

January, 2019 GIWLA News

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By now you should have gotten your renewal, and hopefully you've returned it. If you didn't receive it or have any questions, call our **Membership Chair, John Quigley, at 630-670-6465**. Deadline for renewal is Dec. 31st and if we don't get it by **January 12th, 2019**, your gate pass will be turned off.

The Lakes Committee is collecting your real Christmas trees again. We make fish habitat out of them by securing them to a frame and sinking it to the bottom of the lake. The fish love it and it keeps the trees out of our landfills! Drop your tree off next to the small barn on our property or **call Alice (708-466-3357) or John (708-926-5958) and they'll pick them up!**

We are beginning the New Year without a Recording Secretary, a very important member of our executive board. Since Karen Bruce moved to Kentucky a few months ago, we have been trying to fill this position. If you are interested, please see **Kim Russell** at any meeting or contact her at **219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com**. She will answer any questions you might have about what the position entails.

We are also looking for someone to chair the Junior Student Ikes. Your job would be to help educate young people in wildlife, conservation and our environment by involving them in fun activities. We have nearly 80 acres of woodlands and lakes for the kids to do all kinds of projects from building bat and bird houses to marking the diverse plants along our trails and gardens. The Junior Student Ikes emphasize awareness, appreciation and understanding of wildlife and natural resources. This is an opportunity to educate your kids (or grandkids) on conservation while nurturing a love for wildlife and the outdoors. Don't worry if you don't know about all of this stuff – you will get LOTS of support from members who do.

Due to lack of ice, the 2019 Ice Fishing Derby has been moved to Saturday, January 26th. Sign-in is at 5am with fishing from 6am-1pm. Derby time is from 6am-1pm. A complete breakfast menu will be available so if you don't fish, come on out for a great meal. Crappie, catfish, bass and bluegill are waiting for you! This event is open to the public so bring a friend! Registration is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Contact our **Lake Chairs, Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or John Talarico (708-926-5958)** for more information or if you'd like to volunteer. You can help us publicize the event by downloading a copy of the flyer from either our website or Facebook group page.

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. They have published the schedule for all of the 3-D Archery Shoots in 2019. It is posted in the backroom. The dates have also been added to our calendar on www.giwla.org

Jim Buiter and our Conservation Committee have begun planning the 3rd Annual Little Calumet River Clean-up. It will be 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**.

We will be hosting the March Division meeting at our club. The details will be announced once they are finalized. In preparation for this event, **our annual building clean-up will be Feb. 16th and 17th**. We'll have Ikes from all over the state coming up to see us so of course, we'll want to spruce the hall up before they get here.

A few words from Rick Perry:

"Thanks to everyone who attended or helped make the Thanksgiving dinner a success. We had a lot of help in the kitchen and the membership brought some amazing sides and desserts. Special thanks to John Talarico and everyone else who helped make it such a special night.

The membership would also like to thank Rick for his hard work putting it all together. Thanks Rick!

Calendar

Trap is on a break until March

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.

Jan. 5th – Ice Fishing Derby has been rescheduled

Jan. 8th - Board of Directors Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Jan. 9th & 16th - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

Jan. 23rd & 26th - New member Review

Jan. 26th – New Date for the Ice Fishing Derby / Pancake (and so much more!) Breakfast

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

Feb. 9th – Polar Bear Archery Shoot

Feb. 16/17th - Annual Building Clean-up Weekend

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

Feb. 23rd – Chili Cook-off

Feb. 23rd & 27th - New member Review

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

No glass bottles allowed anywhere on our grounds.