July & August, 2026 GIWLA News
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August 1st is an ATA Youth Trap Shoot. This is an AIM registered Youth Shoot and it will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm. This, as well as **ANY trap event, closes the back lakes to fishing**.
The **Summer Trap League will be extending their season one week because of the recent storms**. Instead of ending on Thursday, August 13th, the last day will now be the 20th. **The Fun Shoot, originally scheduled for August 18th, has been moved to August 25th for the same reason.**

The July Competition Shoot will be Saturday, July 18th. The first match will be a "Mozambique" timed drill. The second match will be rifles with optics, 10 shots sitting from the 50 yard bench. **The August competition shoot will be Saturday, August 15th.** 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**. 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.

The 2026 Bass Tournament is Saturday, July 25th. It is open to the public and you are encouraged to help us spread the word. No fishing license needed. **Registration is at 4pm with fishing from 5pm to 8pm. The entry fee is $25 which includes a homemade pulled pork meal**. 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)! There will be rods, reels and fishing tackle for sale as well as raffles and prizes. Bring your own bait. For more information, contact our **Lakes Chairs Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson (219)-487-0001).** The lakes are closed to member fishing during the tournament.

Our **Annual Catfish Derby will be Saturday, August 22nd**. 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, August 18th 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) or 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.

A message from our President, Kim Russell-Grodetz (219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com):
The Izaac Walton League's National Convention will be held July 16-18 in Bloomington, MN. For more info visit **WWW.IWLA.ORD/convention**. The Ike's Indiana Youth Camp is July 19-25th. You can get an application from their website. The kids will enjoy classes, nightly dances, great food and an opportunity to meet new friends That's a lot of fun for only $175 ($190 if you register after July 12th)
Watch for information on the Lake County Fair on our website as well as Facebook. A lot of things have been changing at the fairgrounds and we're not sure if/how we're going to participate yet.
Don't forget that club elections are in August and nominations are are at the member's meeting on July 15th. All of the officer positions will be open as well as a number of Board seats. This is a great way to have a real impact on your club. Let me know if you are interested and I'll let you know if you are qualified.

Calendar

Tuesday Trap 2-6pm Open to the Public
Thursday Trap 2-10pm Open to the Public.
Note that the back lakes are closed during all trap events.
The rifle 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 1st & 15th - Member's meeting
July 4th – Griffith Parade /member's picnic
July 4th – 4th of July Trap Shoot
July 15th – Nominations at the general meeting
July 16th thru 18th National Convention
July 18th – Competition Shoot
July 20th – Lakes & Grounds meeting
July 22nd & 25th – New Member's Review
July 25th – Bass Tournament

August

August 1st – ATA Trap Shoot
August 4th – BOD meeting
August 5th & 19th - Member's meeting
August 5th – Elections at the general meeting
August 7th thru 16th – Lake County Fair
August 15th – Competition Shoot
August 17th – Lakes & Grounds meeting
August 18th – Last Day of Summer Trap league (moved from the 13th)
August 22nd – Catfish Derby
August 22nd & 25th – New Member's Review
August 25th - Trap Fun Shoot (rescheduled from the 18th)

September

Sept. 1st – BOD meeting
Sept. 2nd & 16th – Member's meeting
Sept. 5th – ATA Trap Shoot
Sept. 5th – Division Meeting
Sept. 12th – Ike's Summer Picnic / Officer Installation
Sept. 19th - Competition Shoot
Sept. 19th – Steak Fry
Sept. 21st – Lakes & Grounds meeting
Sept. 22nd – Calendar Meeting (6pm)
Sept. 23rd & 26th – 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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