

July & August, 2025 GIWLA News

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The 2025 Bass Tournament is Saturday, July 19th. It is open to the public and you are encouraged to help us spread the word. No fishing license needed. **Registration is at 5:00am with fishing from 6:00am to noon. The entry fee is \$25 which includes breakfast.** No boats allowed on the lakes, shore fishing only. NO glass bottles of any kind allowed on the grounds during this event (or at any time)! There will be tackle for sale as well as raffles and prizes. Bring your own bait. For more information, contact our **Lakes Chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001).** The lakes are closed to member fishing during the tournament.

Come on out to the club's kick-off event to celebrate our new playground on Saturday, July 26th from 11am to 4pm. This event is open to the public so bring your kids and all their friends to help us break in the new new playground train, swings, three climbers, slides and merry-go-round! We'll have free food including popcorn, cotton candy, pizza, hot dogs, chips, cookies and more! If you'd like to help and earn volunteer hours contact our **Lakes Chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001)** – just don't forget to bring your kids so they can enjoy the festivities too!

July 5th and August 2nd are ATA Youth Trap Shoots. These are AIM registered Youth Shoots. They will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm on both days. **These shoots also close the back lakes to fishing.**

The July Competition Shoot will be Saturday, July 12th. 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 with optics, 10 shots sitting from the 50 yard bench. **The August competition shoot will be Saturday, August 16th.** The first match will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand, from the 25 yd line. **For both shoots, the range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11.** Range will re-open to members no later than 2pm. 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.

The August 18th Lakes and Grounds meeting has been moved to August 11th to prepare for the Catfish Derby. Our **Annual Catfish Derby will be Saturday, August 16th.** It is open to the public so come on out and bring your friends. **Registration opens at 4pm, fishing starts at 5pm until 10pm.** Entry fee is \$25 for everyone and includes food. No boats allowed on the lakes, shore fishing only. NO glass bottles of any kind allowed on the grounds during this event (or at any time)! **The lakes will be closed on Tuesday, August 12th 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) or 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 to 7pm to help with sign-ups and organization of the numerous contests.

The Ike's Summer Picnic is Saturday August 9th at 4pm. This is also officer installation. The picnic is free and all members and their families are encouraged to attend. This is an annual event, sponsored by Bingo, and Randy does an amazing job with the menu and entertainment. It is important that we know how many will be attending so please sign up at a meeting or send an email to news@giwla.org. We can always use extra desserts so feel free to bring something if you'd like. **The event will kick off at 4pm. We'll eat at 5pm followed by installation of officers at 6pm and the band at 7.**

A message from our President, Kim Russell-Grodetz:

Hi everyone, hope you are enjoying the summer! Just a few notes, the Lake County Fair is coming up if you are able to volunteer some time sitting at the booth talking about the chapter or helping out at the catfish pond that would be a great help. We are in the booth every day from start to finish. **We have the fish pond Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this year (August 4th, 5th and 6th), from 11-8.** You hand the kids the pole, hook a worm on it, take the fish off, and celebrate their excitement of catching a fish! If you can help for hour or all day we welcome the assistance. We will also have to man the GIWLA table during fair hours. **Rick Perry (219-680-9796)** has a schedule so either let him know or contact me **(219-629-3189)** if you'd like to help. **Hope to see everyone at the fair, bass tournament, playground opening, summer picnic and the rest of the upcoming events!**

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Will Smith, Hammond

Tammy Akers, Merrillville

Terry Velligan, Griffith

Sonny Gonzales, Griffith

Christine Scheeringa, Highland

Robert Castillo, Hobart

Nereo Thomas Gonzales, Hammond

Calendar

Tuesday Trap 2-6pm Open to the Public

Thursday Trap 2-10pm 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

July 1st – BOD Meeting

July 2nd & 16th - Member's meeting

July 4th – Griffith Parade (**no Bingo**)

July 5th – ATA Trap Shoot

July 12th – Competition Shoot

July 16th – Nominations at the general meeting (**rescheduled**)

July 19th – Bass Tournament

July 21st – Lakes & Grounds meeting

July 23rd & 26th – New Member's Review

July 26th – Playground Opening Celebration

August

August 1st – 10th – Lake County Fair

August 4th, 5th and 6th (Monday-Wednesday) – We need to staff the fishing pond at the fair

August 2nd – ATA Trap Shoot

August 5th – BOD meeting

August 6th & 20th - Member's meeting

August 6th – Elections at the general meeting

August 9th – Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation

August 11th – Lakes and Grounds meeting (**rescheduled from August 18th**)

August 16th – Competition Shoot

August 16th – Catfish Derby

August 23rd & 27th – New Member's Review

September

Sept. 2nd – Trap Fun Shoot

Sept. 3rd & 17th – Member's meeting

Sept. 6th – ATA Trap Shoot

Sept. 9th – BOD meeting

Sept. 14th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

Sept. 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Sept. 20th – Steak Fry

Sept. 23rd – Calendar Meeting (6pm)

Sept. 27th – Competition Shoot

Sept. 24th & 27th – New Member's Review

Sept. 30th – Last day for Tuesday Trap

Sept. 30th – October BOD meeting

Bingo every Friday – Doors open at 4pm, Early birds start at 5:30.

Regular Bingo at 6:30. Set-ups start at \$20.00.

Annual Activity License #001465 Expires 4/30/2026

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Save the Date: Sept. 20th – Annual Steak Fry