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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

November 1 - General Membership Meeting - "Early Bird" Cash Raffle Drawing for \$500

November 1 - Pheasant, Quail & Rabbit Seasons Open*

November 4 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

November 5 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set Your Clocks BACK 1 Hour

November 7 - Lakes Committee Meeting

November 18 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

November 21 - Board of Directors' Meeting

November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

November 25 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

November 25 - Deadline for Registering for Christmas Party

- For more information go to www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild

THE OFFICERS WHO SERVE 2017

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NOVEMBER 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.

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

November 1 sees the opening of Pheasant, Quail (North Zone) and Rabbit seasons.

Check out www.in.gov/fishwild for more information.

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)



2017 Lake County Fish and Game Youth Fund Cash Raffle

1st Winning Ticket – \$3500
2nd Winning Ticket – \$1000
3rd Winning Ticket – \$500
4th-8th Winning Tickets – \$100

Drawing will be held March 24, 2018 at LCF&G Wild Game Dinner at Halls of St. George

Donation \$10

\$500 Early Bird drawing November 1, 2017
\$500 Early Bird drawing January 3, 2018

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold Winner need not be present Gaming License #145188

IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS TO INDIANA HUNTING/TRAPPING GUIDE

Important corrections to Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide

Indiana deer and waterfowl hunters need to be aware of two important changes in the print version of the 2017-2018 Hunting & Trapping Guide.

Due to recent legislation passed this year by the Indiana General Assembly, hunters can no longer use rifles when hunting deer on public land. "Public land" includes both state and federal property. Before the change, the use of rifles on public land had been legal.

It remains legal to use a muzzleloader, shotgun or handgun when hunting deer on public land in accordance with deer hunting regulations.

The waterfowl correction is that the daily bag limit for black ducks is two. The printed Hunting and Trapping Guide mistakenly states the bag limit as one.

The online Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide has been updated with these corrections. You can view the updated guide at wildlife.IN.gov/2343.htm

For more information on rifle requirements for deer hunting on private land, visit wildlife.IN.gov/7389.htm and click on "Equipment."

For up to date information on waterfowl seasons, visit: wildlife.IN.gov/3569.htm

"JUG FISHING" NOT ALLOWED

It has come to our attention that some members are engaging in "jug fishing" on the back lake. This is a violation of Indiana Fishing Regulations. Float, or "jug", fishing is the practice of suspending a line, with a single hook, from a float of some kind (usually an empty milk jug). This type of fishing is allowed on rivers and streams, but not on lakes or reservoirs.

NEW MEMBERS OWE 5 HOURS SERVICE

New members of Lake County Fish and Game, in accordance with a new membership rule ratified by the membership at the August General Membership Meeting (August 2, 2017), are obligated to spend 5 hours time in support of Lake County Fish and Game. These 5 hours are to be completed by the end of their membership term (March 31, 2018). This requirement can be satisfied in myriad ways. They can assist the grounds crew in their duties (mowing, weed whacking, etc.). They may also be spent helping at the various upcoming shows manning the booth and selling memberships and/or raffle tickets. They may also be in support of the Wild Game Dinner (you must have a ticket to the dinner in order to do this one).

If you are one of those members who joined since the August meeting you can expect a call from Dan McKinnon who is assisting in the enforcement of this requirement. Dan will give you options as to how you can fulfill this membership requirement. If not fulfilled by March 31, 2018 that member will not be allowed to renew his, or her, membership.

This rule was put in place to ensure new members actually want to be active members in our association (active being the operative word here).

You should keep track of your hours on the back of your membership card (or something similar) and have the committee chairman sign off on your hours.

CLUB ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER

December's monthly general membership meeting (December 6th) is the date for elections of club officers and Board of Directors for calendar year 2018. Election committee chair, Gary Piskula, would love to put your name on the ballot. Contact him if you're "feeling froggy". We're always looking for some "new blood"!

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