



# The Hoosier Sportsman

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### COMING EVENTS

July 4 - Independence Day  
July 5 - General Membership Meeting  
July 11 - Lakes Committee Meeting  
July 18 - Board of Directors' Meeting  
July 29 - Club Picnic

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## **JULY 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](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!!

## **ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC**

The date of this year's annual Family Club Picnic is July 29th. The picnic is open to all members and their immediate family. Immediate family is defined as spouses (or significant others), minor children and/or grandchildren.

The club will be supplying the usual picnic fare, tableware, beverages and fun! The menu has not yet been announced, but you can be sure it will be good! You are encouraged to bring a dish to share. This is not a requirement for attendance, but each year we are blessed with a veritable plethora of sumptuous salads and delicious desserts.

There will bean bags to toss, horse shoes to pitch and games for the kids. Come out and enjoy the day with fellow club members. You may meet some old friends or make new ones!

The cost is free and it runs from noon 'til 5:00 PM.

KEEP JULY 29th OPEN FOR THE CLUB PICNIC!

**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

## **TAKE A KID OUTDOORS EVENT**

Saturday, June 24th was a beautiful day in the neighborhood! It was the day Lake County Fish and Game hosted its first (hopefully annual) "Take a Kid Outdoors" event. It was very well attended and the kids seem to have a blast. They were treated to a lunch of hotdogs, chips and pop or water. They were also provided with bait and a fishing pole if they didn't have their own. The poles

were graciously donated by the Griffith Ikes for use that day. They were also schooled in the finer points of archery by Keith Halper of the Izaak Walton League, Griffith Chapter, Mobile Archery Clinic. Tim Ferguson was also there with the Wildlife Educational Exhibit of Northwest Indiana where the kids could learn about the various forms of wildlife indigenous to our area with mounts and displays. All in all it was a very good day, and Lake County Fish and Game garnered six new members!

We would like to acknowledge, and thank, Cabela's, Westforth Sports, Tim Ferguson and his Wildlife Educational Exhibit of Northwest Indiana, The Griffith chapter of the Izaak Walton League, Keith Halper and the Izaak Walton League, Griffith Chapter, Mobile Archery Clinic and the various volunteers (I'll not name them as I'll surely slight someone. You know who you are) who showed up to help for their generous donations and support of our "Take a Kid Outdoors" event. Hopefully next year's event will be bigger and better!

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