



# 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

February 1 - General Membership Meeting

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 4 - Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - Grounds are closed to all other activities this day

February 5 - Super Bowl Sunday

February 7 - Lakes Committee Meeting

February 11 - Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - Grounds are closed to all other activities this day

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 18 & 19 - Gun Show @ Porter County Expo Center

February 21 - Presidents' Day

February 21 - Board of Directors' Meeting

February 26 - Daytona 500

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## FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Barney Johnson, of Bluestem Acres, will be our guest speaker for this month. Mr. Johnson will be discussing food plot construction and wildlife plantings.

## 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.

## **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.

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

Waterfowl hunts this month are scheduled for Feb. 4th and Feb. 11th. For safety's sake the grounds will be closed to all other activities these days.

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.

## **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

This does not apply to Life Members as they are exempt from paying dues.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

## **WILD GAME DINNER 2017**

Tickets for this year's dinner are sold out and a waiting list has been generated. The date for this year's dinner is March 18, 2017. Any reserved tickets need to be paid for by February's meeting (Feb. 1) or they will "go back on the shelf" and distributed to those on the waiting list.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you're planning to bring a dish for the hors d'oeuvres table please let George Petro know what it is and how much you have. We are using chafing dishes (no electric) to keep warm hors d'oeuvres warm so he needs to know how large a chafing dish will be needed. We also have an excess of venison and waterfowl. If you can make a dish with either for the hors d'oeuvres table contact Don Jones. And we have no smoked fish yet for the hors d'oeuvres table.**

We need auction, tip board and raffle items, too. We especially like bottles of booze. While we're at it; letters of introduction, for the purpose soliciting businesses you patronize for a donation to our dinner, are available at the club. Also available are forms for placing an ad in our program book. **The ABSOLUTE DEADLINE** for ads and donations to make it in the book is the March meeting, March 1, 2017.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Applications for this year's scholarship fund are available on The Legacy Foundation's website. Go to [www.legacyfdn.org](http://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". Follow the instructions for submitting an application. Good luck! There is \$2,000 available to be divided equally among a maximum of 4 successful applicants. Successful applicants will be members or children or grandchildren of current members.

## 2017 LCF&G MEMBERSHIPS

Just a reminder. Your 2016 membership will expire the same day as your hunting and fishing license does...March 31, 2017. We allow an unofficial grace period of up until the April meeting (April 5th) for those who let the month of March get past them. Be sure to renew your membership before it expires in order to avoid having to pay a penalty of \$25 to renew your gate card. We will be sending out a reminder mailing in March to all those members who have not renewed by the March meeting (March 1st).

You may renew online at our website: [www.lakecountyyfishandgame.org](http://www.lakecountyyfishandgame.org) (there is a \$2 surcharge for doing so), in person at any meeting or by mail. Just remember to do it before the expiration date. \$40 before April 1st...\$65 after April 1st.

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