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COMING EVENTS

March 1 - General Membership Meeting

March 7 – Lakes Committee Meeting

March 11 - Waterfowl Smoking @ The Club

March 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour.

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 21 - Board of Directors' Meeting

March 31 - IN Hunting & Fishing Licenses Expire along with your 2016 LCF&G Membership

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MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

At presstime no guest speaker had been arranged. If you have any suggestions in this regard, please let Don Jones know.

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

The back gate operator has been replaced and the exit button moved back so you don't have to get out of your vehicle to press it! Cables have all been replaced and are underground with no splices. Kudos to Tri-Electronics for doing an excellent job!

LCF&G 3-GUN RAFFLE

A limited number of these tickets remain.

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.

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.

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.

If you're planning to bring an item for the hors d'oeuvres table please let George Petro know what it is and whether, or not, it needs to be kept warm and how much you have. We are using chafing dishes (no electric) 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. 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.lakecountyfishandgame.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.

And if you haven't renewed your membership by March 11th, you can expect a reminder in the mail. (March 11th we'll be smoking meats for the Wild Game Dinner and stuffing those envelopes.)

MEMBERSHIP REVOKED

The Board of Directors recently revoked the membership of a member for various rules violations. It seems he put himself and his young son in harm's way by ice fishing on a closed pond. The pond had been closed for unsafe ice and because it had been stocked with trout in preparation for a trout derby.

The member, who shall remain nameless here, had his membership privileges revoked for life. We have zero tolerance for rules violators and he did not respond to a request to appear before the Board to explain his actions. There are consequences.

And we've had a new incident of someone urinating in the parking lot despite repeated warnings against such activity having been posted here for a year. DON'T DO THAT! You could follow this guy.^

WATERFOWL SMOKING PARTY

We'll be smoking waterfowl for the Wild Game Dinner on March 11th. If you have a smoker that can be used please let Don Jones know. We'll also be stuffing envelopes for a mailing to those members who have not yet renewed their membership for 2017 that same day.

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