

January & February, 2023 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. Your gate pass will be de-activated on Saturday, January 14th if you haven't renewed by then. If this happens, please contact our Membership Chair, John Quigley (630-670-6465), and he can help you out.

Our big winter event is the **2023 Ice Fishing Derby on February 19th**. Sign-in is at 5am with fishing from 6am until noon. There will be lots of prizes including biggest fish and many door prizes. This event is open to the public so let your friends know. The **cost is \$20 for everyone** and includes an all-you-can-eat breakfast. Not interested in fishing? Come out and enjoy the breakfast for \$6. The Lakes Committee has begun selling raffle tickets for a very nice ice fishing shanty. See any committee member for details. 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. Be sure to watch our Facebook page for updates on the ice conditions on the lakes.

This month's Lakes and Grounds meeting has been moved to **Monday, January 23rd at 6pm at the clubhouse**. Come on out and see what they are all about and help plan the upcoming events. The Lakes Committee has announced that **all Walleye will be catch-and-release from now on**, until further notice. This is to allow the existing stock to mature for the next few years.

Tickets will soon be available for the April 1st Wild Game Dinner. The cost is **\$50 and you can** Contact **Larry Biegel (219-204-0920)** if you are interested. The dinner will be at the Halls of St. George Hall in Schererville. They had the first planning meeting this week and the next will be on Monday, January 23rd at 7pm at the clubhouse (after the Lakes and Grounds meeting at 6). They could use help so if you are interested, just come by on the 23rd or call Larry.

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.

Don't miss the Annual Presidential Chili Cook-off on Sunday, February 26th 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!

A message from our President, Kim Russell:

Happy New Year everyone. I hope your holidays were great, and the new year finds you healthy and warm. We have been planning our functions for the year, I hope to see you all at them. We have the chili cook off coming up. 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 peoples choices trophy is chapter famous and comes with \$25.

I know many of you will be doing the ice dance so the ice fishing derby will be a success. If you are not one of the crazy people to go out and freeze while fishing on frozen water with holes all around you, then come out and enjoy breakfast and keep your kitchen clean. 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 have done. One last thing, hopefully a Hunters Ed class will be coming in March.

More to come next month!

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Eytan Adani, Munster

Chris Carter, St. John

Mike Gard, Highland

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.

Trap is closed until spring

January

Jan. 3rd – BOD meeting

Jan. 4th & 18th – Member's meeting

Jan. 14th – Gate passes turned off for non-payment

Jan. 23rd – Lakes & Grounds meeting (re-scheduled from the 16th)

Jan. 25th & 28th – New Member's Review

Jan. 31st – (February) BOD meeting

February

Feb. 1st & 15th – Member's meeting

Feb. 13th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Feb. 19th - Ice Fishing Derby, Open to the public

Feb. 22nd & 25th – New Member's Review

Feb. 26th – Presidential Chili Cook Off

Feb. 28th – (March) BOD meeting

March

Mar. 1st & 15th – Member's meeting

March 2nd – Thursday Trap starts, Open to the public

Mar. 4th – Division meeting at our club

Mar. 18th – First Competition Shoot of the year

Mar. 19th – 3-D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

Mar. 20th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Mar. 22nd & 25th – New Member's Review

Mar. 31st – No Bingo (Wild Game prep)

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?

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

Please remember this when enjoying our grounds!