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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

November 1 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set Your Clocks BACK One Hour

November 1 - Pheasant, Quail & Rabbit Seasons Open

November 3 - Election Day

November 4 - General Membership Meeting

November 10 - Lakes Committee Meeting

November 11 - Veterans' Day - Fly your colors!

November 14 - Whitetail Deer Firearms Season Opens

November 17 - Board of Directors' Meeting

November 26 - Thanksgiving Day

November 27, 28 & 29 - Booth at Cabela's

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

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NOVEMBER 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.

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.

HUNTING SEASONS

November 1 sees the opening of a new Pheasant, Quail and Rabbit season. Also Deer Firearms Season opens November 14. Keep us in mind for the wild game dinner!

Remember to take safety afield with you at all times, especially if you'll be using a tree stand.

36th ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER

Tickets for the 36th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner will go on sale at our December meeting (December 2) on a cash and carry basis. Tickets are \$40 each, or a table of 10 for \$400. Ticket Chairman, John Dembowski, will be glad to help you.

The dinner will be held March 19, 2016 at the Halls of St. George in Schererville.

We are always looking for donations to help make this event a success. We are especially in need of game donations. If you have deer meat you can part with we can certainly make good use of it. In addition, pheasant, quail, waterfowl, fish, and any other game you can come up with, will help make our hors d'oeuvres table the hit that it has become.

Donations of auction, raffle, door prize and tip board items are also welcomed. And new this year we will, again, be allowed to tip/raffle bottles of booze. Any items you can secure for our use will be welcomed and appreciated. Letters of introduction for the purpose of soliciting donations from the businesses you patronize will be available for your use. Forms for the Ad Program in our dinner booklet will be available as well.

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 checkin.game.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.

CLUB ELECTIONS FOR 2016

Elections for calendar year 2016 officers and board of directors will take place at our December meeting (December 2). Gary Piskula and George Petro are this year's Election Committee. They would be happy to place your name on the ballot for the position of your choosing. Contact them to place your name in the running. And, as always, nominations will be taken from the floor prior to the balloting. We're always looking for some "new blood" so if you feel "froggy" just leap!

TRASH AND TOO MANY FISH TAKEN

We're still experiencing trash left on the grounds. There are no trash containers on our property. Take out what you bring in. Also, it has been reported some individuals taking too many fish (over posted daily limits) or taking fish that should not be taken (especially crappie). These practices will not be tolerated. If you can't abide by our rules then we don't want you on our property. We have a zero tolerance for rules violations so if you're caught, your membership will be terminated and access to our grounds disallowed.

BOOTH AT CABELA'S

LCF&G will have our booth set up at Cabela's, in Hammond, over the Thanksgiving Day weekend (Fri., Sat. & Sun.). If you can help man the booth for a couple hours Don Jones would welcome the help. We'll be selling tickets for our gun raffle. We're raffling a 450 Bushmaster rifle w/ scope, case & magazine. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They're available now at any meeting/event or by calling Don Jones at (219) 844-2758.

LCF&G SCHOLARSHIP FUND

LCF&G is excited to announce our 1st ever Scholarship Fund. Look here and/or our website for more information in the coming months.

LCF&G GUN RAFFLE

LCF&G will, for 2016, raffle a 450 Bushmaster Rifle with scope, case and magazine.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. They're available now at any meeting or event. You may also call Don Jones at (219) 844-2758 to secure yours.

The drawing will held March 19, 2016 at our 36th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner.



GROUNDS CLOSED FOR HUNTING

For safety's sake, LCF&G grounds will be closed to all other activities on Nov. 7, 8, 28 & 29 to allow for hunting.

NEW KEYCARD SYSTEM

Our new keycard system is up and running! Your keycard works as it always did. For those of you who have a little black "button" or keychain fob and would rather have a card the new cards are now ready to issue. That means if you have a button or fob and would rather have a card I can exchange them now. Exchange not in addition to.

Again, for those of you who recently joined our organization and have a button or keychain fob for access to our grounds and would rather have a card I can now exchange them. See Ray Cooper at any meeting.

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