

# May & June, 2026 GIWLA News

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The issues with renewals have mostly been solved. If you are still having problems contact our Membership Chair, Tammy Sibley at 219-670-4782 or [tlsibley2025@gmail.com](mailto:tlsibley2025@gmail.com).

**Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is the next Lakes and Grounds meeting at 6pm in the clubhouse.** Come on out and help with the final plans for the upcoming Take A Kid Fishing / Learn Archery Day, while enjoying hotdogs with the other committee members. **Take A Kid Fishing / Learn Archery Day is Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be free food** including pizza, hotdogs, chips, cookies and water. This event is **open to the public** so tell your friends and family to bring out the kids to learn how to fish and shoot a bow/arrow by seasoned members. They can use our equipment and bait or bring their own. **The first 120 kids will get a free tackle box and tackle!** We'll also be showing off our new playground! So come on out and enjoy the day with your family. Who knows? You might even learn something.

If you can't make it to the May 11<sup>th</sup> Lakes and Grounds meeting, they meet on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, 6pm at the clubhouse** This is a great way for new members to fulfill their obligation for volunteer hours. Lake events are always our most popular and lots of fun. You can even make it a family affair if you'd like and bring your spouse and kids (if they are old enough to volunteer). **Contact our Lakes Chairs, Alice Butterfield (708-466-3357) or Jackie Larson at (219-487-0001) if you have any questions.**

**The May Competition Shoot is Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The first match will be pistols, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be rifles with optics, 10 shots from the 50 yd line bench. **The June match is Saturday, June 20<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 from the 25 yd line bench.** The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11. The range will re-open to members no later than 2pm. Contact our Rifle Chairs Paul McKinley (219-902-9518) or Dave Shea ([raccoon1@flash.net](mailto:raccoon1@flash.net)) if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> are the next ATA Youth Trap Shoots.** These are AIM registered Youth Shoots and they will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm. Remember that the back lakes are closed during all trap events.

**The Trap Fun Shoot, originally scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, has been moved to June 9<sup>th</sup>.** This event is closed to the public. May 28<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Spring Trap league. Summer Trap League starts June 11<sup>th</sup>. Again, remember that the back lakes are closed during all trap events.

Don't forget that our **July board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>** with the member's meeting the following day.

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

*Hi fellow Ikes. I hope everyone is looking forward to summer outdoor fun! Please help spread the word and pass out the information about all of our events. If you haven't received your membership, please contact Tammy Sibley. Tammy has been working hard on getting membership straight. We will be having a trailer in the parade for the 4th of July. Any candy and decorations donations will be appreciated. If you are interested in riding or walking in the parade, just show up at St. Mary at 9:30ish, more info coming soon.*

*Youth camp info can be found at <https://sites.google.com/view/indianaiwlayouthcamp>.*

*Due to an increase by our provider, the cost of a key card has been raised to \$20 for new members and \$30 for a replacement. If you have any questions or suggestions on stuff related to the club, the grounds, or our events, please let me know. You can always send an email to [IKE-NEWS@GIWLA.ORG](mailto:IKE-NEWS@GIWLA.ORG) and someone will respond. Hope to see you around.*

**Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land.**

**Aldo Leopold**

**We'd like to welcome our new members (since March):**

Bill Wadkins, Cedar Lake

Richard Mendez, Highland

Ricky Westfall, Gary

Mark Hill, Griffith

Aaron Hernandez, Griffith

Ryan Hill, Griffith

Gabor Keller JR, Cedar Lake

Justin Camp, Gary

Donald Tokarczyk, Suak Village, IL

Tyler Chengary, Griffith

Philip Robinson, Hammond

Justin Conley, Crete IL

Clifford Evans, Highland

Bill Goble, Highland

Jacob Latham, Highland

Eran Sabo, Portage

James Seroczynski, Cedar Lake

## 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).

Note that the back lakes are closed during all trap events.

### 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

### June

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – BOD meeting

June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

June 6<sup>th</sup> – ATA Trap Shoot

June 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> – Division Meeting

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Trap Fun Shoot, closed to the public

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Summer Trap League starts

June 20<sup>th</sup> – Competition Shoot

June 24<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

June 30<sup>th</sup> – **July BOD Meeting**

### July

July 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - Member's meeting

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Griffith Parade

July 4<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Trap Shoot

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Nominations at the general meeting

July 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> National Convention

July 18<sup>th</sup> – Competition Shoot

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting

July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Bass Tournament

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

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

Annual Activity License #001465 Expires 4/30/2027

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**Save the Date: July 25<sup>th</sup> is the Bass Tournament**