

# May, 2019 GIWLA News

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**Our Annual Spring Clean-Up is the weekend of May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.** Our Grounds Chair Ed Rosinski is great at organizing teams and making sure everyone has something to do. He will have **coffee for the volunteers at 7:30 on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** with a start time of 8am. He'll **start at 10am on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> (coffee at 9:30)**. Come out anytime on either 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. **The entire club, including the range, will be closed for recreational activities during Clean-Up: 8am – 4pm on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and 10am – 3pm on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**The Lakes Report:** The membership has just approved a list of rule changes. They include changes to daily catch and size limits and affect everyone who fishes our lakes. The new rules have been published in the Lake Committee's newsletter called 'Drop A Line' which just released its first issue. There are copies at the clubhouse as well as on Facebook and our website. The committee is also working on new signage to help members understand them. You can always come to a planning meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm at the club house if you want to be part of the group discussing these issues. **Contact our Lake chairs, Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or John Talarico (708-926-5958)** for more information. Alice and John would like to remind everyone to register their dependents so they can fish our lakes without a visitor's pass. Do you keep a boat on our lakes? Boat slips are now being issued for January to January rather than April to April. This will make record keeping much easier and allow the forms to be sent out with annual registrations. Talk to John if you have any questions.

**Come out on May 26<sup>th</sup> for our first annual Fish Fest.** All members are invited to fish our lakes – from 10am until the last person leaves. Get out in a boat or fish from shore. The club will provide grillin' food – just bring your own beverage and a dish to share if you want. Come out to fish or just relax and enjoy the grounds and the bonfire in the evening. If you think you'll be coming, let Alice or John know so they have an idea of how much grillin' food to get.

**Rifle Range: The next competition shoot of the year will be May 11<sup>th</sup>.** The first match will be handguns, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yard line, and the second will be rifles w/optics, 10 shots from the 50 yard bench. 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.

**Just a reminder that our annual Dutch Auction will be May 15<sup>th</sup>** – after the member's meeting. This is a great way to get rid of things that are cluttering your house and help your club make a little extra income. So as you're doing your spring cleaning, set aside anything you think might sell (outdoor stuff sells REALLY well!) and bring it with you to this meeting. All proceeds are donated to the club. Be sure to come on May 15<sup>th</sup> – you'll be amazed at the bargains you might find!

**The next 3-D Archery Shoot of the year will be Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.** First shooter out at 8am, last shooter out at 1pm. The shoot is open to the public so tell your friends. Registration is \$10 for non-members, \$8.00 for members. Breakfast and lunch will be available also. You can contact our Archery Chairs, **Joe Bissonette (219-779-0396) or Dave Reel (219-678-0088)** for more information or if you'd like to help. Don't worry if you're just a novice – these guys will help you understand how the game is played.

**Our Semi-annual Rummage Sale will be May 18<sup>th</sup> Rain or Shine!** In the event of rain, vendors can set-up inside. The gate will be open at 6am for set-up and the sale will be 8am – 2pm. We'll have coffee and donuts for the vendors. **The cost for a space is the same as last year: \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members.** Contact **Ed Rosinski (219-781-9053)** if you are interested in renting a booth.

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Are you handy with carpentry, plumbing or electrical? Our **Building Committee Chair, Rick Kirk** is always looking for volunteers to help him make needed improvements on our clubhouse. Rick also asks that you let him know if you see anything that needs to be done in or around the building. **You can contact Rick at 219-290-5038.** Would you rather help plan activities for kids? Then talk to our **Junior Student Ikes Chair, Rich Vemmer.** **You can contact Rich at richvem1@gmail.com.** Of course you can always come by the club on any Wednesday and help our **Grounds Chair, Ed Rosinski (219-781-9053)** clean up our property.

John Faba has announced that the Fund Raising Committee will begin meeting after the first member's meeting of each month. Stop by if you are interested in learning more about John's efforts to use Big Data to help us focus our limited fund raising resources and increase our revenue. Have more questions? You can contact him at [JohnFaba@gmail.com](mailto:JohnFaba@gmail.com) or **952-261-9664.**

Registration is open for the 2019 Indiana Division Youth Camp to be held July 21-27th at Ross Camp in West Lafayette. All campers must be 9 years old by September 1, 2019. See the Division website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/view/indianaiwlayouthcamp>

## We'd like to welcome our new members:

Jim Abraham, Griffith      Tim Bane, Hammond  
Frank, Czubala, Griffith      Randy Kickert, Schererville

Bruce Bigbie, Highland

## Calendar

Every Tuesday – Trap 2-7pm Open to the public

Every 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.

April 30<sup>TH</sup> - Board of Director's Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

May 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

May 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Grounds Clean-up Weekend *The grounds are closed to all recreational activities during the clean-up*

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Jr. Ikes Pizza Party - 6pm at the clubhouse. Open to public, kids up to age 16

May 11<sup>th</sup> - Competition Shoot - 10am *Range closed until 2pm*

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Dutch Auction (after the member's meeting)

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Rummage Sale *Range closed until event is over*

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 3D Archery Shoot - first shooter out at 8am, last at 1pm *Range closed until event is over*

May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - New member review

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Fish Fest *Range closed until event is over*

June 4<sup>th</sup> - Board of Director's Meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> - General meeting (7:30 at the clubhouse)

June 8<sup>th</sup> - 3D Archery Shoot - first shooter out at 8am, last at 1pm *Range closed until event is over*

June 15<sup>th</sup> - Competition Shoot - 10am *Range closed until 2pm*

June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - New member Review

## Save the Date:

**July 20<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Catfish Derby. Tell your friends – it's open to the public!**

**Bingo every Friday - Doors open at 4pm, Early birds start at 5:30. Regular Bingo at 6:30. Set-ups start at \$20.00.**

Bingo License: #134277

Raffle License: #149378

Special Events License (Wild Game Dinner): #149377

**PIZZA  
PARTY**

The Griffith Junior Student Ikes are hosting a pizza party on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome to bring kids and grandkids (up to age 16). Ask them to invite their friends too because the Jr. Ikes are open to both members and non-members. The idea is to introduce kids to conservation and the outdoors while having fun. Come out on May 6<sup>th</sup> and meet our chairman, Rich Vemmer, have some pizza and see what the Jr. Ikes are all about.

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

You can contact us at: [NEWS@GIWLA.ORG](mailto:NEWS@GIWLA.ORG)

White barrels are for garbage and **blue barrels are for recyclable cans.**

**No glass bottles allowed anywhere on our grounds.**