



# The Hoosier Sportsman

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## COMING EVENTS

September 1 - Dove Season Opens

**September 3 - Teal and Canada Goose Seasons Open**

September 5 - Labor Day

September 7 - General Membership Meeting

September 10 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection - Lake County Highway Dept. in Lowell\*

September 13 - Lakes Committee Meeting

September 20 - Board of Directors' Meeting

More information may be found at [www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste.htm](http://www.lcswmd.com/householdhazardouswaste.htm) More information may be found at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild)

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## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Jillian Stasiak, of Cabela's Hammond, will be our guest speaker this month. With the upcoming hunting seasons upon us she'll be discussing coming events and the latest and greatest of equipment and sales.

## 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](http://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.

## PROPERTY RULE #4 HAS CHANGED

Property rule #4, pertaining to littering, has been amended to include feeding of wildlife on our property. It seems some people don't get it when it comes to feeding wildlife. It attracts gulls, which, in turn, will attract cormorants. Both of which are unwanted water birds. The new rule reads like this (the new portion is in bold type):

4) There are no garbage cans. We have neither a groundskeeper, nor garbage service. Take out what you bring in! Field strip cigarette butts and put the filters in your pocket. Keep our grounds litter free! **This is expanded to include no feeding of wildlife. No food products (bread, seeds etc.) are to be scattered on the ground.**

## PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY

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

## "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?!

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING

The Lake County Solid Waste Management District has a number of Household Hazardous Waste disposal sites, and dates, planned throughout the county for Lake County residents. This month it is the Lake County Highway Department at Rt. 2 & 41 in Lowell on September 10 from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Other sites include:

All hours are 9 AM - 2 PM

October 15 - Griffith Public Works

Go to [www.lcswmd.com](http://www.lcswmd.com) for more information on what is accepted and from whom. Also available is electronics recycling and leaf/yard waste collection sites information.

## **THE FLOOR DRAIN IN THE BOARDROOM HAS BEEN PLUGGED. DON'T POUR ANYTHING IN IT!**

## **DU BIG LAKE CHAPTER ANNUAL WATERFOWL HUNTERS' PARTY**

September 15th at Wicker Park. Tickets are \$40 each and available online @ [www.ducks.org/indiana/events](http://www.ducks.org/indiana/events).

## **BACK LAKE GATE UPDATE**

We have, in the past, experienced an intermittent problem with the back gate. That is the circuit breaker for the control box trips leaving the gate inoperable. This usually happens mid travel. So you can walk out, or in, but likely won't have enough room to drive through. To remedy this problem we had to lift the cover off the gate operator (heavy) to reset the breaker which pops up. We tried changing the circuit breaker to a heavier value. That hasn't cured the problem. We have now moved that circuit breaker to the floor of the operator so it can be reset without having to lift the cover off the operator. The circuit breaker is located in the left/front corner of the cabinet facing down (out). If the gate suddenly stops mid-travel you can now feel under the cabinet and find a little button sticking out. Push that button up (in) and gate will resume operation. There is absolutely no danger in resetting this breaker. **HOWEVER** the gate will move once the breaker is reset so if someone is with you make certain they're clear of the gate and its mechanism before resetting the breaker.

Also, all the card readers are equipped with a reset button on the underneath side of box on which they're mounted. Sometimes (not often) the reader will go "brain dead" and do nothing when a valid card is introduced. To remedy this just reach underneath and press the button in. This will interrupt power to the reader and reset it. The button is a momentary switch meaning you only need to press and release it for it to work.

## **NEW HUNTING SEASONS**

New hunting seasons are upon us! Dove season opens September 1st. Teal and Canada Goose seasons open September 3rd. There are changes to the waterfowl seasons this year. There is no "early" or "late" season. The seasons open in September and go into February. There is a break in there so check the dates at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild).

Remember you must have a HIP (Harvest Information Program) # to hunt migratory birds. Obtain your HIP # online at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild) or by calling 1-866-671-4499.

## **WATERFOWL HUNTING @ LCF&G**

Plans are in the works for a waterfowl hunt again on our property. Permission to hunt will be granted on a lottery basis. Drawing for hunt dates will take place at our October meeting. Registration for the draw will start at 6:30 PM with the drawing to take place at 7:30 PM. The cost to enter the drawing will be \$20 per man with a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 3 members per party. ALL HUNTERS/OBSERVERS MUST BE MEMBERS OF LAKE COUNTY FISH AND GAME.

All federal and state rules and laws apply. All stamps and licenses and HIP #s must be in the hunters' possession. Also, it is the responsibility of the hunters to know what seasons are open when. Check the dates at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild).

No gear will be provided by LCF&G. Any decoys, boats, etc. used must be provided by the hunters. Dates TBA.

## **LCF&G GUN RAFFLE**

Lake County Fish and Game will, again, have a pre-event raffle in conjunction with our Wild Game Dinner. This time around it's a 3 gun raffle. Just look at these prizes!

1st Prize:

Benelli Super Black Eagle II, 12 ga. semiautomatic shotgun.  
Chambered for 3.5" Realtree Max-5 camo finish, Comfort Tech.



2nd Prize:

Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm Pistol.  
Ported barrel with HI-VIZ fiber optic sights.



3rd Prize:

Savage Arms .17 Cal HMR Bolt Action Rifle with Scope



Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. Drawing to held March 18, 2017. Winner need not be present.

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