



The East Berlin Fish and Game Newsletter

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Gun Dinner Roundup The 2024 Spring Gun Dinner went off without a hitch. This sold out event featured a new drawing prize list provided by a local shop. Prize winners that attend our Gun Dinners can take prizes home from the event. Background checks are now performed on site for prize winners.

The 2024 Fall Gun Dinner tickets are now available. The fall event will be held on September 14, 2024. Doors open at 2PM with dinner service beginning at 4:30PM. Small games begin when the doors open with drinks and snacks available. The event concludes at 8PM.

There are a few changes that will be in effect for this fall's dinner. Handgun winners that are between the ages of 18 and 21 will receive a cash prize for compliance with applicable laws. Drawing chips and the big board are no longer used for dinner prize drawings. In accordance with PA SGOC regulations, stubs must be placed in a barrel and the winner drawn from the barrel. The change insures compliance with Commonwealth Gaming Law.

Gun-Outdoor Show East Berlin Fish And Game Association, L.L.C. is improving our premier event - the "Gun Show". Beginning at this year's fall event, what was previously known as the "The Gun Show" will now be the "EBFGA Outdoor Show". Our traditional two day show is expanding offerings to include hunting, fishing and outdoor supplies. The event will feature over 100 exhibitors tables with offerings ranging from shooting supplies to fishing tackle to archery equipment and apparatus.

This improved event will provide additional opportunities for outdoor items but will not replace the traditional Gun Show that everyone has come to enjoy. All the regular favorites will be available: new and old firearms, firearms parts and assemblies, shooter supplies, shooter accessories, reloading equipment, brass, bullets, powder, hard to find items, etc...

New offerings will include (but not be limited to) crossbows, recurves, arrows, bolts, archery targets, outdoor and sporting accessories, fishing supplies, lures and tackle, camping gear and outdoor equipment.

Plan a day to stop by and check out this new show.

Association Events Fishing Derby - Approximately 60 kids attended the event. Jason Anthony thanks all who helped with this year's event. Nancy Griesler will be in charge of the Kids Fish Day event for 2025.

Chicken Dinners - The Board has had several discussions over the possibility of hosting a "drive through" chicken dinner. This event will be a "carry out" only dinner, where dinners are provided to drive up customers. Volunteers will be needed for packaging dinners.

Block Shoots - The 2024-25 Block Shoot schedule has been published. Event details are available on our website and at the Association main building. You can also contact Gloria Gebhart - 717-586-7911.

Gun Dinner - Our next Gun Dinner is scheduled for Saturday September 14th. Tickets and dinner information is available from Bryan Bechtel - 717-451-5763.

The 2024 3D Shoot series is underway, contact Bob (3debf@gmail.com) for details.

Around The Association

Main Building - All the lighting in the main hall has been upgraded to LED panel lights. Four panels were installed with battery backups. These four units serve as emergency lighting during power outages eliminating the need for additional emergency lighting units.

AED - There is a possibility that the East Berlin VFW Post #8896 may donate an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) for the main hall. No additional details are available at this time.

BOD - Ms. Karen Garber has resigned her positions as Director and as Chairperson of the Association Board of Directors. As per Association policy, the Director position was filled by the next highest vote from the October 2023 election - Mr. Joe Shoemaker was appointed to and accepted the Director position appointment. Current Director Bryan Bechtel has assumed the Chair position until a replacement is elected.

A/C - The A/C unit in the mail building has been problematic over the last year. Our HVAC maintenance contractor (Ensor & Sowers) has recommended a twice a year preventative maintenance schedule with an eye on a plan to replace the unit sometime in the future. Current estimate to replace the A/C only side of our HVAC system is approximately \$10,000.

Archery - Estimates to replace the "bale" archery targets are underway.

Ranges - Josh Miller has assumed the Range Committee chair position.

Noteworthy Items

Trap Range - There has been some discussion about "for fun" weekend trap shoots. Contact Jason Anthony if you are interested in trap shooting. These will not be competitive/league type events.

ebfga.org - Our website is current with all news, events, rentals and general Association information. (Board Members, Contact Information, Committee Information, etc.). Consider the website an information resource.

Volunteer Opportunities - Currently the Association needs individuals to conduct new member orientation. The newsletter is looking for a new publisher. 3D shoot events require a large amount of event set up, tear down and range maintenance. Gun dinners require setup and cleanup efforts. The Outdoor Show will require setup, tear down and vendor load in/out assistance. Running an Association with these facilities and events has a heavy demand on resources. This is your Association, please consider donating some time to help keep this organization viable. Contact Jason Trimmer or any Board member if you can assist in any way with any of these efforts. There is a job for everyone who wants to help.

Membership - as of May 2024, current membership stands at 653 regular members, 164 senior members, 44 life members, 44 Jr. members and 11 military members - a total of 916 Association members.