

March & April, 2023 GIWLA News

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Corned beef and cabbage dinner Saturday March 11 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Advance tickets: adults \$10.00 kids under 10 \$6.00 at the door the tickets will be \$12.00 and \$7.00. **This is open to the public.** For more information call Jackie 219-487-0001 or Steve 219-228-0167.

The Lakes and Grounds committee will be meeting **March 20th and April 17th at 6pm at the clubhouse.** Come on out and see what they are all about and help plan the upcoming events like **Take a Kid Fishing / Archery Day on Sunday, May 21st.** Don't forget that 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.

The Lakes Committee has started selling year round boat slips for \$60.00. Contact **Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson at (219)-487-0001** if you are interested.

Thursday trap starts up again on March 2nd. There will only be Thursday Trap during the month of March (2pm – 10pm) . Leagues start on Thursday, April 6th. Tuesday Trap starts April 4th.

Tickets are 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 at the Halls of St. George Hall in Schererville. We could use help selling dinner tickets as well as gun raffle tickets. See any board member or officer, come to a meeting or stop by at the clubhouse on Friday evenings during bingo if you can help us.

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.

Rifle Range: The range committee wants to remind everyone that staples are not to be used to fasten targets to the back stop!

They have just repaired the damage caused by shooters who have not been following the rules so please, enjoy the range but also respect it.

The first competition shoot of the year will be Saturday, March 18th. The first match will be pistols, **10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line,** and the second will be rifles with iron sites only, **10 shots/offhand from the 50 yd line.** 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 (racoona1@flash.net)** if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

The April Match will Be Saturday, April 15th. The first match will be handguns, **10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line,** and the second will be handguns, **10 shots/offhand from the 25 yd line.** **The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11. Range will re-open to members no later than 2pm.**

Sunday, March 19th is first 3-D Archery Shoot of the year. 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 so come by even if you aren't planning to shoot. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396) or Luis Colon (219-688-0093)** for more information or if you'd like to help. The

Our annual Kid's Easter Party will be Sunday, April 2nd. This year, we will be having an egg hunt as well as crafts and snacks for member's kids and their grandkids, ages 12 and under. Beginning at 1pm sharp at the clubhouse. **No pre-registration is necessary.** Call Sally Ketelaar, our Kid's Party Chair at 219-308-4244 if you would like help.

Our Annual Grounds Clean-Up will be Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd. Our Grounds Committee Chairs, Ed Rosinski and Terrie Porwit, will have coffee for the volunteers at 8am. **Come out anytime during the day, even if you can just stay an hour or two.** Lunch will be provided. If you can, please bring your own gloves, rakes, shovels, and garden tools. If you have tall waders and want to help clean up the ditches and lakes, make sure to bring them too.

A message from our President, Kim Russell:

Hello members,

I hope everyone is staying healthy, warm and dry. March is finally upon us and spring is around the corner YAY! So this brings lots of fun things our way! We start out with a St. Patty's Day meal March 11. More about that above.

The Chili cookoff went off amazingly. We had 10 contestants. Jason Smit won first place, Joe Sadzewicz won second place, Jake Engquist won third place. Chris Gniadek won the people's choice. I want to thank everyone who came out with chili and to eat. It is always a great time.

Hunters Safety Class March 18th Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday March 19 1:00 - 4:00 sign up before it fills up. Archery shoots start back up March 18th if you know people that are interested in archery let them know about the shoots. We are trying to update our database, as some

noticed we sent out a text message to members Sunday. If you didn't get a text please contact myself, Alice, or Jackie to update your cell phone number and email address. **Little Calumet River Clean Up May 6 & 7 from 9-3** we are looking for groups, clubs, scouts and others who want to help with the clean-up. Membership cards should be coming in from National any day so watch for it in your mail soon. Trap is starting back up this week for Thursdays. They can use help loading trap houses and cleaning up at the end of the night. In the words of Paulie **come out and shoot!** We are looking for a member who is interested in coming out at least once a month to clean the kitchen, we had someone come and do some deep cleaning around the stove and deep fryer, this is a job that needs to be done often to keep it clean. If you have time during the day, evening, weekend whenever it is convenient for you, let us know. Lastly, our game dinner is coming up fast. This is our biggest one time fundraiser. We are looking for people who want to help out that day (we need to know who is helping to let Charity Gaming know) donations of wild game meat, liquor for raffles, items for silent auction baskets, ads for the program book. This club will run a lot smoother if all 500+ members help. Any questions please feel free to contact me by email, text or call. If you call please leave a message if I don't answer.
Have a wonderful Spring!

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: Thursday Trap Starts March 2nd and Tuesday Trap starts April 4th (both open to the public)

March

Mar. 1st & 15th – Member's meeting

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

Mar. 4th – Division meeting

Mar. 11 - Corned beef and cabbage dinner, Open to the public, 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mar. 18th – Competition Shoot

Mar. 18th / Mar. 19th - Hunter's Safety Class

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 Dinner Prep)

April

April 1st – Wild Game Dinner

April 2nd – Kid's Easter Party / Egg Hunt

April 4th – BOD meeting

April 4th – Tuesday Trap Starts, Open to the public

April 5th & 19th – Member's meeting

April 6th – Trap League starts

April 15th – Competition Shoot

April 17th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

April 22nd – Annual Grounds Clean-up

April 26th & 29th – New Member's Review

May

May 2nd – BOD meeting

May 3rd & 17th – Member's meeting

May 7th – 3D Archery Shoot, Open to the public

May 15th – Lakes & Grounds meeting

May 20th - Competition Shoot

May 20th & 24th – New Member's Review

May 21st – Take a Kid Fishing / Archery Day

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:

Frank Chagoya, Merrillville

Dylan Sadsewlcz, Hebron