

March & April, 2024 GIWLA News

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The Lakes and Grounds committee will be meeting March 18th and April 15th at 7pm at the clubhouse. Come on out and see what they are all about and help plan the upcoming events like Take a Kid Fishing / Archery Day on Sunday, May 19th. The Committee wants to remind members with boat slips that the fee is due June 1st. Contact Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson at (219-487-0001) if you have any questions.

Thursday trap starts up again on March 7th. There will only be Thursday Trap during the month of March (2pm – 10pm). Tuesday Trap starts April 2nd. Leagues start on Thursday, April 4th.

Saturday, March 9th (3pm – 7pm) we'll be having a Corned Beef Dinner. Everything is homemade! Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, and Carrots. Homemade Irish Soda Bread and Desserts, plus Beverage! Only \$12 in advance for adults and \$6 for kids 10 years old and younger. We'll have raffles too. **Dine in or Carry Out. Call Jackie for tickets 219-487-0001.** This event is open to the public so tell your friends!

Rifle Range: The first competition shoot of the year will be Saturday, March 23rd. The first match will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be rifles with iron sites only, 10 shots/offhand from the 50 yd line. 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 (raccoon1@flash.net) if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range. **The April match will be Saturday, April 20th.** The first match will be handguns, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be handguns, 10 shots/offhand from the 25 yd line. The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11. Range will re-open to members no later than 2pm.

Our annual Kid's Easter Egg Hunt/Party will be Sunday, March 24th. This event is for member's kids and their grand kids, ages 12 and under. **Beginning at 1pm at the clubhouse.** No pre-registration is necessary. Call Sally Ketelaar, our Kid's Party Chair at 219-308-4244 if you would like help.

Tickets are still available for the **April 13th Taste of the Izaak Walton Dinner.** The cost is **\$45 and includes homemade dinner, beer, and wine. There are less than 15 tickets left** so get yours now! The dinner will be at the clubhouse and, of course, it is open to the public. There will be raffles, 50/50s and lots of fun. Please contact Jackie Larson at 219-487-0001 for tickets and information. This year there will be a **2-gun raffle: a Canik TP9SF Elite pistol and Sig Sauer P320 Pistol.** Tickets are available now and for **\$10.00 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold.** Winners drawn at the Taste of Izaak Walton Dinner. **Contact Jackie 219-487-0001.** Tickets available at the March 9th corned beef dinner, meetings and or from a board member. **Note that there will be no Bingo on the 12th to prepare for the dinner.**

Kim Russell (219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com) is selling ads for the Taste of the Ikes Dinner program. The prices are: **patron ad - \$10, business card size - \$15, quarter page - \$25, half page - \$50, full page - \$100.** Let her know if you are interested in buying an ad or would like to help her sell them.

Sunday, April 21st is the first 3-D Archery Shoot of the year. First shooter out at 11am, last shooter out at 3pm. This event is open to the public so tell your friends. **Registration is \$10 for non-members, \$8.00 for members.** The kitchen will be open for lunch (burgers and hot dogs) so come by even if you aren't planning to shoot. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396) or Matt Tylicki (219-323-9243)** for more information or if you'd like to help.

April 6th is the first ATA Youth Trap Shoot of the year. This is an AIM registered Youth Shoot. This will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm.

Our Annual Grounds Clean-Up will be Saturday, April 27th. Our Grounds Committee including Ed Rosinski and Larry Biegel, will have coffee for the volunteers at 8am. Come out anytime during the day, even if you can just stay an hour or two. Lunch will be provided. If you can, please bring your own gloves, rakes, shovels, and garden tools. If you have tall waders and want to help clean up the ditches and lakes, make sure to bring them too. **The entire club, including the range, will be closed for recreational activities during Clean-Up from 8am to 4pm.**

A message from our President, Kim Russell:

Hi, wish I could say Happy Spring but not today, maybe tomorrow! I hope this finds you well and ready for fishing and being outside. We have so many things coming up at the chapter this year, it would be great to see members participating at these functions. I know we have had some issues with members not getting their renewals, if you didn't receive yours please send in your dues or drop it off. Make sure you let us know if you move and or change your phone number or email address so we can get it changed in the system. We have had some issues with trespassers coming through the back lake. If you see someone that you are not familiar with ask them for their membership card, if there are any issues or you see a 4 wheeler or dirt bike on our property please call the sheriff dept and one of the officers or security which is Skip Rose and Todd Bryant.

Any suggestions are appreciated for ideas to do. Help is always needed, but the support is what makes the club run successfully.

Calendar

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.

Trap: Thursday Trap Starts March 2nd and Tuesday Trap starts April 4th (both open to the public)

March

Mar. 2nd – Division meeting in Wabash

Mar. 5th – BOD Meeting

Mar. 6th & 20th – Member's meeting

Mar. 7th – Thursday Trap starts, Open to the public

Mar. 9th – St. Pat's Celebration/ Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner – open to the public

Mar. 18th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Mar. 23rd – Competition Shoot

Mar. 27th & 30th – New Member's Review (rescheduled from the 23rd)

Mar. 24th – Kid's Easter Party

April

April 2nd – Tuesday Trap Starts, Open to the public

April 2nd – BOD meeting

April 3rd & 17th – Member's meeting

April 4th – Trap League starts

April 6th – ATA Youth Shoot – range closed until 1 or 2pm

April 13th – Taste of Izaak Walton

April 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

April 20th – Competition Shoot

April 21st – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

April 24th & 27th – New Member's Review

April 27th – Annual Grounds Clean-up

April 30th – May BOD Meeting

May

May 1st & 15th – Member's meeting

May 4th/5th – Little Calumet River Clean-Up

May 4th – ATA Youth Shoot – range closed until 1 or 2pm

May 5th – Scouts Blue & Gold

May 13th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

May 18th – Food Truck Fest (*recently added*)

May 18th & 22nd – New Member's Review

May 19th – Take a Kid Fishing / Archery Day

May 25th – Competition Shoot (*rescheduled from the 18th*)

May 26th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Antonio E. Alicea, Highland Michael Bradash, Crown Point Greg & Jeanette Brooks, Munster Angelo Valle, Griffith
John Doherty, Griffith Jack Falica, Chicago Heights Robert Protsman, St. John

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

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

There will be NO Bingo on April 12th to prepare for the dinner on the 13th

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