "refrigerator art" flyer containing all the dates and times of the shoots.

In preparation for this year's shoot series, Mr. Weaver is soliciting volunteer help for the spring 3D trial cleanup. On April 21st, at 8 AM (lasting two to three hours), volunteers will walk the trail removing obstacles, trash and unnecessary and unwanted shooting hazards. This is an annual event to prepare the trail and remove any slip, trip and fall hazards.

Additionally, prior to and after each shoot, help is needed to setup and tear down targets along the trail.

If you are able to provide any assistance for the spring cleanup (please bring chainsaw, trimmers, clippers, etc) or you can assist with setup and/or tear down for the shoot events, please contact Bob Weaver (717-578-2931/3debf@gmail.com) for more details.

Prior to each scheduled event setup starts Saturday at 8 AM and tear down starts on Sunday at 1230 PM.

Fund Raising

The Association is looking for club members to form a fund raising committee. Ideally the committee would, at a minimum, consist of have at least 5 members. The proposed committee structure would be one (1) chairperson and four (4) members or possibly two (2) co-chairs and three (3) committee members. The more the merrier, as they say.

This is an opportunity where your participation will benefit the Association and earn you a seat at the Appreciation Dinner. If interested call or text Randal Walton at 717 793-0352.

Upcoming Events

Gun Dinner - The spring gun dinner will be held April 13th. New prize list, new dinner menu and new this spring - firearm winners can take prizes home, background checks will be done at the event. Tickets are almost sold out. Doors open at 2 PM for small games, dinner service begins at 4 PM and the main raffle immediately follows dinner. At the event the winner of the Kid's Fishing Derby raffle will be drawn. For more information check the event flyer or contact Byron Bechtel at 717-451-5763.

Kids Fishing Derby - This year the Kid's Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday May 4th. Registration begins at 7 AM with the Derby commencing at 8 AM until 11 AM. Prizes will be awarded immediately after the event followed by lunch. The Association and event sponsors will provide prizes, lunch, snacks and drinks throughout the day. Bring your family and enjoy a fun filled day at our pond.

Youth Shoot - Our annual .22 youth shoot will be held on June 1st this year. General event information, registration packets, release forms, safety instructions, etc. are available from our website under the "Events" tab. If you plan to participate, please download and thoroughly read this information. **As with ALL EBFGA events - SAFETY FIRST.**

2024 Trout Stocking - This year, trout stocking dates set for our pond are April 3rd and May 1st. Delivery truck arrival is set for 9 AM but in most cases the truck arrives early. The stocking effort is relatively short usually ending around 11 AM. If you take trout from the pond, please consider helping put some trout in the pond.

3D shoots - The 2024 3D archery shoot schedule is out. April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28 and August 25 - mark your calendars.

Noteworthy Items

WiFi - Guest WiFi access is now available at club meetings. See the Technology Committee Chair for details.

Safety - Several smoke/CO2 detectors were acquired and will be installed in our buildings. The entire Association property is now under 24 hour surveillance. A local electrician has been contacted to assess our lighting conditions on the property - more to come.

Pond - Aquatic Resources has started our pond aeration system for the 2024 season. System start up went off without a hitch. AR reports our pond is healthy, water oxygen levels are the best they have been in years, water clarity is good the fish population is stable. We should have another good fishing year at the pond. Remember, a PA State fishing license is required and your **MEMBERSHIP BADGE MUST BE VISIBLE WHILE ON ASSOCIATION PROPERTY!**

Clubhouse A/C - With the looming possibility we may need to replace our HVAC system, a local HVAC contractor has agreed to assess our A/C unit and perform preventive maintenance twice yearly. This is an attempt at prolonging the life of our well used unit and deferring the replacement cost to a later date.