

# March & April, 2026 GIWLA News

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**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.

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> (3pm – 7pm) we'll be having a Corned Beef Dinner.** Everything is homemade! Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, and Carrots. Homemade Irish soda bread and desserts, plus beverage. In advance, the tickets are only \$14 for adults/ \$7 for kids 10 years old and younger. At the door it will be \$17 for adults and \$8 for kids 10 years old and younger. We'll have raffles too. **Dine in or Carry Out. Call Jackie for tickets 219-487-0001.** This event is open to the public so tell your friends!

**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. **Note that there will be no Bingo on April 17<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the dinner.**

**This year's 3-gun raffle tickets are now available.** The drawing will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the dinner. The prizes include a **Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm Shield, a Kimber R7 Mako 9mm and a Ruger LCP Max.** Tickets are **\$10 each or 3/\$20** and the winner does not need to be present. See Jackie for tickets. **Tickets will also be available at the March 14<sup>th</sup> corned beef dinner, meetings and/or from a board member.**

**Thursday trap starts up again on March 5<sup>th</sup> (2pm – 10pm). Tuesday Trap starts March 31<sup>st</sup>. Leagues start on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** It is open to the public so bring a friend!

**Rifle Range: The first competition shoot of the year will be Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.** 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 (racoon1@flash.net) if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.**

The **April match will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> is the first ATA Youth Trap Shoot of the year.** This is an AIM registered Youth Shoot. This will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm.

**Our annual Kid's Easter Egg Hunt/Party will be Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.** This event is for member's kids and their grand kids, ages 12 and under. **Beginning at 1pm at the clubhouse.** No pre-registration is necessary. **Contact Kim Russell (219-629-3189) if you'd like to help or have questions.**

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

I hope this finds you well and ready for fishing and being outside. We have so many things coming up at the chapter this year, it would be great to see all our members participating at these functions. Check out the calendar on our website and be sure that we have your email so you can keep up with all of our events.

I know we have had some issues with members not getting their renewals and I apologize for all the trouble but we are close to having everything ironed out. If you didn't receive yours please let us know. You can pay your dues without the renewal paperwork – just give me or Tammy a call and we'll arrange it for you. Also make sure you let us know if you move and or change your phone number or email address so we can keep our records up to date.

Lastly, we could use donations of candy to fill the eggs for our Easter Egg hunt on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Please bring it to a meeting or give me a call and I'll make sure we get it.

# 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 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday Trap starts March 31<sup>st</sup> (both open to the public)

## 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

## April

- April 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Trap League starts
- April 4<sup>th</sup> – ATA Trap Shoot
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting
- April 17<sup>th</sup> – No Bingo
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Competition Shoot
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Taste of Izaak Walton
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

## May

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – ATA Trap Shoot
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – BOD Meeting
- May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Take A Kid Fishing & Archery Day / Playground Celebration
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Competition Shoot
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of Spring Trap League

**Bingo every Friday – Doors open at 4pm, Early birds start at 5:30.**

**Regular Bingo at 6:30. Set-ups start at \$20.00.**

**There will be NO Bingo on April 17<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the dinner on the 18<sup>th</sup>**

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