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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

September 1 - Mourning Dove Season Opens

September 4 - Labor Day

September 6 - General Membership Meeting

September 9 - Teal Season Opens

September 9 - Goose Season Opens

September 12 - Lakes Committee Meeting

September 16 - Pre-Deer Season Archery Shoot @ the Club

September 19 - Board of Directors' Meeting

September 23 & 24 - Youth Deer Hunting Weekend

September 28 - DU Big Lake Chapter Waterfowl Hunters' Party

*For more information on hunting seasons goto www.in.gov/fishwild

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SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Mike Roth, of Tales End Tackle in Dyer, will be our guest speaker this month. Mike will be discussing Muskie fishing from spring into late fall and how it relates to other species. He'll also touch on tackle and rigging for Muskies.

www.talesendtackle.com

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?!

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!!

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!

WATERFOWL HUNT AT THE CLUB

Lake County Fish and Game will, again, offer members only opportunities to hunt waterfowl on our property on a lottery basis. The drawing will take place at the general membership meeting September 6.

2017 - 2018 WATERFOWL HUNTS @ LCF&G

Drawing will be September 6, 2017 @ 6:20 PM

Registration will be at 6:00 PM the same day.

\$20 per chance. One chance per member. Cash only!

A hunter may only register once. Hunting parties can be up to 3 active members. A party must have at least 2 hunters, or observers, to hunt on any desired day. Parties do not have to be decided on until the day of the hunt. **ALL HUNTERS (OR OBSERVERS) MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS AND SIGNED IN PRIOR TO HUNTING!**

Only one party will be drawn for each hunt.

Money will be given back if you do not draw/pick a hunt. If you pick a hunt your money will be kept. If for any reason you can not make your hunt, an alternate party will be contacted. Please contact a member of the hunting committee as soon as possible in order to make the appropriate arrangements.

2 alternates will be picked after all hunt dates have been taken. Their money will be held until a hunt becomes available. If they participate in a hunt their money will be kept. Their money will be returned if they do not participate in a hunt.

Before every hunt a sign-in sheet will be provided for all participants (up to 3 hunters). The sign-in sheets must be signed and placed in the drop box inside the clubhouse's public side of the building that is accessible with every keycard.

After every hunt a harvest log will be filled out and put in the same drop box.

RULES FOR WATERFOWL HUNTS

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.

UPCOMING HUNTING SEASONS

Sept. 1 Mourning Dove

Sept. 9 Blue and Green Winged Teal

Sept. 9 Goose

Sept. 23 & 24 Youth Deer Hunting Weekend

REMEMBER TO GET HIP WHEN HUNTING MIGRATORY BIRDS!

Goto www.in.gov/fishwild for more information

PRE-DEER SEASON ARCHERY SHOOT

This is a free event for club members and their immediate family only. The shoot is scheduled for September 16th at 2:00 PM at the club's archery range.

PRE-DEER SEASON ARCHERY SHOOT Men-Women-Youth

Are You Ready?

How Good Are You?

Practice, Practice, Practice

Where: Lake County Fish and Game
Protective Association, Inc.
2000 E. Main St., Griffith, IN 46319

When: September 16, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM

*Club Members and Immediate Family Only

CATFISH DERBY

The Catfish Derby has come and gone with little fanfare. Fishing was slow. It seems the fish that were stocked for this event were shocked by the difference in water temperature (they were transported in cold water and our ponds are warm). For that reason they began floating Monday and to date we have removed about 50 dead Catfish. You are warned about the health of Catfish taken from our property. While those that survived, and those already in the water, are surely healthy fish, you should use your best judgement concerning the health of these fish before consuming them.

Speaking of the Catfish Derby...it was reported that beer bottles and cans were left behind following the Derby and subsequent days. If members were responsible for this they should know better. If it was guests of members (during the Derby) the members should be responsible for their guests. If this practice continues somebody is going to lose their membership privileges because sooner, or later, someone will be identified and that person will be held accountable.

We have zero tolerance for rules violations and littering is against the rules. We have no trash barrels and no garbage service. Take out what you bring in. It's that simple.

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