



# 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

January 1 -New Year's Day

January 3 - General Membership Meeting

January 6 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

January 9 - Lakes Committee Meeting

January 16 - Board of Directors' Meeting

January 20 - Reserved Waterfowl Hunt @ The Club - GROUNDS CLOSED TO ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

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## JANUARY GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker had been arranged by presstime. If you have any suggestions in this regard please let Don Jones know.

## 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.

## **38th ANNUAL WILD GAME DINNER**

Tickets for the 38th Annual Walt Millikan Memorial Wild Game Dinner sold out in short order at December's meeting.

The dinner is planned for March 24, 2018.

Ticket chairman, John Dembowski, has started a waiting list for those who were not able to purchase tickets. He will distribute any tickets that come back, for any reason. Contact him with any questions, or to get on the list, at (219) 730-9135.

Also, forms are available for placing an ad in the dinner booklet and letters of introduction for soliciting donations for this event. The ABSOLUTE deadline for items to get in the book is March 7, 2018. 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.

NOTE: If you are planning to bring hors d'oeuvres you need to let George Petro know what it is you're bringing, and how much. Contact George, with your name and phone number, either by email (edmar95@att.net) or phone (219) 742-4576. If what you're bringing needs to be kept hot it will have to go over Sterno as electric is in short supply in the hors d'oeuvres area. So bring your dish, as warm as you can, in an aluminum pan that can be set in a stainless pan (11 3/4" x 9 3/4" x 2 3/4 ") over Sterno. If your dish is cold he'll need to know if it needs to be kept cold.

## **YOUTH FUND CASH RAFFLE**

Lake County Fish and Game has planned a cash raffle to fund our \$2,000 Scholarship as well as other youth activities at the club for the coming year. Only 1,000 tickets are 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 be an "Early Bird" drawing on January 3, 2018 for \$500.00. The winning ticket of this drawing will go back in the mix so as to be eligible to win any of the other eight prizes.

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 at (219) 895-9272.

**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](http://wildlife.IN.gov/7389.htm) and click on "Equipment."

To view all DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://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.

## **LCF&G SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

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

Go to [www.legacyfdn.org](http://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.

## **BACK GATE INTERMITTENT PROBLEM**

We have experienced an intermittent problem with the back gate. It may be related to extreme temperature changes. It seems the gate does not always go full open and gets stuck with about 1 foot of the gate sticking out in the opening. To remedy this in the short term, reuse your gate card at the card reader. The gate will then go back into proper operation and close. Please make sure, when leaving, that the gate has closed behind you. If not, "swipe" your card at the card reader and

the gate should then go closed.

Thank you, in advance, for your cooperation and understanding.

## **FREE DOG TRAINING FOR VETERANS**

Patriots Training Service Dogs, Inc. provides free basic dog training for veterans no matter the size or breed of dog.

Contact Colleen Sargent at (219) 819-1295 for more info.

## **2018 MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE**

Memberships for 2018 are now available. Your current membership will expire March 31, 2018. Renew your membership before then to avoid having to pay \$25 to renew your gate keycard. You may renew in one of three ways. 1) By mail using the form at the end of this newsletter. 2) Online at [www.lakecountyfishandgame.org](http://www.lakecountyfishandgame.org). or 3) in person at any meeting. Something that has not been publicized previously is the fact that we offer complimentary memberships to disabled veterans and active duty military personnel. Present proof of veteran disability, or active duty service, and your membership will be comped.

## **2017 BIG DEER, BIRD AND FISH CONTESTS**

A reminder...the deadline for entering any of these contests is Jan. 3, 2018. Go to our website and print an application for the contest you wish to enter, fill it out, and follow the instructions for entering. The application must be accompanied by a clear photograph of the applicant and the fish or game.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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