The Lakes Committee has been very busy this month. Their first big event is our Annual Catfish Derby on July 17th. It is open to the public so come on out and bring your friends. Registration opens at 4:30pm, fishing starts at 6pm until midnight. Entry fee is $12 for members and $15 for non-members. Only paid contestants will be allowed on the lakes during the derby, only members are allowed to use boats and, of course, NO glass bottles of any kind allowed on the grounds during this event (or at any time)! The lakes will be closed on Tuesday, July 13th in preparation for the derby. They will re-open as usual once the event is over. Contact our Lakes Chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) and Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001) if you have any questions or would like to help out at the derby. Volunteers will be needed from 3pm to the end of the event. They will need the most help from 4:00-7pm to help with sign-ups and organization of the numerous contests. There will be a special meeting of the Lakes Committee on Wednesday, July 14th (6pm at the clubhouse) to help plan for the catfish derby.

Our second big July event is the Bass Tournament on July 31st. It is open to the public and you are encouraged to help us spread the word. Registration is at 5:00am with fishing from 6:00am to noon. The entry fee is $20 which includes breakfast. There will be tackle for sale as well as raffles and prizes. Bring your own bait. For more information, call Jackie at 219-487-0001.

Be sure to come out for the 3-D Archery Shoot on Sunday, August 15th. First shooter out at 8am, last shooter out at 1pm. This event is open to the public so tell your friends. Registration is $10 for non-members, $8.00 for members. Breakfast will be available. You can contact our Archery Chairs, Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396) or Loui Colon (219-688-0093) for more information or if you’d like to help. Are you interested in participating in an Archery league? There are sign-up sheets in the back room or you can just talk to Joe or Loui.

The Junior / Student Ikes will be meeting on Monday, July 12th at 6:45 in the clubhouse. All member’s kids and grandkids are welcome. If you have ideas for the kids or would like to help Rich Vemmers, you can contact him at richvem1@gmail.com.

The next competition shoot of the year will be July 17th. The first match will be a “Mozambique” timed drill. The shooter will fire 3 shots, on two targets, reload off the clock, and repeat the drill, for a total of 12 shots. Scores are calculated on time and accuracy. The second match will be rifles, no optics, 10 shots, from the 50-yard bench. Contact our Rifle Chairs Paul McKinley (219-902-9518) or Dave Shea (racoon1@flash.net) if you’d like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

August 6th – 15th is the Lake County Fair. The Griffith Ikes will be running the fish pond on Monday and Tuesday, August 9th and 10th and we can use your help. This is a fund raiser for the club and, from what I’ve heard, it’s always a lot of fun. Contact Kim Russell (219-629-3189 / cubbielvr6923@gmail.com) or Bobby Wright (219-924-0650) if you’d like to help. We’ll also need help at our booth during the rest of the fair.

Trap will be closed to the public on Tuesday, August 24th for the League Fun Shoot.

A message from our president (Kim Russell (219-629-3189 / cubbielvr6923@gmail.com)) Hi everyone, I hope everyone had a nice, safe, and relaxing Fourth of July. I would like to thank everyone that helped on the float; Karen Bruce, Joanne Ray, Paul Z, and Dennis Ray. Also thanks for the guys Rick, Larry and Phil for helping getting things on the trailer and throwing out candy. Thank you to “our guy” for the candy donations! The recent food fest was a successful hit, if you didn’t attend you missed out on some good food, great deals at the rummage sale and fun comradery with future members. I do hope more members and board members attend the many upcoming functions. The fair is a good way to meet and entice new members so if you are interested in helping out at the fair see Bobby or I. I am so happy to see our grounds being used so much with hanging out, walking around, fishing or using the ranges. It is great just to see members out there. As many have seen, youth camp is canceled due to the passing of Stas Jarosz, our thoughts are with the family. As I am always saying any suggestions, comments, or idea bring them to me or the board. (Complaints? Feel free to write them down and throw the paper away) :) We are always looking for ways to improve the chapter! Here’s to enjoying the rest of the summer!

We’d like to welcome our new members:

- Gene Berryman, Griffith
- Dave Dziczkowski, Whiting
- Michael Toth, Hammond
- Jason Berryman, Griffith
- Bill Hamilton, Griffith
- Peggy Berryman, Whiting
- Patrick Pitre, Highland
Calendar

Thursday Trap 2-10pm - Open to the Public
Tuesday Trap 2-6pm – Open to the Public

The range is open, all year round, on Sundays and holidays, from noon until sundown. Other days it opens at 10am and closes at sundown.

July 21st - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)
July 12th - Jr / Student Ikes (6:45 at the clubhouse)
July 17th - Competition Shoot Range closed until event is over
July 17th – Catfish Derby Registration 4pm / Fishing 6pm – Open to the public
July 19th - Lakes Planning Meeting (6pm at the clubhouse)
July 24th & 28th – New member review
July 31st – Bass Tournament (5am – noon)

August 3rd - Board of Director’s Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)
August 4th & 18th - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)
August 6th - 15th – Lake County Fair (fund raiser for the club)
August 9th - Jr / Student Ikes (6:45 at the clubhouse)
August 15th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public (Sunday)
August 16th - Lakes Planning Meeting (6pm at the clubhouse)
August 21st - Competition Shoot (Saturday)
August 24th – Trap League Fun Shoot (Trap will be closed to the public for this event)
August 25th and 28th - New member review
August 28th – Ike’s Summer Picnic / Officer Installation, all members welcome (Saturday)

Bingo every Friday - Doors open at 4pm, Early birds start at 5:30. Regular Bingo at 6:30. Set-ups start at $20.00

Bingo License: #134277, Raffle License: #149378 and Indiana gaming license #001465

Do you need volunteer hours? Bingo is a great place to earn them as well as meet your fellow Ikes. Just show up any time after 3pm and we’ll put you to work. Not interested in working the floor? Come by after 10pm and help them clean-up. See Randy if you have any questions.

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