



The East Berlin Fish and Game Newsletter

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Association Membership

REMINDER - please keep your membership information up to date. Any changes in your contact information should be reported to the Membership Secretary as soon as possible. Membership information is not just a tracking mechanism, your information is used for newsletter distribution, membership renewal, important contacts such as By-laws updates and so on. Keeping your information current helps insure prompt Association contact and reduced operating costs.

Membership renewals for 2025 are now closed. If you missed the renewal period, details on reinstatement are here: <https://ebfga.org/home/membership/>

Association Events

Tickets are now available for the 2025 Spring Gun Dinner and for the 2025 Kids Fishing Derby Day. All Association raffles are only 500 tickets and cash awards are not in the prize mix although some prizes do offer cash alternatives to the prize. You won't find better odds or prizes in any other raffles in the area. Consider supporting the Association and it's events with raffle participation.

Appreciation Dinner

Plans for the 2024 Association Appreciation Dinner are underway. There have been several proposed changes for this year's event, the most prevalent being the event will be held at our facility, catered by a local business. Once the details are finalized notification will be sent out to all who participated in 2024 events.

Appropriations

The Association Spring event lineup is just around the corner. The Spring Gun Dinner sports a new prize list (firearms) and a new dinner menu. Old favorites such as gun bowls and various other small games of chance will be available along with adult beverages, snacks, and sodas.

With over 1,000 combined members as an Association, need your help in selling tickets. Only if you buy one for yourself, every little bit helps, you don't need to even come to win. These events raise money for our club to insure we can maintain and keep a place for our members to enjoy. The last 4 years have been extremely hard on all of us, and the poor economy has pushed us, financially, against the wall. Sure, our dues money keeps the doors open and the lights on, but keeping our club viable and alive depends on all of us. No one else is going to step in and rescue us from failure. It's up to all of us, it's members, to keep it going. And by participating in our events. In any way possible, is the only way it's going to happen. So, please, see your way clear to at least help us sell a few tickets, even just one, will go a long way.

For all of our raffle, only 500 tickets are sold - total, the best odds anywhere in the area. Also, we have the Kids Fishing Derby gun raffle. A \$10.00 ticket which gets you a chance to win a nice 3 gun package prize and helps pay for the trout we stock for the kids. Again, only 500 of these tickets are sold and are drawn at the gun dinner. So, please help us to help you keep our club going.

Indoor Archery Ranges

Mr. Weaver has made arrangements with BIGshot Archery to purchase demonstration targets used at the Great American Outdoor Show. These demo targets will be installed in the archery building to complete the replacement of the old, worn out targets. Thank you Mr. Weaver for upgrading our archery facility.

Accounting

Under the direction of the Association President, this year the Financial Secretary has undertaken a large effort to construct an accounting process that not only automates account reporting to our accountant but also puts in place a general ledger to track all income and expenses for the calendar year. This new accounting process will support a structured budget for calendar 2025. Along with the soon to be proposed 2025 budget, new income and expense forms are being constructed to track values against the general ledger. The plan to implement the budget is early 2025 once the automated monthly/yearly reporting is in place. A big "Thank You" to our Financial Secretary Dana Chronister for all her hard work updating the accounting processes over this past year.

By-laws

With the implementation of an annual budget, the current Association committee structure needs to be reviewed and compliance recommendations will be required. The Board of Directors has recently voted to update the existing Association By-laws to incorporate the committee structure recommendations. Over the next few months a By-laws committee will be established, staffed and the update process will begin.

If you are interested in serving on the By-laws committee contact Jason Trimmer our Association President.

Noteworthy Items

Outdoor Show - Lots of interest for the Spring Outdoor Show. The Spring Show will be held as the tables sales are well underway. Plans to broaden the venue will bring offerings by a wider range of outdoor vendors. The 2025 Spring Outdoor Show will be held on March 8th and 9th.

Block Shoot - Shooter participation and SGoC sales have improved.

Rentals - Year round rentals are being proposed and rental schedule changes will be presented to the general membership as By-laws changes.

Website - A new security posture has been implemented which may cause response times to slow.

Newsletter - The Technology Committee needs someone to take over newsletter publishing. All that is required is an email address, and a few hours every quarter to author the newsletter. If you are interested in running newsletter operations contact the Association President.

Orientation - A volunteer is needed to run new member orientation at the general membership meetings - If you can assist contact the Association President.