



# The Hoosier Sportsman

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### COMING EVENTS

August 2 - General Membership Meeting  
August 4 - August 13 - Lake County Fair  
August 8 - Lakes Committee Meeting  
August 15 - Board of Directors' Meeting  
August 19 - Sporting Clays Shoot @ Oakwood Gun Club  
August 26 - Catfish Derby @ The Club  
September 28 - DU Big Lake Chapter Waterfowlers' Party

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## AUGUST GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Bruce Caruso, of Perch America, will be our guest speaker this month.

## 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?!

## **ATTENTION GREAT LAKES FISHERMEN**

ATTENTION: Great Lakes Smallmouth anglers please be on the lookout for lip tagged smallmouth. If you happen to catch one, please leave the tag in place, record the following and then release the fish. The info you need is the length, weight, tag number and approximate location of catch. This will help our biologist track the movement of the Great Lakes Smallmouth population. You can report the info on the DNR website, or get the info to your regional fisheries biologist. Please share with all of your fellow Great Lakes Smallmouth anglers. Thank you and have a great day everyone!!

## **For our new members and a refresher for old ones.**

### **GENERAL PROPERTY RULES**

The use of the lakes and grounds is limited to members and their immediate family which includes children under 18 and grandchildren. Children under 17 must be accompanied by an adult member.

As of March 5, 2014 you may fish our waters 24/7/365.

Close and lock all doors or gates that you open. Then double check yourself.

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 amended to include no feeding of wildlife. No food products (bread, seeds etc.) are to be scattered on the ground.

Restrooms are in the clubhouse. Use them – not the grounds or the lake!

No hunting, trapping, swimming, wading or discharge of firearms allowed.

No camping. No open campfires. Members may use the fire ring adjacent to the pavilion. Bring your own firewood. Make sure fires are out before you leave.

Do not cut wood from live or dead trees, bushes or brush.

Motorized vehicles are allowed on designated roadways only. Snowmobiles, ATVs, dirt bikes are not allowed.

The pavilion may not be reserved – space is to be shared among users. Do not move benches or tables from under the pavilion.

Pet walking and training is allowed. Owners must clean up after their pets. No pets allowed in the

clubhouse.

Archery practice in designated area only.

Park vehicles in designated parking areas only. Our mowers have been damaged by ruts in the grass.

**FISHING IS A GREAT BENEFIT OF MEMBERSHIP. KEEP OUR LAKES HEALTHY BY FOLLOWING THESE RULES:**

Fishing is reserved for MEMBERS ONLY - NO GUESTS.

If releasing fish please handle w/ care. If the hook is too deep, cut the line as near the hook as possible and release the fish.

As of March 5, 2014, daily limits have been set for taking fish. Those limits are:

20 Panfish

5 Crappie – From back lake only – 8” minimum

2 Catfish

5 Largemouth Bass between 10” and 14”

These are the only species you are allowed to take until further notice!

Please obey these rules as we try to create a sustainable fishery for all members to enjoy!

Ice fishing is allowed up to March 1st as deemed safe by the Lakes Committee.

When fishing with live, dead or stink bait the largest hook that may be used is a #4.

Fishing with live minnows is not allowed. However, 3-4” bluegill may be caught and used as bait.

**THESE RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. VIOLATORS MAY LOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIP.**

REVISED AND EFFECTIVE May 17, 2016

## **LAKE COUNTY FAIR**

The Lake County Fair is scheduled from August 4th through August 13th. Lake County Fish and Game will be manning the fish pond, behind the conservation building, the first weekend (August 5th and 6th). If you can help either of these days please contact Debbie Rogers at (219) 743-3233. We will also need help manning our booth, also in the conservation building, throughout the week. Again, contact Debbie if you can help. She can hook you up with an admission pass.

## **LCF&G SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This year’s successful applicants for the Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship, Lindsey Forbes and Matthew Michel, will be on hand at this month’s meeting to accept their awards and for a “photo-op”. These two deserving individuals successfully completed the application process and were recommended by The Legacy Foundation (who oversees the application process). Their successful applications were then ratified by our Board of Directors. They will each receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. The program allows for a maximum of four \$500.00 scholarships (\$2,000.00 total fund). Having only two successful applicants they will be sharing equally in the \$2,000.00 scholarship fund.

We are very proud, and excited, about this program, and the opportunity to help in the continuing education of our members and their families. It also helps to cement our 501 C-3 tax exempt status.

Congratulations Lindsey and Matthew!

Applications for next year's Scholarship Fund will be taken later this year at the Legacy Foundation's website:  
[www.legacyfdn.org](http://www.legacyfdn.org). Watch here for that announcement.

## **CATFISH DERBY**

The Lakes Committee has announced a Catfish Derby to be held the evening of August 26th from 5 PM - 11 PM.

Cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. There are also a couple of tagged fish good for prizes if caught. Also, 50/50 and raffles. Hope to see everyone out!

## **SPORTING CLAYS SHOOT**

Lake County Fish and Game is, again, planning a Sporting Clays Shoot in August.

DATE: August 19

PLACE: Oakwood Gun Club

11388 N. State Road 49

Wheatfield, IN 46392

(219) 956-4615

TIME: Registration 9:00 AM - Shoot at 10:00 AM

COST: \$45/gun

PROGRAM: 100 target shoot, lunch and refreshments after

Lewis Class prizes

Optional Lewis Class Cash Purse Lunch will consist of steak sandwiches, chips, pop and beer. Lewis Class prizes will be awarded at this time.

Please call Don Jones at (219) 844-2758 or Connie Dembowski at (219) 365-0951 to register, or for more information.

## **DU BIG LAKE CHAPTER WATERFOWLERS' PARTY**

September 28 is the date. Wicker Park Pavilion is the place. The time is 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM.

Tickets are \$40 each and include a Ducks Unlimited membership.

For tickets or more information please call Phil Grenchik at (219) 617-3950, Dan Holste at (219) 334-1659 or Dan Matusik at (219) 793-3441.

Program includes a buffet dinner, raffles, and fun! If you are a waterfowler you don't want to miss this party!

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