

July & August, 2024 GIWLA News

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There will be ATA Youth Trap Shoots at 9am on both Saturday July 6th and August 3rd. These are AIM registered Youth Shoots. They will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm.

Bring the kids out to the Bluegill Round-up on Saturday, July 13th from 8am to noon. Our lakes are chock full of them, and they are fun to catch and great to eat. This is their opportunity to learn all about fishing for bluegill – how to cast, bait their hook and carefully take the fish off the hook. A cleaning station will be available to learn how to clean and prepare fish for eating. Prizes will be available for the kids and poles and bait will be available on a first come first serve basis. This event is open to the public. The fee is \$5.00 with kids under 5 free. Volunteers are needed so let our Lake Chairs, **Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) and Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001**, know if you will be available.

Another big Lakes event coming up is our **Annual Catfish Derby on Saturday, July 27th.** It is open to the public so come on out and bring your friends. **Registration opens at 4pm, fishing starts at 5pm until 10pm.** Entry fee is \$25 for everyone and includes food. No boats allowed on the lakes, shore fishing only. NO glass bottles of any kind allowed on the grounds during this event (or at any time)! The lakes will be closed on Tuesday, July 23rd in preparation for the derby. They will re-open as usual once the event is over. Contact our **Lakes Chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) and Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001** if you have any questions or would like to help out at the derby. Volunteers will be needed from 3pm to the end of the event. They will need the most help from 4 to 7pm to help with sign-ups and organization of the numerous contests.

The July Competition Shoot will be Saturday, July 20th. 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 sitting from the 50 yard bench. **The August competition shoot will be Saturday, August 26th.** The first match will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand, from the 25 yd line bench. **For both shoots, 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 (racoon1@flash.net)** if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

August events:

The Lake County Fair starts on August 1st and runs through thru the 11th. **The Griffith Ikes will be running the fishpond on Monday, Tuesday and possibly, Wednesday (the 5th, 6th and 7th) from noon until 8pm and we will need help!** This is a big fund raiser for the club and lots of fun for the kids at the fair. If you want to volunteer, it's free before 3pm. Can't make it on those days? We'll need help during the entire fair, manning our booth to promote the club. **Contact Bobby Wright (219-924-0650) or Kim Russell (219-629-3189) if you need more information.**

The Ike's Summer Picnic is Saturday August 17th at 4pm. This is also officer installation. The picnic is free and all members and their families are encouraged to attend. This is an annual event, sponsored by Bingo, and Randy does an amazing job with the menu and entertainment. It is important that we know how many will be attending so please sign up at a meeting or send an email to news@giwla.org. We can always use extra desserts so feel free to bring something if you'd like.

Trap Fun Shoot is Tuesday August 27th so trap is closed to the public on that day.

A message from our President, Kim Russell:

As we head into the second half of the year, I hope everyone gets to come out and enjoy our grounds and lakes. Please, when you are out fishing don't leave your line in the lake or on the ground. There are containers (on Lake Jordan by the front pier and Wilson lake by the boat launch) to put the line in or you can use the dumpster. We need people who can help rebuild the archery range and maybe fix some picnic tables.

We'd like to welcome our new members:

Micheal Bosko, Munster

Anthony Cirincione, Highland

Doug Couch, Hobart

Homer Farley/Michele Lyczak, Highland

Baron Walden, Merrillville

Phillip Davis, Gary

Calendar

Tuesday Trap 2-6pm Open to the Public

Thursday Trap 2-10pm Open to the Public. It will be from 2-5pm on July 4th

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 2nd – BOD Meeting

July 3rd & 17th - Member's meeting

July 3rd – Nominations at the general meeting

July 4th – Griffith Parade

July 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

July 13th – Blue Gill Round-up, Open to the public

July 20th – Competition Shoot

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

July 27th – Catfish Derby, Open to the public

August

August 1st – 11th – Lake County Fair

August 6th – BOD meeting

August 7th & 21st - Member's meeting

August 7th – Elections at the general meeting

August 10th – Competition Shoot

August 17th – Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation

August 19th – Lakes and Ground meeting

August 24th & 28th – New Member's Review

August 27th – Trap Fun Shoot, closed to the public

September

Sept. 3rd – BOD meeting

Sept. 4th & 18th – Member's meeting

Sept. 10th – Calendar Meeting

Sept. 15th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

Sept. 16th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Sept. 21st – Competition Shoot

Sept. 22nd – Fish Fry / Shrimp Boil

Sept. 25th & 28th – New Member's 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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Save the Date:

Sept. 22nd – Fish Fry / Shrimp Boil