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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

April 1 - April Fools' Day

April 5 - General Membership Meeting

April 11 - Lakes Committee Meeting

April 16 - Easter Sunday

April 18 - Tax Day

April 18 - Board of Directors' Meeting

April 22 - Earth Day

April 26 - Spring Wild Turkey Season Opens*

* Find more information at www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild

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APRIL 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

1st Prize:

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



2nd Prize:

Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm Pistol.
Ported barrel with HI-VIZ fiber optic sights.
Won by: Darrel Swiss



3rd Prize:

Savage Arms .17 Cal HMR Bolt Action Rifle with Scope
Won by: Zack Stone



Congratulations to all the winners and a huge THANK YOU to all who participated!

WILD GAME DINNER 2017

Our 37th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner was a rousing success! It was well attended and well run. Our best yet. President, Don Jones, has asked me to pass on a huge THANK YOU to all our sponsors, donors, committee and especially the workers who made it happen. On that note apologies to Dan MacKinnon for inadvertently leaving his name off the list of committeemen. An oversight Dan. Not intended to be a slight.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The application period for this scholarship has expired. New applications will be taken beginning in December for next year. Winners of this year's scholarship will be announced shortly.

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.^

2017 WILD GAME DINNER DONORS

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Whitecap Outfitters - members - Dyer
Wild Birds Unlimited - Schererville

2016 BIG BIRD, FISH & WHITETAIL CONTESTS

Winners of last year's contests are:

BIG TURKEY Joe Quasney 23 lbs. 46.25" 10" beard

MOST IMPRESSIVE RACK Howard Petroski 10 pts.

Honorable Mention Joe Quasney 10 pts.

BIG FISH

YOUTH DIVISION

Redear Sunfish Connor Murphy-Austgen 12 oz,

Channel Catfish Connor Murphy-Austgen 2 lbs. 8oz.

Dogfish Connor Murphy-Austgen 3 lbs. 4 oz.

ADULT DIVISION

Largemouth Bass Mike Berg 4 lbs.

Striped Bass Mike Berg 10 lbs. 4 oz.

Peacock Bass Mike Berg 4 lbs.

Black Crappie Mike Berg 1 lb. 12 oz.

Bluegill Terry Paris 1 lb . 4 oz.

Redear Sunfish Mike Berg 1 lb.

Northern Pike Steve Berg 8 lbs. 8oz.

Chinook Salmon Steve Berg 20 lbs.

Coho Salmon Terry Paris 9 lbs. 8oz.

Steelhead John Dembowski 11 lbs. 7 oz.

Banded Cichlid Mike Berg 10 lbs.

Clown Knifefish Mike Berg 6 lbs.

Freshwater Drum Terry Paris 11 lbs. 12 oz.

Longnose Gar Steve Berg 9 lbs. 12 oz.

Mayan Cichlid Mike Berg 1 lb. 2oz.

Walleye Terry Paris 8 lbs. 4 oz.

Congratulations to all our winners!

These represent the largest of each category entered.

To enter a fish, deer or bird (Pheasant, Goose or Turkey) in the future go to our website www.lakecountyfishandgame.org, print an application, fill it out and attach a clear photograph of hunter/fisherman and harvest. Follow the instructions for submitting it.

A certificate, suitable for framing, will be awarded to these winners at this month's meeting. Frames available on request.

FRONT GATE INOPERABLE

The front gate at our property has become inoperable. We are currently researching options to repair or replace it. It should be operational shortly. In the meantime you can still access our property through the back gate, park in the parking area, and walk in to the front ponds, or fish the back lake.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Rest assured we're working diligently to resolve this matter as quickly as possible.

2016 MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE MARCH 31

2016 memberships expire March 31. We traditionally allow a grace period to the April meeting. You should have received a reminder in the mail if you haven't renewed. You have until April 5 to renew your membership without penalty.

WEB ACCESS FOR GAME DINNER DONORS

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors of LCF&G would like to thank the following for their donations to the 2017 Wild Game Dinner:

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Their generosity allows continued support of our conservation efforts and programs. Please patronize these businesses as a token of our appreciation for their part in making our Wild Game Dinner a huge success!

DEER MANAGEMENT MEETING

Indiana Whitetail Deer Herd Management, a hunting group, will host a meeting for the purpose of forming a County Deer Advisory Council (CDAC). The meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 6:00 PM. It will be held at The Gathering Place, 131 N. Main St., Hebron, IN 46341. For additional information visit www.iwdhm.com.

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