



The Hoosier Sportsman

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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

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 4 - General Membership Meeting

January 10 - Lakes Committee Meeting

January 17 - Board of Directors' Meeting

January 28 & 29 - Gun Show @ The Lake County Fairgrounds

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JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Robert Suseland, from Pheasants Forever will be our guest speaker this month. Mr. Suseland is the regional biologist for Northern Indiana. He will be discussing prairie habitat for healthy bird populations and the USA farm bill update on existing programs.

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.

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?!

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

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! Deer Muzzleloader season opens Dec. 3rd., Crow opens Dec. 13th and a special antlerless deer season opens Dec. 26th.

Go to www.IN.GOV/DNR/FISHWILD for more info.

And while you're afield this coming season. Please keep us in mind. We'll need donations of fish and game for next year's Wild Game Dinner.

WATERFOWL HUNTING @ LCF&G

Waterfowl hunts this month are scheduled for Dec. 3rd, Dec. 17th and Dec. 31st. For safety's sake the grounds will be closed to all other activities these three days.

These hunts are awarded on a lottery basis to those who applied to hunt our property. They are NOT open to anyone. Each year waterfowl hunting privileges are granted to members who register for a lottery and are actually picked in the drawing.

All hunts are on Saturday and are all-day (1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset) affairs. The grounds will close late Friday night. Grounds will reopen after sunset Saturday. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated.

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.

2016-17 WATERFOWL HUNT RULES @ LCF&G

2016 WATERFOWL HUNTS @ LCFG

2016-2017 Lake County Fish and Game Waterfowl Draw

Drawing will be September 7th, 2016 @ 630 pm

Registration will be 6pm the same day

\$20 per draw. Cash only!

A hunter may only register once. Hunting parties can be up to 3 active members. A party must have at least 2 hunters or observers to hunt on any desired day. Parties do not have to be decided on until the day of the hunt. **ALL HUNTERS or OBSERVERS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS AND SIGNED IN PRIOR TO HUNTING!!!!!!**

Only one party will be drawn to each hunt.

Money will be given back if you do not draw/pick a hunt. If you pick a hunt your money will be kept.

If for any reason you can not make your hunt, an alternate party will be contacted. Please contact a member of the hunting committee as soon as possible in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

2 alternates will be picked after all dates have been taken. Their money will be held until a hunt becomes available. If they participate in a hunt their money will be kept. Money will be returned if they do not participate in a hunt.

Before every hunt a sign in sheet will be provided for all participants (up to 3 hunters) must be signed and placed in the drop box inside the clubhouse's public side of the building that is accessible with every key card.

After every hunt a harvest log will be filled out and put in the same drop box.

RULES FOR WATERFOWL HUNTS

1. All State and Federal Regulations apply. Please keep in mind that all hunts are not combination duck and goose hunts. Please make sure that you know what season you are currently in when you are out hunting. All Stamps and HIP number are required by law.
2. Club does not supply anything. You will be responsible for everything you need for your hunt. All Club property rules apply!
3. All hunters participating must be at clubhouse by a half an hour before sunrise to put up provided signs at the front and back gate to close property for the period of the hunt.
4. All hunters will also be responsible for taking down the signs after every hunt.
5. Hunting is restricted to the back lake of the property only. Any crippled or downed waterfowl may be retrieved from anywhere on LCFG property.
6. Hunts on Saturday will begin at legal shooting time and end at sunset.
7. **ALL TRASH MUST BE PICKED UP. ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS ISSUE.** This means that all hulls, wads, cigarette butts, wrappers, etc, must be picked up. Please leave cleaner than when you got there.

FOUR OPTIONS TO CHECK IN GAME

Hunters this fall can check their game online through the CheckIN Game system, in the new Fish and Wildlife Online Services application, at an on-site check station or by phone.

The online CheckIN Game system and the Fish and Wildlife online Services at www.inhuntfish.com can be used with any internet connected device. For the online services application, you will need to sign up for an account. All information, such as licenses held, game checked and other purchases will be stored for future use. Both of these options are free.

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.

Go to the DNR's website (www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild) for more information and to find a listing of on-site check stations.

NEW \$5 SURCHARGE FOR MAILING

New for next year we are asking our members, on the mailing list, to help with the postage by instituting a \$5 surcharge for mailing a hard copy of The Hoosier Sportsman.

You may opt out of the mailing list by 1) providing an email address or 2) viewing the current (and former) newsletters online at our website www.lakecountyfishandgame.org. or 3) picking up a copy at the club either at any meeting or whenever on the public side of the clubhouse. Copies will be made available while they last.

The mailing list is getting kind of out of hand. We don't want to take away the option of having a hard copy mailed. We simply want our members who would like a hard copy mailed to help defray the cost of postage. The simplest way to get out the newsletter is by email and we recognize that not everyone uses email or even a computer. That might sound strange in today's world, but some of us are dinosaurs in the cyber world.

To provide an email address you may email me at cooper10262@comcast.net or call me at (219) 663-3209. You may also provide the required information when renewing your membership for next year. Your current membership expires March 31, 2017. The gist of this program is if you want to remain on the mailing list your dues next year will be \$45 if not the standard \$40 will apply.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

WILD GAME DINNER 2017

DATE: March 18, 2017

PLACE: The Halls of St. George in Schererville

COST: \$45 each or a table of 10 for \$450

Tickets for this year's dinner are sold out (they went QUICK!) and a waiting list has been generated. There may be some tickets come available after February 1. You should contact Ticket Chairman John Dembowski to put your name on that list and to check the status of any returned tickets.

And while you're afield this season. Please keep us in mind. We'll need donations of fish and game for next year's Wild Game Dinner. We also need auction, tip board and raffle items. Letters of introduction, for the purpose of soliciting donations from the businesses you patronize, will be available at this month's meeting. Forms for placing an ad in our program book will also be available.

CLUB ELECTIONS

Club elections were held at last month's meeting for calendar year 2017. Welcome our new board members Allen Grigsby and Mike Davich. Also we want to wish Don Shurlow and Ryan Thomas well. Both are departing the board for personal reasons. They both have been an asset to this organization and their contributions will be missed. Our best to you guys.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for next year's scholarship fund will be available on The Legacy Foundation's website beginning in December. The Legacy Foundation oversees the application process and the awarding of any scholarships. Go to www.legacyfdn.org. Click on "Receive Scholarships and Grants". Then, on the left, click on "For Graduating Seniors". Scroll down to "Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship".

There is \$2,000.00 in the fund. Up to four \$500 scholarships are available for successful applicants. Applicants must be members or children or grandchildren of current members.

PONDS #2 & #3 CLOSED

The Lakes Committee has closed ponds #2 and #3 until further notice. They have stocked both ponds with trout in preparation for an ice fishing derby. The Lakes Committee has final say as to when the ice is safe enough to fish. Watch here and/or our facebook page for any announcements concerning ice fishing.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

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