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COMING EVENTS

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 6 - General Membership Meeting

January 12 - Lakes Committee Meeting

January 19 - Board of Directors' Meeting

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JANUARY 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.

36th ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER

Tickets for the 36th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner went on sale at December's meeting. There are very few left. You may reserve tickets by calling Ticket Chairman, John Dembowski. Tickets are \$40 each, or a table of 10 for \$400. Reserved tickets **MUST BE** paid for by the February 2016 meeting or they will go "back on the shelf". A waiting list will be generated and any unsold tickets will go the first people on that list.

The dinner will be held March 19, 2016 at the Halls of St. George in Schererville. (905 E. Joliet St.)

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 are available for your use. Forms for the Ad Program in our dinner booklet are available as well. Both can be found at the club.

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.

CLUB ELECTIONS FOR 2016

Election of officers, and board, took place at last month's meeting. The results of that election can be found above.

Welcome to new board members, Fred Baginski, Joey Anderson, Dan MacKinnon and Jack Rogers. I know you'll join me in wishing them well as they assume their duties for calendar year 2016.

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 January 9, 10, 23 & 24 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.

CRAPPIE ADDED TO DAILY LIMITS

The Lakes Committee recommended, and the Board of Directors passed, a resolution to add Crappie to the daily limits allowed to be taken. This is in addition to the 20 panfish already allowed. Crappie must be taken from the back lake only, and be a minimum size of 8".

And we're still receiving complaints from members about trash being left behind. If you bring it in...take it out!!

BIG FISH/BIRD & WHITETAIL CONTESTS

Big Fish, Big Bird (Canada Goose, Pheasant, & Turkey) contests for 2015 will come to a close December 31, 2105. Contest entries must be turned in by the January 2016 meeting. Go to our website: www.lakecountyfishandgame.org to download, and print, an entry form. Follow the instructions for submitting an entry (clear photograph of hunter/angler and harvest/catch). Fill out the required information and bring your entry to the January meeting or mail to: LCF&G Contests, 2000 E. Main St., Griffith, IN 46319.

2016 MEMBERSHIPS

2015 memberships will expire on March 31, 2016. Remember to renew your membership before then in order to avoid having to pay to renew your gate card. \$40 before March 31, 2016 or \$65 after. We do allow a grace period until the April 2016 meeting (April 6, 2016) so if you don't get your membership in the mail you can still renew, without penalty, by bringing your renewal to the April meeting and renewing in person.

You may also renew online, at our website, but be aware there is a \$2 surcharge for the convenience.

LCF&G SCHOLARSHIP FUND AVAILABLE

The Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship Fund is now available. Applicants may apply at: www.legacyfdn.org.

Click on "scholarships" then, "Scholarships for Seniors".

Follow the instructions for applying.

A link to the Legacy Foundation's website will also be put on our website.

LCF&G BOOTH

LCF&G will have our booth set up at 2 shows in Feb. The Tinley Park Fishing & Outdoor Show on Feb. 13 & 14 and The Valparaiso Knife & Gun Show Feb. 20 & 21. If you can spare some time to help man the booth any of these dates please contact John Hansen at (219) 895-9272. He'd like to have enough help so nobody has to work any more than 4 hours any day.

We'll also be at Cabela's for Captain's Weekend Feb. 27 & 28.

POND #1 CLOSED TO FISHING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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