September & October 2026 GIWLA News
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Attention all Officers, Board members and committee chairs: It is important that you attend the upcoming Calendar meeting on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6pm at the clubhouse. This is when we will plan all events for 2027 and you need to be there to make sure your events get scheduled. If you cannot attend, please call Kim and let her know what events you need to plan for and tentative dates if you know them.

September 5th and October 3rd are ATA Youth Trap Shoots. They are AIM registered Youth Shoots and both will close the target range all morning until 1 or 2pm. There will be a **Trap Fun Shoot on September 15th** which is closed to the public. These, as well as **ANY trap event, close the back lakes to fishing**. Mark your calendars – **October 27th is the last day for Tuesday Trap** and **Thursday, November 19th is the last day for Trap in 2026**.

The Ike's Summer Picnic is Saturday September 26th at 4pm. **Note that this date is changed from the original Sept. 12th.** This event is **free to all members and their families** and all are encouraged to attend – especially this year, after everything (including your club) has been through. It's a great opportunity to take a break from all the storm recovery, enjoy the outdoors and make some new friends. This is an annual event, sponsored by Bingo, and Randy does an amazing job with the menu and entertainment. It is important that we know how many will be attending so **please sign up at a meeting or send an email to ike-news@giwla.org**. We can always use extra desserts so feel free to bring something if you'd like - but you're not required. **The event will kick off at 4pm. We'll eat at 5pm followed by the band at 7**.

Because of the unsafe conditions caused by the August 11th storm, it was necessary to cancel the annual Catfish Derby. Look for an even bigger and better event in 2027. Want to have some input into decisions concerning our lakes and grounds? Attend their meetings, the **third Monday of every month at 6pm at the clubhouse**. **The dates of the upcoming meetings are September 21st and October 19th**. Are you a new member and curious how our lakes are managed? Feel free to attend and just sit in. You can also learn how you can fulfill your required volunteer hours doing something you love like taking care our our grounds and lakes to improve our member's fishing and hiking experiences.

The Annual Steak Fry will be Saturday, September 19th from 2pm-6pm. Tickets are on sale now. **$22 in advance and $25 at the door.** Can't stay? Take-out will be available as long as supplies last. The menu this year is a T-bone steak, cooked fresh on the grill to order, baked potato bar, salad, dessert and a beverage. There will be raffles, 50/50s and lots of fun! This dinner has always sold out in the past so come early or buy your ticket in advance! **Call Jackie for tickets (219-487-0001) or if you'd like to volunteer.**

The September Competition Shoot will be Saturday, Sept. 19th. The first match will be el Presidenti (pistols, 12 rounds, timed) from the 7 yd line, and the second will be rifles, 10 shots from the 50 yard bench, iron sites only.
The October competition shoot will be Saturday, Oct. 17th. The first match will be **handguns**, 10 shots/offhand from the 7 yd line, and the second will also be handguns, 10 shots/offhand from the 25 yd line. **For both shoots, 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 Annual Fish Fry will be Saturday October 10th from Noon – 4pm so save the date! The menu has yet to be finalized and we'll let you know the details as soon as we do. Watch your email (if you are on our mailing list) and Facebook. **Contact Jackie (219-487-0001) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.** We will need desserts for this dinner so please think about donating something – and watch for the details.

A message from our President, Kim Russell-Grodetz (219-629-3189 or cubbielvr6923@gmail.com):
Hey everyone, hope everyone had a great summer. Fall is upon us and I'm sure we're all looking forward to the cooler weather. We have a new member that is willing to take on the archery committee. She will be needing help. She has a lot of ideas and wants to get the range fixed up so hopefully everyone starts using it and will consider helping her. The November Turkey shoots are being planned. We need shooters so pass the word. The storm did some damage to our grounds and building. We lost the food that was in the coolers and freezers so it ended up costing us a couple thousand dollars. We had to reschedule the Summer Picnic to September 26th. It starts at 4pm and we'll eat about 5pm. The rock band starts at 7 and will play until 11 (AC/DC type). Food and drinks are free so come on out! Please let us know if you are attending so we know how many to plan for. Renewals will be coming out in the next month or so thanks to Tammy, we're getting that all straightened out. As always, your volunteer time means a lot to the club. Hope to see a lot of you at the upcoming steak fry and fish fry. We're aiming to have more members than the general public at these events. It's great that the general public supports us but it would be great if our membership did also. Hopefully everyone gets to come out and fish this fall and enjoy the grounds.

Calendar

Tuesday Trap 2-6pm Open to the Public – *October 27th – Last day for Tuesday Trap*
Thursday Trap 2-10pm Open to the Public – *November 19th – Last day for 2026 Trap*
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.

September

Sept. 1st – BOD meeting
Sept. 2nd & 16th – Member's meeting
Sept. 5th – ATA Trap Shoot
Sept. 5th – Division Meeting
Sept. 15th – Trap Fun Shoot (closed to the public)
Sept. 19th - Competition Shoot
Sept. 19th – Steak Fry
Sept. 21st – Lakes & Grounds meeting
Sept. 22nd – Calendar Meeting (6pm)
Sept. 23rd & 26th – New Member's Review
Sept. 26th – Ike's Summer Picnic – rescheduled from Sept. 12th

October

Oct. 3rd – ATA Trap Shoot
Oct. 6th – BOD meeting
Oct. 7th & 21st – Member's meeting
Oct. 10th – Fish Fry
Oct. 17th - Competition Shoot
Oct. 19th – Lakes & Grounds meeting
Oct. 24th & 28th – New Member's Review
Oct. 27th – Last day for Tuesday Trap

November

Nov. 3rd – BOD Meeting
Nov. 4th & 18th – Member's meeting
Nov. 7th / 8th - Turkey Shoots, Open to the public
Nov. 14th / 15th – Turkey Shoots, Open to the public
Nov. 16th - Lakes & Grounds meeting
Nov. 19th – Last day for 2024 Trap
Nov. 21st - Competition Shoot
Nov. 22nd – Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
Nov. 24th *(Tuesday)* & 28th – 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.

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