

July, 2022 GIWLA News

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Come out and catch a big one at our Bass Tournament on Sunday, July 17th. It is open to the public and you are encouraged to help us spread the word. **Registration is at 5:00am with fishing from 6:00am to 1pm.** The entry fee is \$20. There will be raffles and prizes. We'll also have rods, reels and tackle for sale, as well as food. Bring your own bait. For more information, call our Lakes chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson (219-487-0001). They could also use volunteers to help man the registration and sales tables, set-up, clean-up and other necessary tasks.

The club will have two boats for auction at the membership meeting on July 20. The auction starts after the meeting (which begins at 7:30pm). Pictures of the boats are available on Facebook. Both boats are 12' deep V boats. The green boat is larger and has seats. The blue boat is smaller but also has a Minn Kota 34 trolling motor. Starting bids are \$300 for each boat. The boats will be auctioned separately. These auctions are for members only. If the boats don't sell, they will be offered to the public at a later date. Proceeds go to Conservation at the Griffith Indiana Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. For more information, contact Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357). We also have 5 boats slips available on Jordan Lake for locating your new boat at the Club. Get ready NOW for the Bass Tournament on Sunday, July 17 and the Catfish Derby on Saturday, August 27. At these events, members can take their boats out on the lakes. Want to help plan these lake events? Attend the Lakes Planning meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6pm at the clubhouse. The next meeting will be Monday, July 25th.

Saturday, July 16th is our next 3-D Archery Shoot. First shooter out at 8am, last shooter out at 1pm. This event is open to the public so tell your friends. Registration is \$10 for non-members, \$8.00 for members. The kitchen will be open for breakfast and lunch so come by even if you aren't planning to shoot. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396) or Louie Colon (219-688-0093)** for more information or if you'd like to help.

Rifle Range: The next competition shoot will be Saturday, July 23rd. The first match will be a "Mozambique" timed drill. The shooter will fire 3 shots, on two targets, reload off the clock, and repeat the drill, for a total of 12 shots. Scores are calculated on time and accuracy. The second match will be rifles, with optics, 10 shots, from the 50-yard bench. The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11. Range will re-open to members no later than 2pm. Contact our Rifle Chairs, **Paul McKinley (219-902-9518) or Dave Shea (racon1@flash.net)** if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

This year is our 75th anniversary so we are hosting an open house on Saturday, July 30th to show off our beautiful grounds to the public and teach kids some outdoor activities. We need people who can show kids how to set up a fishing pole, take a fish off a hook, cast, set up a tent, build a campfire, canoe, identify birds and plants etc. We are looking for people to help man these tables as well as companies more geared to outdoors, or the environment that would like to set up an area and help with the day while promoting their companies, preferably with give-away items. If you are interested or know of people who might help, please let **Kim Russell (219-629-3189) or Jackie Larson (219-487-0001)** know.

We have begun collecting items for the Carmelite Home. The kids will not be able to come to the grounds for Carmelite Day this year but we'd still like to help them, as we do every year. You can drop the items off at the clubhouse and they will be delivered to the sisters. They specifically need personal grooming items such as shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, first aid kits, Chapstick, sanitizer, toilet paper, Kleenex, Q-tips and soap/body wash. They also need school supplies. Monetary gifts and gift cards would also be appreciated. You can give those to Kim or bring them to a meeting.

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

Happy July, could someone slow down the summer? please! We have so many things coming up... Wednesday, July 6th is nominations, if you are eligible and want to run for a board position or an officer spot let Rick Perry know. He is back and doing well thankfully! Update on Bobby Wright - he is in Dyer Symphony on Calumet Ave, as is Jerry Hlinsky. They are both on the mend. We have the Open House July 30th and we're looking for help for this. We need people to help the kids from station to station, help with archery, fishing, sitting at a table showing the kids how to do something like how to identify paw prints, make a craft, recycling, etc. We are also looking for businesses who may be interested in coming out to do something.

So do you have a bored kid or grand kid who is ages 9-15? If so, a great idea is to send them to youth camp. You drop them off July 24th and pick them up July 30th (then come to Open House!) for \$120.00. It usually cost more than that to feed them for the week. Here is the website to get more info and the application

<https://sites.google.com/view/iwla-indianadivision/Indianaiwlayouthcamp?authuser=0>

Please contact me for ideas for upcoming events. Look forward to seeing everyone between meetings, Open House, Bass Derby, upcoming Lake County Fair, coming out to enjoy the grounds. Please remember to leave it cleaner than you found it!

Calendar

Tuesday Trap 2-6pm Open to the Public

Thursday Trap 2-10pm 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.

July

July 5th – Board of Director's meeting

July 6th & 20th – Member's meeting

July 6th – Nominations at the general meeting

July 16th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

July 17th – Bass Tournament, Open to the public

July 23rd - Competition Shoot (Saturday)

July 25th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

July 23rd & 27th – New Member's Review

July 30th – Open House

August

August 2nd – Board of Director's meeting

August 3rd & 17th Member's meeting

August 3rd – Elections at the general meeting

August 5th thru 14th – Lake County Fair

August 13th - Competition Shoot (Saturday)

August 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

August 20th – Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation, All members welcome

August 21st – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

August 24th & 27th – New Member's Review

August 27th – Catfish Derby, Open to the public

September

Sept. 6th – Board of Director's meeting

Sept. 7th & 21st - Member's meeting

Sept. 11th – Last 3D Archery Shoot of the year, Open to the public (Sunday)

Sept. 13th – Calendar Meeting

Sept. 17th – Rummage Sale (tentative)

Sept. 17th – Adopt-a-Beach Day

Sept. 18th – Fish Fry / Shrimp Boil

Sept. 19th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

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

Sept. 24th – Competition Shoot (Saturday)

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

You can contact us at: NEWS@GIWLA.ORG

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Charles Brown, Merrillville

Rachel Cooper, Griffith

Vyto Damasius, Highland

Paul Hall, Griffith

Gary Hathaway, Merrillville

Lawrence Riccardi, Highland

Justin Salas, Merrillville

Robert Wisz, Chicago