

# November & December, 2024 GIWLA News

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**Our annual non-perishable food drive has begun and will run through Friday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring donations to the club and put them on the table in the back room.** They can especially use canned meat, rice and pasta, sauces and gravies, hearty soups and stews, hot/cold cereals, baby food and items which can complement a holiday meal. **Randy asks that you please make sure to check the expiration dates on your contributions and thank you so much for your generosity, especially in these tough times.** Are you a bingo player? **Anyone who brings 3 or more food drive items to bingo will get \$5 off their set-up until Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>.** Make sure you tell your friends!

**The November competition shoot will be Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The first match will be handguns, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will be scoped rifles, 10 shots from the 50 yard bench.** The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11.

**The last competition shoot of the year will be Saturday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. The first match that day will be handguns, 10 shots, offhand from the 7 yd line. The second will be rifles, iron sites only, 10 shots seated from the 50 yard bench.** The range opens for practice at 10am, and the first match is at 11. As usual, the range will re-open to members no later than 2pm after each shoot. Contact our Rifle Chairs, **Paul McKinley (219-902-9518) or Dave Shea (racocon1@flash.net)** if you'd like to volunteer at a match or help with improving the range.

**The Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner will be Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Appetizers will be served at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm. Contact Kim Russell (219-629-3189) or Rick Perry (219-680-9796) if you can help.** The dinner is free and members are encouraged to come. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. If you've never been to one of our potlucks then you are really missing out on a great meal and a chance to meet a lot of great people! You will also be treated to a concert by the Hobart Girl's Choir which is becoming an annual tradition! **Please sign-up for the potluck at a meeting or bingo or send an email to [news@giwla.org](mailto:news@giwla.org).** We'll need to know how many will be attending and what you plan to bring.

**Tuesday Trap is over until spring, 2025**

**Thursday Trap 2-10pm Last day is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> Open to the Public**

## December Events:

**Our Annual Kid's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm.** You must sign-up beforehand so Santa knows how many to plan for. We will start sign-ups at upcoming member's meetings and you can sign-up on the list in the backroom or send an email to [news@giwla.org](mailto:news@giwla.org). We need the name, age and gender of your child or grandchild. Sally Ketelaar, our Kid's Party Chair, has lots of fun things planned for the kids. **You can contact Sally at 219-308-4244 if you'd like to help or have questions.**

**The member's Christmas Party will be Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.** All members are welcome. **Social hour begins at 5pm followed by dinner around 6pm and a live band and dancing into the night..** Come out for fun and fellowship. There is no charge but we do ask that you sign-up. See Randy Vates at any meeting or at Bingo on Fridays. You can also send an email to [news@giwla.org](mailto:news@giwla.org) and let us know how many will be attending.

**There will be an informal New Years party on Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Details TBA so watch Facebook – we'll also send out an email.**

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

Hi members, I hope everyone had a great summer and is now ready for the holidays which coming up fast. Speaking of holidays, many of you have received your renewals in the mail. If you didn't, please contact John (leave a message) or contact me so we make sure your address is correct. You can pay through the mail, at a meeting or at a new member review which are the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7pm or the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday morning. Christmas is a great time to give someone a membership and we have certificates available. We had a hunter safety course class a couple of weekends ago, there were 7 students I think. We are planning another one around February and this is for both kids and adults. We have a few functions coming up so hope to see you there. Make sure you sign your grand kids and kids up for the Christmas party. Also sign up for the membership Christmas Party. Planning on a New Years Eve party also. Many people bring games to play that night. It is a good relaxing time. A couple of members have talked about doing the Turkey Shoots next year, We didn't have anyone to run them this year. We need more members to volunteer on committees so we continue to have these events that we have all come to enjoy. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

## Calendar

*Tuesday Trap is over until spring, 2025*

*Thursday Trap 2-10pm Last day is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### November

Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> – BOD Meeting

Nov. 6 & 20<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

Nov 9 & 10<sup>th</sup> – Hunters' Education Class

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> – Competition Shoot

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> - Lakes & Grounds meeting

Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> – Last day for 2024 Trap

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

### December

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> – BOD meeting

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Division Meeting (Diana Chapter)

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> – Kids' Christmas Party

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Member's Christmas Party, all members welcome

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Last Competition Shoot of the year

Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> – New Member's Review

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Eve Party

### January, 2025

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – BOD meeting

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Member's meeting

Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> – Gate passes turned off for non-payment

Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – Ice Fishing Derby/Pancake Breakfast

Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> – Lakes & Grounds meeting

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 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.**

Annual Activity License #001465 Expires 4/30/2025

**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)**

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

John Banas, Highland

Brian Berber, Highland

Nancy Frankovich, Hammond

Skyla Smith, Gary

Kyle Ivy, Munster

Kevin Bishop, Crown Point

Roger Bishop, Hebron