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COMING EVENTS

December 6 - General Membership Meeting - Club Elections and Wild Game Dinner Tickets Go On Sale

December 9 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

December 9 - 1st Annual Christmas Party

December 9 - Fall Archery Wild Turkey Season Reopens

December 9 - Deer Muzzleloader Season Opens

December 12 - Lakes Committee Meeting

December 16 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

December 19 - Board of Directors' Meeting

December 23 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

December 25 - Christmas Day

December 31 - New Year's Eve

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

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DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

There will be no guest speaker this month as elections will be held and Wild Game Dinner tickets go on sale.

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

December 9 sees the opening of Deer Muzzleloader and the reopening of Fall Archery Wild Turkey seasons.

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

1st ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The deadline has passed to register for the first (hopefully) Annual Christmas Party. The party will be held December 9th from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the club.

Thank you to all who have indicated they will be bringing kids/grandkids to this event. Debbie has taken a lot of calls from members indicating they will come. If you'd like to help I'm sure she could use you. Santa will be there with gifts for all the kids in attendance. It should be a grand time!

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.

Also available, at this month's meeting, will be forms for placing an ad in the dinner booklet and letters of introduction for soliciting donations for this event. We can use any and all donations. From door prizes, raffle prizes, auction items to any game you care to part with in support of this dinner. George Petro will handle the hors d'oeuvres table. Please contact him with anything you care to contribute.

YOUTH FUND CASH RAFFLE

Lake County Fish and Game is planning a cash raffle to fund youth activities at the club for the coming year. 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

Congratulations to Frank Davros for winning the first of two \$500 "Early Bird" drawings November 1st! Frank, a member, was present to collect his winnings. His ticket will go back "in the hat" to be eligible to win any of the other prizes.

There will also be one more early bird drawing on January 3, 2018 for \$500.00.

The main drawing will take place at the 38th Annual Walt Millikan Wild Game Dinner on March 24, 2018. Tickets are available by contacting John Hansen.



**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

DNR emergency rule for 2017 deer hunting season

An emergency rule signed today by the DNR, filed with the Natural Resources Commission and the Legislative Services Agency, states the following:

"Rifle cartridges that were allowed in previous years on public land for deer hunting are allowed on public land again this year during the deer firearms season, the reduction zone season (in

zones where local ordinances allow the use of a firearm), special hunts on other public lands such as State Parks and National Wildlife Refuges, and special antlerless season.

This means that the rifle cartridge must fire a bullet of .357-inch diameter or larger, have a minimum case length of 1.16 inches, and have a maximum case length of 1.8 inches if used on public land. Full metal jacketed bullets are illegal.”

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

To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

"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"!

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA?

Lake County Fish & Game has logoed, long-sleeved, pocketed, camo T-shirts for sale. \$30 each. Sizes available: M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL.

LCF&G SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The application period for the Lake County Fish and Game Scholarship Fund, for the upcoming year, begins December 15, 2017. The application deadline is February 15, 2018.

Go to www.legacyfdn.org to begin the application process. The Legacy Foundation (Lake County's philanthropic partner) oversees the application process and the application deadline is not negotiable. The successful applicants will be announced, and the scholarships awarded, sometime in the summer of 2018.

\$2,000 is available in this fund. It will be distributed, equally to 1 - 4 successful applicants. That means if there are 4 successful applicants then 4) \$500 scholarships will be awarded. If (like in the previous 2 years) there are only 2 successful applicants then 2) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, and so on.

While you're contemplating this, consider buying a ticket in the Youth Fund Cash Raffle detailed earlier in this newsletter. The proceeds from this raffle will go to fund this scholarship as well as other youth activities throughout the coming year. Tickets are \$10 each, and only 1,000 tickets are available. And, as an added incentive, a \$500 "Early Bird" drawing will be held January 3, 2018 at the monthly general membership meeting of Lake County Fish and Game. The main drawing will take place at the 38th Annual Walt Millikan Wild Game Dinner on March 24, 2018.

Contact raffle chairman, John Hansen, to secure your entry into this raffle at (219) 895-9772.

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