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COMING EVENTS

- March 2 - General Membership Meeting
- March 6 - Waterfowl Smoking Party @ the club
- March 8 - Lakes Committee Meeting
- March 13 - Daylight Saving's Time Begins - Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!
- March 15 - Board of Directors' Meeting
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 19 - 36th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner
- March 27 - Easter Sunday

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MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Tim Ferguson will be our guest speaker this month. Tim is a member of LCF&G and a certified bow hunting instructor for District 10. He is also a Hunter Education Safety Instructor. Tim will be discussing the various programs with which he is involved .

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. The dinner is sold out. A waiting list has been 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. George Petro is in charge of the hors d'oeuvres table. Contact him if you have something to contribute. He needs to know what you're bringing and what you will need to keep it warm (nothing, sterno, electric, etc.).

Donations of auction, raffle, door prize and tip board items are also welcomed. And we will, again, be allowed to tip/raffle bottles of booze. 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. The deadline for ads, and donations being recognized in our game dinner booklet is March 2. So bring your donations and/or completed ad forms to this month's meeting.

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.

LCF&G GUN RAFFLE

LCF&G will, for 2016, raffle a 450 Bushmaster Rifle with scope, case and magazine. This rifle is legal for deer hunting in Indiana.

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.



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!!

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 keycard. \$40 by March 31, 2016 or \$65 after. We do allow a grace period until the April 2016 meeting (April 6) so if you don't get your membership in the mail you can still renew, without penalty, by bringing your dues to the April meeting and renewing in person. Also, look for a reminder mailing if not renewed by March 2.

You may also renew online, at our website using your credit card, 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. A link to the Legacy Foundation's homepage is on our website. On our website under "HELPFUL LINKS" click on "LCF & G SCHOLARSHIP FUND" to go to The Legacy Foundation's home page. Hover over "Receive SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS". A drop down menu will appear. Click on "Scholarships". Under "Scholarships" click on "For Graduating Seniors". You'll be taken to a list of available scholarships. Click on "Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship" and follow the instructions for applying.

"LIKE" US ON FACEBOOK

Lake County Fish and Game now has our own Facebook page. search "Lake County Fish and Game" on Facebook and like our page. You can check out current goings on and post your "bragging photos". All posts are subject to approval of the administrators of the page.

Thanks to Tim Stevenson for putting this together.

It's also a place where you can find "After only a couple days of approved ice for icefishing we are already finding garbage and cigarette butts left on the ice. We as a private club take pride in having clean grounds. Please help us keep our grounds clean. This is unacceptable as members to Lake County fishing game thank you.



Lakes committee

WHAT PART OF "TAKE OUT WHAT YOU BRING IN" DON'T YOU PEOPLE UNDERSTAND?!

SMOKING PARTY

We will be smoking waterfowl, for the Wild Game Dinner, on Sunday, March 6. Beginning at about 9:00 AM. While the meat is smoking we'll be stuffing envelopes for the reminder mailing to those members who have not renewed their membership. After the meat is smoked we'll be boning, dicing and bagging it for use later. If you can help we'd appreciate it.

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