



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

September 1 - Mourning Dove & Early Canada Goose Seasons Open *

September 2 - General Membership Meeting

September 5 - 1st Time Youth Dove Hunt

September 5 - Teal Season Opens *

September 7 - Labor Day

September 8 - Lakes Committee Meeting

September 10 - DU Big Lake Chapter's Waterfowler's Party - Limited # of 1/2 priced tickets available to members

September 15 - Board of Directors' Meeting

For more information visit www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild

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SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

At presstime no guest speaker had been arranged. If you have suggestions in this regard; president Don Jones would love to hear them.

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.

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!

TRASH AND URINATING ON GROUNDS

We have recently received complaints about trash left and guys urinating in public. Some are offended by the latter and both are rules violations. Use the washrooms in the clubhouse and take out what you bring in. We have zero tolerance for violators. If caught you could be brought up on charges and your membership revoked. Our grounds (including parking lot) are meant to be family oriented. Please respect that, or get out.

LCF&G's WEBSITE

For those of you who are new to LCF&G, there are some things you should know about our website.

For one there are downloadable forms for our members only yearly contests (Big Bird (Pheasant, Turkey & Goose), Big Fish and Whitetail (Big Deer and Most Impressive Rack)).

There are also helpful links to INDNR, ILDNR and an all state listing of DNRs.

The calendar will tell all that's currently going on in the way of contests, events and the like.

If you haven't already, visit www.lakecountyfishandgame.org to see what's new.

You can simply click on the banner at the top of this newsletter to go to our website.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS OPEN

September 1st sees the opening of a new waterfowl season in Indiana. Mourning Dove and Early Canada Goose seasons open on that date. September 5th Teal season will open. When hunting migratory birds (Dove, Rails, Woodcock, Moorhen, Ducks and Geese) you need to register with Harvest Information Program (HIP). You may do this one of two ways. Either online at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild or by calling 1-866-671-4499. In either case you must record your HIP number on your hunting license after registering. If you are exempt from needing a hunting license then you must register online.

Remember to take safety in the field/blind with you at all times!

PLEASE DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE

It has come to our attention that some members are feeding gulls at the club. This practice must stop. Gulls are not the most desirable of waterfowl and we don't want to have to make a special rule for this.

LAKE COUNTY FAIR TACKLE WINNER

The winner of the free tackle raffle (for kids, at our booth at the Lake County Fair) was Julia Basil (6) of Crown Point. She was happy, her brother was jealous. :)

The rod and reel combo, tackle box and tackle were donated by Cabela's, of Hammond, Westforth's Sports, in Gary, and Lake County Fish and Game. Thank you!

DU BIG LAKE CHAPTER PARTY

This year's DU Big Lake Chapter Waterfowler's Party will be held at the Wicker Park Pavilion on September 10, 2015. We have a limited number of half-priced tickets (\$20) available. Normally \$40 and DU membership is included. See Don Jones if interested.

PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY

Remember to park only in designated areas. Ruts in the grass, off the road, cause damage to our mowers.

YOUTH 1st TIMERS DOVE HUNT

Lake County Fish and Game is, again, hosting a dove hunt for first time youth dove hunters. The youthful hunters will be mentored by experienced dove hunters (one mentor for every two hunters). This year's hunt will take place September 5th at Jasper/Pulaski FWA. There is no cost, but each youth is expected to provide the following: a hunting license, a suitable firearm (shotgun), camo clothing, something to sit on (a bucket) and proper footwear.

Ammunition is provided by Lake County Fish and Game. When registering for this hunt you must tell us what gauge shotgun you will be using so the proper ammunition can be procured. Lake County Fish and Game can provide a limited number of shotguns for those youth who have no access to a shotgun of their own.

The program will start with lunch. Then it's off to the range for some safety instruction and practice, shooting some clay birds. Finally the hunt will take place with cleaning and cooking demonstrations to follow.

For more information, or to register, contact Don Jones at (219) 844-2758.

NIRPC SURVEY

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is developing an update to the 2007 Greenways and Blueways Plan as well as the 2010 Ped and Pedal Plan. The combined document is being called the Greenways+Blueways Plan 2020. They are soliciting your opinions concerning our environment, multi-use surface trails and water trails (or blueways).

Go to www.nirpc.org, click on the survey (which should take 10-15 minutes to complete) if interested.

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