



# 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

October 1 - Deer Archery Season Opens \*

October 1 - Fall Wild Turkey Archery Season Opens

*October 4 - General Membership Meeting*

*October 10 - Lakes Committee Meeting*

*October 17 - Board of Directors' Meeting*

*October 18 - Fall Wild Turkey Firearms Season Opens*

October 21 - North Zone Duck and Goose Seasons Open

*October 21 - 1st Waterfowl Hunt @ LCF&G - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES*

*October 28 - Central Zone Duck and Goose Seasons Open*

October 31 - Halloween

\*For more information on hunting seasons goto [www.in.gov/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/fishwild)

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## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

At presstime no guest speaker had been arranged. If you have any suggestions in this regard President, Don Jones, would like to hear them.

## 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!!

## RULES FOR WATERFOWL HUNTS @ LCF&G

All State and Federal Regulations apply. Please keep in mind that all hunts are not combination duck and goose hunts. Please make sure you know what season you are currently in when you are out hunting. All Stamps and HIP number are required by law.

Club does not supply anything. You will be responsible for everything you need for your hunt. All club property rules apply!

All hunters participating must be at the clubhouse by a half hour before sunrise to put up provided signs at the front and back gates to close property for the period of the hunt.

All hunters will also be responsible for taking down the signs after every hunt.

Hunting is restricted to the back lake of the property only. Any crippled, or downed, waterfowl may be retrieved from anywhere on LCF&G property.

Hunts on Saturday will begin at legal shooting time and end at noon.

ALL TRASH MUST BE PICKED UP. ZERO TOLERANCE ON THIS ISSUE. This means that all hulls, wads, cigarette butts, wrappers, etc., must be picked up. Please leave our property cleaner than when you got there.

THESE ARE ALL DAY HUNTS. OUR GROUNDS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

ON THE DAYS OF THE SCHEDULED HUNTS UNTIL SUNDOWN.

## UPCOMING HUNTING SEASONS

October 1 sees the opening of deer archery season. Also opening on October 1 is Fall Wild Turkey archery season. Fall Wild Turkey firearm season opens October 18.

North Zone Regular Duck season opens October 21 until December 10. It will reopen December 23 until December 31.

Central Zone Regular Duck season opens October 28 until November 5. It will reopen November 25 until January 14, 2018.

South Zone Regular Duck season opens November 4 until November 12. It will reopen December 2 until January 21, 2018.

North Zone Regular Goose season opens October 21 until November 26. It will reopen December 16 until February 11, 2018.

Central Zone Regular Goose season opens October 28 until November 12. It will reopen November 25 until February 11, 2018.

South Zone Regular Goose season opens November 4 until November 26. It will reopen December 2 until February 11, 2018.

Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekends are:

North Zone - October 14 - 15

Central Zone - October 21 - 22

South Zone - October 28 - 29

The late Canada Goose season has been eliminated in favor of a regular season that now goes into February.

Remember you must have a HIP (Harvest Information Program) number in order to hunt migratory birds. You can obtain your HIP number by calling 1-866-671-4499 or go online to [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild)

Goto [www.in.gov/fishwild](http://www.in.gov/fishwild) for more information

OCTOBER 21 IS THE FIRST WATERFOWL HUNT @ LCF&G. OUR GROUNDS ARE CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES THIS DAY UNTIL SUNDOWN.

## 1st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Lake County Fish and Game is planning a Christmas party for members and their kids/grandkids. The date is December 9. The time is 5PM to 8PM.

Santa will be there with gifts for all the kids (16 and younger). No outside gifts please.

You must register for this event. The cutoff date for registration is November 25. You MUST register so we have an idea of how much food and how many gifts we need. You may bring a dessert to share but this is not required.

Register by phone or email to Debbie Rogers. (219) 743-3233 or debbie73058@gmail.com.

## WGD TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 6

Tickets for the 38th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner will go on sale December 6 at 6:00 PM at the club. Tickets are available on a first come, first served, cash and carry basis. The cost is \$45 each or a table of 10 for \$450.

The dinner is planned for March 24, 2018.

John Dembowski is ticket chairman. Contact him with any questions at (219) 730-9135.

## YOUTH FUND CASH RAFFLE

Lake County Fish and Game is planning a cash raffle to fund youth activities at the club. Only 1,000 tickets will be available at \$10 each.

The prize values are as follows:

1st Prize \$3,500.00

2nd Prize \$1,000.00

3rd Prize \$500.00

4th - 8th Prize \$100.00

There will also be 2 early bird drawings for \$500.00 each.

They will be held November 1, 2017 and January 3, 2018.

Tickets will be available at October's meeting. (Oct. 4)

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