

February 2024 GIWLA News

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Renewals have gone out and the deadline has passed. If you haven't sent yours in, please do so immediately. If your gate pass has been de-activated, please contact our Membership Chair, John Quigley (630-670-6465) or our president, Kim Russell (219-629-3189), and they can help you out.

Our big winter event is the **2024 Ice Fishing Derby / Pancake Breakfast on February 11th**. Unfortunately, mother nature did not participate, and **we are being forced to cancel the Ice Fishing Derby part**. But come on out for breakfast and tell your friends! Where else can you find a great homemade breakfast for \$7 (\$5 for kids, 10 and under). This includes sausage, breakfast casserole with bacon or ham, gravy, AYCE pancakes, coffee, milk and OJ. They will be serving from 8:00 am to noon but come early as they have been known to run out! There will be raffles and 50/50s. If you'd like to help, I'm sure our Lakes Chairs would appreciate it. **Contact Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson at (219-487-0001) if interested.**

After breakfast, come join the fun at our Super Bowl party later that day (February 11th) at 5:00 PM. We will provide ham and turkey sandwiches. Bring your own drink and a side or dessert to share. We also suggest you bring a comfy chair. The game starts at 5:30 PM. Call Jackie 219-487-0001 or Steve 219-228-0167 for more information.

Don't miss the Annual Presidential Chili Cook-off on Sunday, February 24th 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 cash 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!

Tickets are now available for the **April 13th Taste of the Izaak Walton Dinner**. The cost is **\$45 and includes homemade dinner, beer, and wine. 35 tickets are left. Get yours now!** We have brought the dinner back to the clubhouse in Griffith and, of course, it is open to the public. There will be raffles, 50/50 and lots of fun. Please contact **Jackie Larson at 219-487-0001** for tickets and information.

Tickets are available for our 2-gun raffle: a Canik TP9SF Elite pistol and Sig Sauer P320 Pistol. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winners drawn at the Taste of Izaak Walton Dinner on April 13th. Contact Jackie 219-487-0001. Tickets available at Feb 11 breakfast, meetings and corned beef dinner or from a board member.

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.

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!

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

The Chill Cook-off is coming up at the end of the month. I am sure the few guys who have won in the past would appreciate some competition. I know we have some great cooks out there. The only cost is to make the chili. You make your famous chili, put it in a crock pot and bring it out to the chapter house. You can bring any fixings you like in chili. Members will come by and try your outstanding recipe and vote for their favorite. The judges will get a bowl and vote on strict guidelines. The winner gets a world famous trophy and \$100, second gets a state famous trophy and \$75, third place gets a town famous trophy and \$50, and people's choice trophy is chapter famous and comes with \$25.

Don't forget we are looking for upcoming members who want to take over for some of us. Come out and get involved and learn the ropes so you can continue what our forefathers (and mothers) have done. Our chapter depends on our members not just renewing their membership but also attending meetings and functions. You don't have to help at every function (though that is cool if you do), but attending them also makes a huge impact!

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Tamie Goodwyne, Griffith

Stephen Richey, Griffith

Bruno Wilinski, Highland

Madison Wilinski, Highland

Lucas Behn, Schererville

Melvin Bellinger, Highland

Joe Lulich, Crown Point

Jerry Martinez, Merrillville

Robert Moore, Gary

Dave Veronesi, Highland

Scott Mahns, Merrillville

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.

First day of Thursday Trap is March 7th – Open to the Public

February

Feb. 5th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Feb. 6th – BOD Meeting

Feb. 7th & 21st – Member's meeting

Feb. 11th – ~~Ice Fishing Derby~~, Pancake Breakfast – Open to the public/ Super Bowl party

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

Feb. 24th – Presidential Chili Cook Off

March

Mar. 2nd – Division meeting

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 – Corned beef dinner

Mar. 10th – Pinewood Derby

Mar. 18th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Mar. 23rd – Competition Shoot

Mar. 23rd & 27th – New Member's Review

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 Shoot

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

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 4/30/2024

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

You can contact us at: NEWS@GIWLA.ORG

White barrels are for garbage and **blue barrels are for recyclable cans.**

Please remember this when enjoying our grounds!

Save the date: May 18, 4th Annual Food Truck Fest