

August, 2022 GIWLA News

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We will continue collecting items for the Carmelite Home until our Sept. 7th meeting. You can drop the items off at the clubhouse and they will be delivered to the sisters. They specifically need personal grooming items and school supplies. Monetary gifts and gift cards would also be appreciated. You can give those to Kim or bring them to a meeting.

August 5th – 14th is the Lake County Fair. The Griffith Ikes will be running the Catfish Pond and Grampa's Fishing Boat on Monday and Tuesday, August 8th and 9th as well as Saturday, August 13th and we can use your help. Contact **Kim Russell (219-629-3189)**, **Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357)** or **Bobby Wright (219-924-0650)** if you'd like to help. This is a fund raiser for the club and, from what I've heard, it's always a lot of fun.

Rifle Range: The next competition shoot will be Saturday, August 13th. 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. 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.

Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation will be Saturday, August 20th and all members are encouraged to attend. The festivities start at 5pm and will last through the evening. There is no cost but we do ask that you register so we know how much food to buy. We will have sign-up sheets at the August meetings as well as during Bingo on Fridays. You can also send an email to news@giwla.org. Let us know how many family members will be attending and if you'd like to bring your favorite dish, let us know that too. This is an annual event sponsored by Bingo and it's a great opportunity to spend time with your fellow Ikes. If you are a new member, come on out and let us get to know you!

Sunday, August 21st is our next 3-D Archery Shoot. 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. The kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch so come by even if you aren't planning to shoot. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396)** or **Louie Colon (219-688-0093)** for more information or if you'd like to help.

Our Annual Catfish Derby will be Saturday, August 27th. It is open to the public so come on out and bring your friends. Registration opens at 6:30pm, fishing starts at 8pm until 1am. Entry fee is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children 10 & under. 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)!** Members will be allowed to launch their boats the day before but the club will not be responsible for them. The lakes will be closed once they are stocked (probably Tuesday, August 23rd) 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 5pm to the end of the event.

Be sure to come out for our Annual Fish Fry / Shrimp Boil on Sunday, September 18 from noon until 5pm. This event is open to the public so please help us spread the word. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults and \$6 for kids, 10 and under. The prices go up to \$17 and \$8 at the door. We'll be offering both dine-in and carry out, while supplies last. The menu includes fish, shrimp boil with corn and potatoes, jambalaya, homemade coleslaw, salads and sides as well as dessert. For more information, or if you'd like to volunteer to help, contact Rick Perry at 219-680-9796.

Bingo needs help! We are down to a barebones crew to sell pull tabs – which is where we make our money – and if we don't get more members coming out to help, it will no longer be profitable and we may have to cancel it. So, think about it and if you can spare some time, even it's just a couple of hours, come out on Friday, any time after 5.

A message from our President, Kim Russell (219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com)

Hi fellow Ikes. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Thankfully, there are still many warm days ahead. The club has been busy and I am sorry if you have missed any of the fun. Our Bass Tournament was bigger and better this year with quite a few bass caught. The archery shoots are getting more attendance, with the new kid bows coming and new targets that will be purchased soon, next year looks even more promising. The Food Truck Fest and Open House brought in new faces who seemed to have enjoyed themselves. The chapter is sponsoring a Cub Scout troop and anxious to see the kids out enjoying the grounds. Think about why you joined the chapter. Was it to fish in our lakes? Are you attending the lakes functions? Committee meetings? Did you join to shoot on the ranges? Are you participating in the shoots? Whatever the reason is for why you joined, we want you to come out and find that enjoyment again. Do we always need help? Yes!!! That is a given, but we also want everyone to come out and enjoy the functions, enjoy the grounds and partake in fellowship with other members! We have many upcoming activities left this year so bring your family out and remember the reason you joined!

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.

August

August 2nd – Board of Director's meeting

August 3rd & 17th Member's meeting

August 3rd – New Officers Announcement (no elections needed)

August 5th thru 14th – Lake County Fair

August 13th - Competition Shoot (Saturday)

August 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

August 20th – Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation, All members welcome

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

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

August 27th – Catfish Derby, Open to the public

September

Sept. 6th – Board of Director's meeting

Sept. 7th & 21st - Member's meeting

Sept. 11th – Last 3D Archery Shoot of the year, Open to the public (Sunday)

Sept. 13th – Calendar Meeting

Sept. 17th – Adopt-a-Beach Day

Sept. 18th – Fish Fry / Shrimp Boil

Sept. 19th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Sept. 24th & 28th – New Member's Review

Sept. 24th – Competition Shoot (Saturday)

October

Oct. 4th – Board of Director's meeting

Oct. 5th & 19th - Member's meeting

Oct. 17th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Oct. 22nd - Competition Shoot (Saturday)

Oct. 22nd & 26th – New Member's Review

Oct. 29th / 30th - Turkey Shoots, Open to the public

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 4/30/2023

Would you like to receive the newsletter by email? Do you have feedback for the editor?

You can contact us at: NEWS@GIWLA.ORG

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Juan Aceves, Merrillville	Jason Butler, Griffith	Carl Denoms, Hammond	Michael Hart, Munster
Dusan Hathaway, Merrillville	Marcos Perez, Whiting	William Rolland, Hammond	Lee St. Aubin, Griffith

Did anyone lose a pair of binoculars at the target shoot on April 24th? They are in the clubhouse in the lost and found.