

February, 2019 GIWLA News

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The first 3-D Polar Bear Archery Shoot of the year will be Saturday, Feb. 9th. First shooter out at 8am, last shooter out at 1pm. The shoot is open to the public so tell your friends. Registration is \$10 for non-members, \$8.00 for members. Breakfast and lunch will be available so come on out and have fun. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396)** or **Dave Reel (219-678-0088)** for more information or if you'd like to help.

We will be having our annual Hall/Kitchen clean-up the weekend of Feb. 16th & 17th. There's lots to do so please try to come out (8am-1pm) and help. We'll even feed you lunch! Our chapter will be hosting the Division meeting in March and we really want to spruce things up. Come out all day or just an hour or two. This is a great time for new members to complete your volunteer hours while getting to know your fellow Ikes. **Call Ed Rosinski (219-781-9053)** if you have any questions.

The Lakes Committee has started selling year round boat slips for \$50.00. Contact **John Talarico (708-926-5958)** if you are interested. This summer Alice and the Lakes Committee will continue to implement the 5 year plan. If you want to be part of this planning committee, contact **Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357)** and let her know.

Don't miss the Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 23rd from 3-6pm at the clubhouse. You're welcome to come at 2pm to set-up. There is no fee to enter and only members are eligible. Besides bragging rights, the winners go away with a nice prize. Don't cook? Come on out and sample all the entries. It's always a good time and you won't go home hungry!

Rifle Range: The first competition shoot of the year will be March 16th. 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 Chair **Paul McKinley (219-902-9518)** if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

For those who can't wait for trap to start up again, **Thursday trap will begin on March 7th** (the first Thursday in March) and Tuesday trap resumes in April.

Jim Buiter and our Conservation Committee have begun planning the 3rd Annual Little Calumet River Clean-up for a weekend in May, details to be announced. If you would like to help with the planning, or anything else related to conservation, contact **Jim at 708-259-4367**.

Wild Game Dinner tickets are now available for \$40 from Bobby Wright or Rick Perry. The **dinner will be Saturday, April 27th** at Assumption Hall in New Chicago. Contact **Rick Perry (219-680-9796)** or **Bobby Wright (219-972-3649)** if you are interested in helping out.

Kim Russell (219-629-3189) is selling ads for the Wild Game 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.

We have a new **Fund Raising Committee chaired by John Faba.** John is an expert in data analytics and has experience fundraising for other organizations. He has graciously volunteered to lend his expertise to our club to help us increase our outreach and find new ways to generate revenue. According to John, "Our committee will be dedicated to generation of a database storing previous individual donors and organizations that have donated to us. Our databases will also cover participation fees for events including the most popular events we hold. This database will be used to generate information on best times to solicit, best events to pursue donations at, and determine any new events we may have, to further increase donations to our group. The group will also actively engage in the solicitation of fundraising events, but will be primarily focused on data generation until enough data exists in our database for analytical use." If anyone is interested in helping John help our club, you can contact him at **JohnFaba@gmail.com** or **952-261-9664**.

We'd like to welcome our new members, **Jason Monahu from Dyer** and **Richard Page from Griffith**.

Calendar

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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.

Feb. 5th - Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Feb. 6th & 20th - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Feb. 9th – Polar Bear Archery Shoot

Feb. 16th/17th - Annual Hall/Kitchen Clean-up Weekend

Feb. 23rd – Chili Cook-off (3pm at the clubhouse, set-up at 2pm)

Feb. 23rd & 27th - New member Review

March 5th - Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

March 6th & 20th - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

March 7th – First day of Thursday Trap

March 16th – Competition Shoot - 10am *Range closed until 2pm*

March 23rd & 27th - New member Review

April 27th – Wild Game Dinner – Tickets available now

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

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