

February, 2020 GIWLA News

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The Ice Fishing Derby will be held on the alternative date of Saturday, February 1, 2020. This will be an Ice or No Ice Fishing Derby. Sign-in is at 5am with fishing from 6am until 1pm. If you don't want to fish, come out for a full-menu, home-cooked breakfast at a very reasonable price! Our menu includes: Deluxe 3-egg omelet (\$5.00), Pancakes (All you can eat \$4.00); Breakfast Sandwich (\$3.00); Sausage (2 links \$2.00); Scrambled eggs (\$2.00); Sausage, Biscuits, and Gravy (\$3.00); Juice or Milk (\$1.00); Coffee or Hot Chocolate (\$1.00). A Frabill Pop-Up Fishing Shelter will be raffled off. (We've only sold \$55 in tickets on this big-ticket item, so you have a great chance to win it. One ticket for \$3.00 or 2 tickets for \$5.00). All-season fishing tackle, rods and reels for sale. Great deals to supply your tackle box and replace worn out rods and reels in your collection! Baked goods for sale. Silent Auction -- some wonderful big ticket items. You won't want to miss the chance to take one home. Come out and support the Griffith Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. It's a great time to bring family, friends, and prospective members to the Chapter grounds. For more information, contact: Alice Butterfield, Lakes Chair, 708-466-3357 or Jackie Larson, Lakes Co-Chair, 219-487-0001

The Lakes Committee has started selling year round boat slips for \$60.00. Contact Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson at (219)-487-0001 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, they meet the third Monday of each month at 6pm in the backroom.

Our Conservation Committee has begun planning the Annual Little Calumet River Clean-up which will be the weekend of April 25th & 26th. Jim Buiter will host the first planning meeting on Monday, Feb. 3rd at 6pm at the clubhouse. They are looking for volunteers to help organize the event as well as groups who would like to participate.

Tickets are available for the May 16th Wild Game Dinner. The cost is \$45 and you can contact Rick Perry (219-680-9796) if you are interested. The dinner will be at the Halls of St. George Hall in Schererville. Gun Raffle and crossbow tickets have been printed and are available for purchase. Please take a few extras and sell them to friends if you can. If you received tickets with your renewal, we would appreciate it if you would buy, sell or return them to the club as soon as you can. Bobby has arranged to sell tickets at a number of local outdoor shows over the next few months. Contact him (Bobby Wright 219-924-0650) if you'd like to help.

Kim Russell (219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com) 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.

A message from our President, Kim Russell:

Happy February members and Happy Valentine's Day to all of you also.

There are a few upcoming events I hope to see you at. First is our Ice (no ice) fishing derby on Feb. 1st. We should just start calling it the Cold Day Fishing Derby! For those of you who don't fish, there will be a delicious breakfast for sale and lots of raffles and prizes.

We have our infamous Chili Cook off February 29th. Starts at 3pm, doors open at 2pm for the entries to set-up. If you haven't attended this event, trust me - it is a good time: a relaxing day of eating chili and conversing with your fellow Ikes. If you make a good chili, bring it in a crock pot with any fixings you want to add. You may decorate your table if you would like. Bring an extension cord. If you don't make a good chili, but enjoy eating some come on out for lunch. There is no charge for entering or eating. First place wins 100\$, second place \$50, third place 25\$, and people's choice 25\$. Plus some fancy, schmancy trophies and bragging rights!

Don't forget if you haven't paid your dues, get them into John so you don't miss out on all the fun coming up! If your gate pass has been deactivated, please contact our Membership Chair, John Quigley (630-670-6465), and he can help you out.

A few weeks ago at the Junior/Student Ike's Meeting, the kids went out to the front lake and gathered a bucket of water. We checked the water quality with the river watch kit. I am so happy to report all the numbers came out perfect!!!! If you have younger kids or grandkids, I hope you sign them up and bring them out to these meetings. Rich is doing fun and educational things with them.

Thanks to Steve G and Joe B for going in the cold water to get the pump in the front lake.

As always this is your club so we are always looking for ideas and people who want to help. The club doesn't run well on only a few people's ideas and a few hands.

**Yours in conservation,
Kim Russell**

Calendar

March 5th – Thursday Trap resumes – Open to the Public

April 7th – Tuesday Trap resumes – 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.

Feb. 1st Ice or No-Ice Fishing Derby w/Pancake Breakfast, Open to the public (Saturday)

Feb. 4th – Board of Director’s Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Feb 5th & 19th – General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Feb. 22nd & 26th - New Member Review

Feb. 29th – Presidential Chili Cook Off, All members welcome (Saturday)

March 3rd - Board of Director’s Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

March 4th & 18th – General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

March 5th – Thursday Trap resumes, Open to the public

March 7th – Division meeting (Saturday)

March 21st – First Competition Shoot of the year

March 31st - Board of Director’s Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

April 1st & 15th – General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

April 5th – Kid’s Easter Party / Egg Hunt, all members welcome (Sunday)

April 7th – Tuesday Trap resumes, Open to the public

April 18th – Competition Shoot (Saturday)

April 19th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public (Sunday)

April 22nd & 25th - New Member Review

April 25th / 26th – Annual Little Cal River Clean-up

**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

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