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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

- October 1 - Wild Turkey Fall Archery Season Opens *
- October 1 - Whitetail Deer Fall Archery Season Opens
- October 7 - *General Membership Meeting*
- October 13 - *Lakes Committee Meeting*
- October 17 - *Youth Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club*
- October 17 & 18 - *Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend*
- October 20 - Board of Directors' Meeting
- October 21 - Fall Firearm Wild Turkey Season Opens
- October 24 - *Waterfowl Seasons Open North Zone*
- October 31 - Halloween

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OCTOBER 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.

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.

PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY

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

WATERFOWL HUNTING @ THE CLUB

October 17 is the date set for a youth waterfowl hunt on our grounds. The hunt will be overseen by experienced waterfowl hunters. The hunt is free to any youth members. The first six (6) youths, 17 and younger, who meet the requirements, will be allowed to register for the hunt. The requirements are: having passed a Hunter Ed Course and possess the proper state and federal licenses and stamps.

To register for the hunt contact Josh Skubisz at (219) 808-7132 and leave a message.

Also, at the October meeting a drawing will be held for members wanting an opportunity to hunt waterfowl on our property. Sign-up your party (a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members) at \$10 each. State and federal license requirements must be met. You will only be charged the \$10/man fee if your party is drawn for a hunt. Details appear below.



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LCF & G HUNT DRAWS RULES

To eliminate all the hassles with drawing, so many tickets and paying & not winning we are going with old school party draw. You have to know who you are hunting with your party, you only pay if your party wins a hunt. Just come in and fill out your card and get a ticket. (One ticket per card/party). The card will consist of two to 3 names, no more, that is your party that is who you are going to hunt with if your party wins a hunt. No duplicate name cards, which means your name appears on one card and one card only. If your ticket is pulled you then will pick a card with the date you wish to hunt and pay. \$10 per hunter on your card.

(All hunters in your party entering the draw must be current LCF & G members and only those will be able to hunt on your date NO ONE ELSE!!)

All this will start at 6:30 October 7, General meeting night. Hopefully by 7:30 we will start drawing the tickets and be done by 7:45.

Good luck HUNTERS!!



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HUNT RULES!

1. Please call the Thursday prior to your Saturday hunt if your entire party cannot make the hunt. This will allow enough time for an alternate. No switching of party members will be allowed.
2. All state and federal regulations apply. (Indiana Lic., stamps, HIP No., non-toxic shells, limits etc.).
3. The club, LCF & G, does not supply anything except the property. So bring your own decoys, seats, boat, shells and lunch etc..
4. Be at the property one hour before sun rise on the day of your parties hunt.
5. The hunts will begin at legal shooting time and end at 2:00 pm.
6. Only your party members shall hunt on your scheduled hunt day **no one elsel!**

HUNTING SEASONS

New hunting seasons are upon us! October 1st sees the opening of Fall Wild Turkey Archery and Archery for Whitetail Deer. Fall Firearm Season for Wild Turkey opens October 21st.

October 17th & 18th is the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend, and October 24th Waterfowl Seasons for the North Zone open.

Remember to "get HIP" if you're hunting migratory birds. Get your HIP # by calling 1-866-671-4499 or online at: www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild.

CATFISH DERBY

The Catfish Derby, held August 29th, was well attended and some nice fish caught. All the food was consumed and a good time was had by all. The winners of the various contests are listed here.

BIG FISH

1st Place (t) Alan Grigsby

John Denny

2nd Place (t) Paul Kurluk

Tracy Chamness

3rd Place Rodney Hall

BEST TWO

1st Place (t) John Denny

Alan Grigsby

2nd Place (t) Paul Kurluk

Tracy Chamness

3rd Place Rodney Hall

YOUTH DIVISION

BIG FISH

1st Place Joanna Cabreles

2nd Place Marshall Grigsby

3rd Place Christian Kruse

BEST TWO

1st Place Joanna Cabreles

2nd Place Marshall Grigsby

3rd Place Adam Shea

We have unclaimed prizes, that must be claimed by the November general membership meeting. Those prizes are for: JOANNA CABRELAS, PAUL KURLUK, RODNEY HALL & JOHN DENNY.

Thank you to all who participated and made this derby a success!

Josh Skubisz, chairman

36th ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER HEADS UP

The 36th Annual Edition of the Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for March 19, 2016 at the Halls of St. George in Schererville.

We are, and will be, in need of meat donations for that event, especially deer.

Please keep us in mind while you're afield this coming season. We'll need deer, waterfowl and any other game you can part with.

Tickets for the event will go on sale, as usual, at our December 2015 meeting on a first come/first served, cash and carry basis.

Thank you, in advance, for your help.

3 OPTIONS TO CHECK IN GAME FOR 2015-16

Hunters, this fall, can check their game online through the CheckIN Game System, at an on-site check station or by phone.

The online CheckIN Game System at checkINgame.dnr.IN.gov can be used with any internet-connected device. The website includes instructions on how to use the system. Users also can locate their customer ID and print temporary transportation tags.

The phone-in option (1-800-419-1326) carries a \$3 fee (Visa or MasterCard only).

Even at on-site check stations, station managers will enter information online through the CheckIN Game System. Stations will no longer use paper log books or issue metal tags.

A listing of on-site check stations is at dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/6271.htm.

You can also locate your customer ID and print your temporary deer transportation tag or temporary turkey transportation tag.

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