

# January & February, 2026 GIWLA News

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**Reminder: The time for both the Board and member's meetings is now 7:00pm**

**Renewals have gone out with the help of our newly elected Membership Chair, Tammy Sibley.** If you haven't received yours or know someone who is still waiting, **please contact Tammy at 219-670-4782.** If you have received yours, please send it in ASAP. Because of the issues we've had with renewals, **the board has voted to extend the gate shut-off date to March 21<sup>st</sup>.** If you haven't sent in your renewal by then, your gate pass will be shut off and you'll have to contact Tammy to get things cleared up

**Do you still have your Christmas tree or know someone who does?** Rather than landfill it why don't you bring it to the club and we'll use it for fish habitat. Just put it by the small green barn and let Jackie know with a call or a text to **219-487-0001.**

**The first Lakes and Grounds meeting will be Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** If you are new to the club, this is a great opportunity to meet some of our most active members, see how things get done and how you might be able to contribute. If you can't make it on January 19<sup>th</sup>, they meet on the third Monday of the month at 6pm at the clubhouse. **February's meeting will be on the 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tickets are on sale for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Taste of the Izaak Walton on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-9pm.** The dinner will be at our clubhouse again this year and only 120 tickets will be sold. The cost is \$50 for appetizers, a huge full-course meal, dessert, beer, wine and soft drinks. Of course there will be lots of raffles and fun! **See Jackie Larson for tickets (219-487-0001).** Would you like to volunteer at the dinner or just help plan it? Jackie could use your help.

**Don't miss the Annual Presidential Chili Cook-off on Saturday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Our first big lakes winter event is the 2026 Ice Fishing Derby and Breakfast on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Sign-in is at 5am with fishing from 6am until noon.** There will be lots of prizes including biggest fish and many door prizes. Keep your fish or catch and release! You do not need an Indiana fishing license to participate. Not interested in fishing? Come out and enjoy the breakfast from 8am – 11am. 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.

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

Happy New Year everyone, I hope the holidays were good for you. Just a few quick things, If you did not receive a membership renewal, please let us know. You can pay without it by mailing a check to: **The Griffith Izaak Walton Chapter, PO Box 33, Griffith, IN 46319.** Make the check payable to **GIWLA.** The memberships are **\$100 for regular membership** and **\$150 for a family membership** where both adults have voting rights. We have had a few issues with membership and are trying to get them straightened out. **The chili cook-off is coming in February,** I hope we have many chilies to judge, give the "guys" some competition also 😊. The prizes are as I stated last year. 1<sup>st</sup> place wins \$100 and a world-famous trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$75 and a state famous trophy, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$50 and a town famous trophy, Peoples Choice winner receives \$50 and the chapter famous trophy. The only cost is the making of the chili. Bring any fixings you would like and come out for a tootin' good time. I hope to see everyone in 2026 getting involved in committees and functions as well as enjoying the club as a whole.

## 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. 6<sup>th</sup> – BOD meeting

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> – Member's meeting

~~Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> – Gate passes turned off for non-payment~~ – moved to Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

### February

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – BOD Meeting

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> – Presidential Chili Cook Off

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> – Ice Fishing Derby / Pancake Breakfast

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

### March

~~Mar. 1<sup>st</sup> – Fish Fry~~ Rescheduled for October 10th

Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> – BOD Meeting

Mar. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> – Thursday Trap starts, Open to the public

Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> – Division Meeting

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> – Corned Beef Dinner

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Competition Shoot

Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> – Gate Passes turned off for non-payment

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – Kid's Easter Party/Egg Hunt

Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – **April BOD meeting**

Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday Trap Starts, Open to the public

**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.**

**Please remember this when enjoying our grounds!**