



The Hoosier Sportsman

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The purpose for which Lake County Fish and Game Protective Assn. was formed is as follows: "To protect and encourage all measures designed to conserve fish, game, forest and all natural resources in the State of Indiana. And to foster, among its members, a spirit of true sportsmanship."

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COMING EVENTS

February 1 - Super Bowl Sunday

February 1 - Late Canada Goose Season Opens - NOT in Lake County*

February 4 - General Membership Meeting

February 10 - Lakes Committee Meeting

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 15 - Ice Fishing Outing @ The Club - Conditions Permitting!

February 15 - Late Canada Goose Season Closes *

February 17 - Board of Directors' Meeting

February 21 & 22 - Dunes Rifle & Pistol Club Gun & Knife Show @ Porter Co. Expo Center

* More information is available at www.in.gov/dnr/fiswild

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FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Frank Martin, of Calumet Marine in Cal. City, will be our guest speaker this month. He will be discussing the “care and feeding” of your boat and motor in order to have it ready for the spring season. Frank is a good, knowledgeable speaker. Come out! Maybe you’ll learn something!

LITTERBUGS ARE AMONG US!

We are seeing an increasing amount of litter on our grounds. Keep in mind we have no trash cans or garbage service. Take out what you bring in. Littering is a rules violation and we have zero tolerance for violators. If you’re caught...you’re out! Period.

We are very proud of what we have here at Lake County Fish & Game. We also work very hard to create a quality experience for our members. The least you could do is pick up your trash and take it with you.

BOAT RAFFLE

For our Sportsman's Raffle this year Lake County Fish and Game is offering a boat. The prize consists of:

14' Alumacraft Jon Boat w/ Karavan Trailer
50# Thrust Minn Kota Trolling Motor w/ 12 V Battery
Oars and Life Jackets

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

They are available now at any meeting/event or by calling John at (219) 730-9135 or Don at (219) 844-2758.



WILD GAME DINNER 2015

Tickets for the March 21st event are gone and a waiting list has been generated. Those with reserved tickets need to be aware that those tickets must be paid for by this month's meeting or they will go "back on the shelf".

We are "holding heavy" with donations of deer and waterfowl. We can still use donations of auction, raffle and tip board items. To that end, letters of introduction, for the purpose of soliciting donations from businesses you may patronize are available at the club. Also available are ad program forms for the dinner booklet.

George Petro will be in charge of the hors d'oeuvres table. If you have a particular dish you'd like to contribute please let George know so your contribution can be recognized in the program.

Also, if you are willing to help at the dinner Don Jones needs to know so he can get some info from you.

We will be smoking waterfowl March 7th beginning at 9 AM. If you have a smoker you'd like to lend call Don Jones. We'll be brining the meat Friday night and deboning and smoking Saturday. There is a little deboning to do so a knife and cutting board would come in handy. Plus the finished product will be diced, bagged and frozen.

Also, Mary Lou Dembowski is looking for some help filling a basket with homemade goodies. She's looking for non-perishable items such as, but not limited to, jams, jellies, preserves, fresh baked goods, wine/glasses(?), etc. If you wish to help Mary Lou fill her basket, call her at (219) 365-0951.

FISH ARE BEING WASTED

We are finding dead fish on the banks of our ponds and this practice is unacceptable. If you're not going to keep fish release them! No culling! We also found a 30"+ Grass Carp on the bank of one of our ponds. These fish are sterile herbivores and are there to help control aquatic vegetation. Don't kill, or take, these fish!

2015 MEMBERSHIPS

Your current membership expires March 31st. Renew before then to avoid having to pay to renew your gate card. Before Mar. 31st: \$40 After March 31st: \$65.
NOTE: We will be sending out a reminder mailing w/ memberships and boat raffle tickets at the end of February so you may take care of your membership then...either by mail or bring the renewal notice with you to any meeting/event before the end of March.

ICE FISHING OUTING

The Lakes Committee has announced plans for an ice fishing outing to be held February 15 from 6 AM to 2 PM. Plans include pancakes and fun. Come out and enjoy the day with other member ice fishing enthusiasts.

DUNES RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB GUN SHOW

LCF&G will have a booth at the Dunes Rifle and Pistol Club Gun and Knife Show. The show is scheduled for Feb. 21st and 22nd at the Porter County Expo Center in Valpo. Admission is \$6 and kids 12 & under are free with an adult.
The show runs 8 AM - 5 PM Saturday and 9 AM - 3 PM Sunday. If you can spare an hour, or two, to help man the booth, give Don Jones a call. He'd appreciate your help.

HUNTER'S ED

The next Hunter's Education Course being offered is at Cabela's in Hammond March 28th and 29th. The hours are 9 AM - 4 PM Saturday and 10 AM - 4 PM Sunday. You must attend both sessions and pass a written test in order to gain your certification. The course is free and open to the public.

Registration is required and limited. You may register online at: www.register-ed.com/events/view/56602.

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