



# 2024 Black Lake Fish and Game Association Annual Report



## Presidential Statement

Another year has come and gone, and it's been a good one! We're getting used to having the Al and Ileana Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center, and are finding all kinds of uses for the facility, and continue to expand our possibilities – there's things we haven't even thought of yet. This building is a huge blessing for us!

Work continues on the trap fields- the new lights are up, and the houses are painted. The facilities are well-utilized and active, with a wide array of people taking advantage of the activity. Adjacent construction of the Rte 58 bridge by Tioga Construction continues, with the project now nearing completion. There's some things they have done for us, and some things they will be doing before they demobilize, so watch for exterior construction activities on the grounds.

Speaking of grounds, I'd like to take a minute to thank Berny Rubadue, Jim Robinson, Mike Warchol, Larry Kring, and the 2 Bruce Tigers, (There's others too, but these guys especially), for all they do to keep the grounds, ranges, and buildings looking and operating at peak efficiency. Kevin and Carolyn Thibert also have been especially great about helping us with installation of additional equipment in the new building.

A renewed indoor Youth Archery Program was run last spring, with Dave and Penny Young developing, organizing and making sure it all runs perfectly. Many of the parents (and others) jumped in to help, and it was much appreciated. To go along with the archery section, and adult "league" was also developed, with the participants and the local community stepping up to construct the required butts for the higher powered bows.

The trap teams have sent kids along to help on work days and some of the other events, and they've been a great help. Someday all of this will be theirs, and they'll be running it, and it's great to invest now in our future, because it's looking very bright!

I'd like to also express to the other officers, and to the other super-active members, my appreciation for all you do. I've been battling some health issues, nothing life-threatening, but they are debilitating, and they've all jumped in and did what needs doing. Our community also deserves a bunch of credit. When we've asked for anything, someone always steps forward and offers what we need!

Here's to another great year of great things at the BLFGA-  
GET OUTDOORS!

**Michael D. Warren, BLFGA President**



## Our Benefactors

To those that don't already know, to memorialize his Father and Mother, Alfred and Illeanne Ames, and as a way to give something back to the community he grew up in, as well as to honor Jim Robinson and Larry Kring for their years of mentoring in the ways of the sportsperson, Al Ames, Jr, and his wife, Linda, more than lived up to their commitment to fund our endeavor to build the 50x120 addition and connector wing for our Alfred and Illeanne Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center!

Al and Linda have continued to bless us with additional funds since, to be used for various projects within the new building, and we're working on something pretty special with it. There'll be more on later!

The FNRA and the NRA Foundation have been supporting the club with grants for the past 10 years and have been a huge aid in getting the equipment we've needed to keep our programs going. We've exceeded \$20,000 through the years from these folks, in both monetary grants as well as equipment and ammunition supplied! We're hoping for equipment for Indoor Archery and Indoor Air Gun Shooting this year. On top of this, the 4 Trap Shooting Teams have also applied for grants, and we're very hopeful! We'd like to especially thank the Tug Hill Chapter of the FNRA for all they do to make these grants possible.



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Stewart's Shops has a Holiday Match Program, as many are likely aware. What many aren't aware of, is that the money you donate is matched by the company, and given to folks like us, that apply for use with programs for kids. The first year we received \$500 from them, the past 6 years we received \$600, and we hope to receive \$600 again this year, for use to help fund our Summer Education Series program.

The Midway Foundation program is the formation of an endowment fund for the individual shooting sports teams throughout the country, with money to the club's account being matched by the foundation. The club can write a grant application once a year for up to 5% of the club fund balance for use in our shooting sports program. The foundation also has items they will donate to the club for use in fundraising. Any individual or company can also donate to the fund, with each dollar also matched at various levels during various drives throughout the year. We currently have approximately \$24,000 in our fund, made possible by supporters like you, and have not begun drawing from it in an effort to grow the balance to self-sustainability. The foundation is also a 501c3 corporation, so donations to the fund are tax deductible!



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Visit <https://www.midwayusafoundation.org/pages/profile-display-donor-list?reid=SdNXxPvH9XU%3d&bbsys=0&bbrt=0> to donate to our endowment fund.

## Donor Recognition Tree

There is still time to contribute to the donor recognition tree that is now on display at the Al and Illeanne Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center! Contact us if you would like to purchase a leaf or a stone to add to the tree. Your name or business will be engraved.

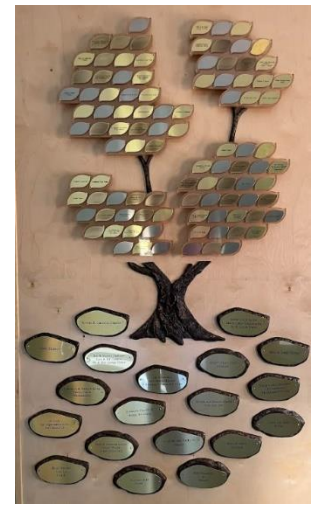
Bronze Leaves - \$100

Silver Leaves - \$150

Gold Leaves - \$200

Foundation Stones - \$500

Thank you for your continued support!



## Ice Fishing Derby Scheduled for Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The 2025 BLFGA Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday, January 25th. You can register for the derby online (starting 1/1/25), Friday night 5pm-8pm at the BLFGA clubhouse, Black Lake Marine and Chapman's Bait Shop. Fishing will be on Black Lake only with catch & release. There will be 3 on-ice stations - Black Lake Marine, Chapman's Bait Shop and Roll-A-Way Bay. Bring your fish to one of the on ice stations and your fish will be recorded and you'll be given a ticket. Bring that ticket to the Al & Illeanne Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center at the BLFGA by 4pm to be entered into the Luck of the Draw prizes. **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

***In the event that the derby is cancelled, we will draw for all prizes (including cash prizes) on Saturday, January 25th at the BLFGA starting at 4pm. YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN. \$20 (adult)/\$10 (kid) gets you entered into the prize drawings (cash & other prizes).***

Included in this mailing are a packet of 2025 raffle tickets that will be drawn on January 25th @ 4pm. If you are interested you can fill them out and return via mail with your payment to BLFGA – PO Box 125, Hammond, NY 13646. Or you can bring them with you the day of the derby!! Tickets are also on sale at Morristown Fuel, Echoes on the Lake, Black Lake Marine, Chapman's or at the clubhouse. "We're bringing it back to the lake".

The BLFGA Ice Fishing Derby is our main fundraiser of the year. Help us make it great by gathering some friends and family members and come out and join us for a fun filled day on the ice catching some fish and winning some great prizes.

**BLACK LAKE FISH & GAME ASSOC.**  
**ICE FISHING DERBY 2025**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH  
7AM - 3PM

**ADULTS \$20**  
**KIDS \$10**  
(UNDER 16)

**Prizes:**  
Adult Pike - \$1,000  
Kids Pike - Lifetime Hunting/Fishing License (up to \$535)  
Kids Panfish  
1st - \$200  
2nd - \$100  
3rd - \$50

**BLACK LAKE ONLY**  
CATCH & RELEASE

**On-Ice Stations:**  
Look for an ice shack with a flag  
Black Lake Marine  
Chapman's Bait Shop  
Roll-A-Way Bay

**LUCK OF THE DRAW!!**

**REGISTER**  
Online @ blfga.org  
Friday Night 5pm-8pm  
& Sat 7am-11am at the BLFGA clubhouse, Black Lake Marine & Chapman's

Bring your fish (one entry per person (kids can enter both a pike & panfish)) to one of the on-ice stations. You will receive a ticket. Bring that ticket to the BLFGA Clubhouse & prizes (Luck of the Draw) will be given out at starting @ 4pm. Must be present to win!

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**MORE INFO & DERBY RULES:** [www.blfga.org](http://www.blfga.org) or BLFGA FB Page

### 2025 Black Lake Fish & Game - Ice Fishing Derby Raffle

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Winners Choice of :** Savage AXIS XP 270 Winchester w/ Weaver Scope or \$400 CASH
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Grizzly Cooler - 60 quart
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** Lifetime Membership to the BLFGA

Donation: \$5 Each, 3 for \$10, 7 for \$20

Drawing Held 1/25/25 @ 4pm

Winner Need Not Be Present To Win



## Wednesday Night Trap Shoots

Our regular Wednesday night trap shooting is still moving along at a steady but unimpressive pace. In conversations with individuals that sporadically attend was cost of the ammunition and the hassle of the background check delays. We continued to run the times from 4pm until done but we struggled to shoot more than 4 round of trap each night. Our numbers this year were as follows: Trap machine #1 threw 48,867 targets down from last year's 49,446 rounds. Trap machine #2 threw 32,328 targets down from last years 42,424. This total included the Spring and Fall high school competitions. Shooters again ranged in age from 12 years old right through early 80's. Girls, boys, ladies, guests who were camping on the lake and the traditional gang of



trigger pullers. This continues to be a family activity at the Black Lake Club. One side note; the number of individuals receiving patches for breaking a full 25 and 50 has steadily increased due in no small part to the High School Trap program.

We hit a glitch with the wiring for the lights for the trap field. The wiring was not adequate to run both the lights and trap machines. This is being addressed and the wiring will be completed.



## **THE FUTURE WITH TRAP SHOOTING AT THE CLUB**

We still have 4 high school trap teams competing at the club (Morristown, Hammond, Heuvelton, and Ogdensburg). This makes for a full day of shooting for competition. This year we held 2 special 50 bird shoots including our second High School Trap Team Invitational. The Invitational event took place on May 21st and involved 7 High School Trap teams (Morristown, Heuvelton, Hammond, OFA, Lisbon, Gouverneur and Indian River). With teams and individuals competing for awards and trophies. There were over 90 student athletes of all ages, boys and girls. Trophies were awarded to the top 3 shooters in male and female classes as well as blind teams and the top scoring team gets to take the highest trophy back to their home school and will return it next year to defend it. This year the winning team was from Gouverneur. We added a new event this year where the trap team coaches competed. The winning coaches award also went to Gouverneur. We're continuing with our plans on expanding this event to all the schools in the area and should involve over 100 High School trap shooters. The nice thing about High School Trap shooting is there is no bench, every student competes.



The big news with trap shooting at the club is an indoor trap shooting training system called DryFire. The DryFire's target simulator will allows our youth trap teams to practice indoors with their own gun during the winter months. The software supports all clay pigeon shooting disciplines. (see more at: <https://youtu.be/4Cp5yx1PIVY>) If anyone is looking to schedule a trapshooting event for things like Bachelor or Bachelorette Parties, corporate events, etc., contact Larry Kring at (315)323-2107 for more information, or send a message through the FaceBook page.

## Youth Programs- New and Improving

### NYS Clay Target League – Morristown Trapshooting Team

The Morristown Central School Trap Team grew this year with many new members. We had a spring squad of 27 (12 rookies) and 25 this fall (2 rookies). We are fortunate to have 2 trap fields in order to accommodate our growing team. Trap shooting remains very popular at MCS! We had 3 seniors graduate this year (Landon Ballou, Ivan Kring and Alexis Denesha). In total we had 31 different students participate in the trap team in 2024. There were 6 perfect rounds (25/25) this season – Scarlett x 3, Zack, Eli, Craig.

Our Spring 2024 season was highlighted by the infusion of young talent. We had 12 rookies who impressed the coaches with their talent and the improvements seen as the season progressed. Our average team score improved from 12.6/25 during our practice week to 15.9/25 during our final competition week. 19 students participated in the NYS tournament in Bridgeport, NY. Additionally, we sent 6 team members to the national competition in Michigan.

#### **Spring 2024:**

**Team Awards:** Scarlett Ritchie, Top Overall & Top Female (22.6 avg)

Korey Lajoy, Top Male (20.3 avg)

Piper Showers, Coaches Award

Walter Kring – Most Improved

**League Awards:** Scarlett Ritchie – 1<sup>st</sup> place female conference, 94<sup>th</sup> overall league

Alexis Denesha – 15<sup>th</sup> place female conference

Harley Sheehan – 16<sup>th</sup> place female conference

Piper Showers – 23<sup>rd</sup> place female conference

**State Tournament:** Zack Denesha – Top Performance with 83/100 score, Tied for 123<sup>rd</sup> Place

**National Tournament:** Team placed 194<sup>th</sup> out of 261 teams with a score of 439 of 500 targets

Top Individual Score was Scarlett Ritchie with 94 of 100 targets

Our Fall 2024 team was 25 members strong, picking up 2 additional new shooters. We saw growth both in our top end shooters as well as our new members. We enjoyed the prolonged summer temperatures this fall as weather was rarely a factor. We hit a maximum team average of 16.6/25.

#### **Fall 2024:**

**Team Awards:** Scarlett Ritchie - Top Overall & Top Female (22.2 avg)

Craig Simmons - Top Male (21.4 avg)

Carter Wood - Coaches Award

Harley Sheehan - Most Improved

**League Awards:** Scarlett Ritchie – 1<sup>st</sup> place female conference, 62<sup>nd</sup> overall league

Harley Sheehan – 4<sup>th</sup> place female conference

Piper Showers – 20<sup>th</sup> place female conference

Craig Simmons – 15<sup>th</sup> place male conference

We are grateful for the dedication of our many coaches and score keepers who put in many volunteer hours to ensure the success of the team. We are fortunate to have strong support from the Morristown Central School and the Black Lake Fish and Game Club. Last but not least, we continue to benefit from the generosity of the local community who, through supporting our many fundraisers continue to allow our students to shoot with minimal financial burden.

The spring 2025 season is around the corner with registration opening February 4<sup>th</sup> and our first practice week scheduled for March 20<sup>th</sup>. Looking forward to building on our successes from 2024!

Six team members attended the USA Clay Target League National Championship in Mason, MI July 11th-14th



Standing (L-R) - Carson Legault, Eli Rainville, Lexy Denesha, Scarlett Ritchie, Korey LaJoy; Sitting - Zack Denesha

## NYS Clay Target League- Heuvelton Trapshooting Team



## NYS Clay Target League – Hammond Trapshooting Team

The Hammond Trap Team is thriving and improving each and every year. This season, three boys and four girls placed in the top 25 for their category. All the team members are performing exceptionally well. The Hammond Trap Team also welcomed three new shooters who also did a great job. We hope everyone returns next year to continue growing, improving, and excelling. Our coaches thoroughly enjoy working with and teaching the kids, watching them enhance their shooting skills and grow in confidence.



## NYS Clay Target League- Ogdensburg Trapshooting Team



## Youth Archery

The inaugural season of Indoor Youth Archery was nothing short of AMAZING! We had over 75 youths from around the area join our program last winter - some as far away as Alexandria Bay & Theresa!! Many kids didn't miss a Monday night and others came when they could but they all learned the basics of archery and how to be safe archers!! The question we've been getting a lot lately... "When will Youth Archery start again?". The answer - we will start in January. Dates and times are still being worked out and we will post on the club FB page and also send flyers home with students that attend Morristown & Hammond schools. All area youths are invited to attend, you do not have to attend one of those schools. We are looking for a few more adult volunteers that would be able to help out. Many nights we had 40+ kids and extra help was always needed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact either Penny or Dave Young.



## Co-Ed Adult Archery

We got a late start last winter but we were able to get the targets built so we would be able to safely shoot in the new building. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the targets, purchased materials or donated filling to pack the targets. We were able to shoot for practice for a few weeks last winter. We will be starting Co-Ed Adult Archery again this January and will be sending out a survey on how you'd like to see it run - low key fun night of practice like last year or if you'd like to see a league formed where we keep score. Survey will be posted on FB in December and we will hold an informational meeting at the beginning of January to decide which way we'll go. We are always looking for input and would love to hear your ideas on how to make Co-Ed Adult Archery a success at the BLFGA!

## Summer Education Series

The Black Lake Fish and Game Association has been able to continuously offer outdoor learning and education programs as part of our family friendly Summer Education Program, free to the public, and funded by a donation from Stewart's Shops from their Holiday Match Program. Some of the programs the club has been able to host include Mary Benevento's Reptiles Forever, Rick West's Birds of Prey, and Spencer Thew's Sled Dog Presentation, and Lena The Lizard Lady. We look forward to offering new, exciting presentations for the community and are always open to program suggestions from the public.



This year was another successful "Take a Kid Fishing Day" hosted at McLear's Cottage. Kids of all experience levels were provided fishing poles and bait and sent out on the lake with local fisherman to try their luck. Once again, we teamed up with the Black Lake Association to help tag fish for their panfish derby. The kids and their families enjoyed a shoreside lunch thanks to Mel McLear and Rich Rupert who supplied the fish and cooked the lunch. With the cooperation of many club members, this event was another overwhelming success, and we look forward to it again this summer.



## NYSDEC Summer Conservation Camps

If any kids would like to participate in the DEC summer camp, please contact Liz to get on the list ASAP. Registration for the camps and weeks is first come-first serve and begins in March, so don't wait! We ask that if you put your name on the list that you 100% plan on going. The cost of the camp is nonrefundable to the club. If for some reason they don't go at the last minute, then we lose our money and another kid that could have gone loses their chance to go to camp. See the NYSDEC Conservation Camp website for information: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1877.html>





## Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Workshop

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) and Beyond BOW are DEC programs designed to teach women outdoor skills. These programs provide women with information, encouragement, and hands-on instruction in outdoor skills such as fishing, shooting, archery, hunting, trapping, outdoor photography, map and compass, survival, camping, canoeing, and outdoor cooking. BOW workshops are designed primarily for women who have little or no experience with outdoor activities. These are three-day workshops that offer many different classes over the course of a weekend.



The Black Lake Fish and Game Association would like to continue to sponsor women to attend the BOW workshops. Workshops occur throughout the year and are hosted at various locations throughout the state. Any women interested in these workshops should contact Liz at (315) 486-6046 for more information. Step out of your comfort zone, you won't regret it!

## Women's Shooting Day

The Black Lake Fish and Game Association will continue to hold the popular Women's Shooting Day. The event will be in the Spring so stay tuned for a date! The day typically starts with coffee, snacks, and a brief safety overview of the range and some of the firearms. We then begin with small caliber handguns and long guns and work our way up to larger pistols and rifles. Our goal is to create a fun, comfortable, and safe environment that encourages anyone to try things they might not have otherwise. Many of the women who have attended our annual shooting day had very minimal experience and were able to ask questions and try a variety of firearms while shooting fun and exciting targets! Overall, the program was very well received and we look forward to growing and expanding as well as adding some women's shooting days throughout the year.



## Youth, Ladies, Veterans Pheasant Hunt

The Black Lake Club in coordination with the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's club, the River Valley Gun Dog Club and NYSDEC participated for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in "sponsored" pheasants hunt. The DEC provides birds and the sportsman organization provides guides, excellent bird dogs, and the



opportunity for youth, ladies and veterans to harvest 2 birds in a quality hunting setting. The youth hunters have a weekend all to themselves and are between the ages of 12 and 15. This year we combined the ladies and veterans on their own weekend. Over 50 hunters took advantage of this unique outdoor event. This year DEC increased the number of birds available to hunters statewide. This event has always been popular and goes along ways in introducing our youth and ladies to the hunting tradition and offers a "thank you" to our veterans.

## Sportsmen Education

This year we partially dug out of our Covid restrictions allowing us to hold in person Sportsman Education classes. Online Sportsman Education classes are still quite popular and limiting in person classes.

We held 4 Sportsman Education classes this year in the Al and Illean Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center. Three of those were Hunter Education with 66 students and one was Bow Hunter Education with 9 students. The Amish community was well represented in both gun and bow. A big thank

you goes to Jim Robinson, Ralph Goodwin, Gary Jackson, and Fran McDougal for hosting classes and helping out. We have a good team of instructors and encourage anyone with an interested in education our youth to consider becoming a certified instructor. We are in dire need of a Trapper Education instructor.



## Straight Line Training

Judd Reed from Straight Line Training has been offering the 18-Hr Concealed Carry Firearm Safety Training at the Black Lake Fish & Game Club. This class is required by NYS to apply for a Concealed Carry Permit. Three classes were held in 2024 - October, November and December and all were well attended. The class covers general firearm safety, including an overview of firearm and ammunition functions and operations, firearm cleaning and maintenance, safety handling practices, range safety rules, and proper holster considerations and retention for safe concealed carry. Look for classes to start back up in April and he hopes to add some additional firearm classes other than the CC permit class.

A few posts from FB in regards to the class:

“Just finished taking this class. I can’t believe how much I learned. Judd Reed was an excellent instructor! And he was very patient with those of us who had never shot a gun before. I would highly recommend this class to everyone.”

“Excellent instructor! I too completed this course this weekend. Very detailed and informative course also highly recommended.”

## Wood Duck Nesting Boxes

This year we continued the wood duck nesting box construction and were able to host the event at the Al and Illean Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center. The St. Lawrence Valley Water Fowlers again donated materials for youth wood duck nesting box building at the club. We would like to thank them for their continued support! A date and time will be determined, and we will post on FaceBook to provide an opportunity to youngsters and families to come help construct boxes, and send at least one out with each family to be put up for the ducks to use.

## BLFGA Hunting & Fishing Swap Meet and Craft/Vendor Fair

The BLFGA held two Hunting & Fishing Swap Meets & Craft/Vendor Fairs in 2024, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. We were able to host both these events inside the new Al & Illean Ames Youth Outdoor Education Center. We didn't have to worry about it being too cold or too hot, rain, snow, etc as the building was the perfect place to hold the events. Both events were full with those selling fishing, hunting, trapping gear (both new and used) along with vendors/crafts selling their goods and attended

by well over 200 people. Since the 2024 Ice Fishing Derby was cancelled due to lack of safe ice, we used the prizes from that for our raffle table prizes for our Spring event. For our Fall event, Mr. Tom Humberstone graciously donated prints and decoys for raffle table. We are thankful to everyone that attended and also all those that donated their time, raffles, etc. Our 2025 Spring Hunting & Fishing Swap Meet will be held on Saturday, April 12th 9am-3pm. If you are interested in signing up to be a vendor, please email the BLFGA at [club@blfga.org](mailto:club@blfga.org). More information will be posted on both our website and FaceBook as the time approaches.



## Building Rentals

We are now welcoming building rentals for member and nonmembers! We have hosted a number of events such as community dinners, youth and adult paint classes, and centerpiece making classes. The Center is a great location for community and family events such as birthday parties, bridal showers, graduation parties, and baby showers as it can hold up to 266 people! If you are interested in renting the building for an event, please contact Liz at 315-486-6046.

## Merchandise

Be on the lookout on our Facebook page and website for our apparel with the new BLFGA logo or email [club@blfga.org](mailto:club@blfga.org) to place your order! Latest additions include the hat options below.

Hat with leather logo patch - \$25



Pom Pom Hat with leather logo patch - \$20



Camo Beanie Embroidered logo - \$25



## Thoughts for the FUTURE

Our main reason for existence here at the BLFGA is the **FUTURE**. The **FUTURE** of the club, the **FUTURE** of our sports, the **FUTURE** of the continuation of an outdoor culture in the North Country. Our kids are that **FUTURE**, and as such, have become our number one priority. Our aim now is to provide every possible opportunity to get these kids, along with their entire family, off the computer, off their phone, and off their video games, and into the outdoors. We want everybody to find something interesting to do outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine, and to learn how to spend quality time together. In doing so, we'd also like these kids to learn a bit about leadership skills, principles of teamwork, and also some problem solving skills. The kids we see here today will be running this club tomorrow. The time is NOW to think about the **FUTURE**!

## A Message to Neighboring Clubs

We'd like to see neighboring clubs (or far away for that matter), concentrate more on getting youth, ladies, and families back into the outdoor sports and activities! We enjoy what we're doing immensely and would love to see others enjoy it too. Being the first club in St. Lawrence County to have a fully registered Scholastic Trap Team shooting at our club, was a culmination of effort, that made us all realize just how important what we're doing is. We're now blessed with 4 great teams of incredible young people that will someday be running this club. Our community is extremely supportive of what we do, and we only see bigger and better things for our future. If you're curious how we do things, come on out and talk to us, jump in and participate, lend a hand, and we're pretty sure you'll enjoy yourself. Every one of us has learned a bit in all this, and the **FUTURE** looks really bright!

## 501c3 Tax Exempt Organization

What many may not realize is the club has obtained 501c3 Tax Exempt Status and this means big changes, and many advantages for us! This status also made us eligible for NYS Tax Sales Tax Exemption, as well as for Property Tax Exemption for the land we own. What this means to us is more available dollars to be used for the club programs, especially since the club operations on memberships and donations. It is also the reason we now qualify for many of the grants we've requested and received. Donations to the club are now legally tax deductible too!

## Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and begin @ 7:00 PM Membership Renewal – Please Renew!

Please be sure to renew your membership. Memberships expired on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> of 2024 and new memberships are required on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2025. To renew your membership, simply mail a check with a note for which membership you want to the BLFGA at PO Box 125, Hammond, NY. You can also go onto the club's website at BLFGA.org and make a Pay-Pal Payment. If you purchase your membership online, you will be able to print your membership card immediately. Either way we will mail your new **2025** BLFGA membership card and button to you right away. Memberships are also available at Echoes on the Lake. Don't be offended if a member asks if you are a member when you are at the club- it's just not right to have some pay for the privilege and not others.

### Current membership fees are as follows:

Annual - Regular Membership — **\$50**

Annual - Junior Membership (16 and under) - **\$5**

Annual - Couple Membership (includes husband and wife or partner) - **\$70**

Annual - Family Membership — **\$100**

(Immediate family including husband and wife, or partners, with children at home)

Annual - Guest Pass — **\$20**

(Purchased by member to use when accompanied by a guest. Please Use Fairly- If the same person is returning, please buy a regular)

**Life Membership** — (depends on age)

Under 50 - \$500 / 51 - 55 - \$350 / 56-59 - \$300 / 60-64 - \$250 / 65 and Over - \$200

### Please return your Name, Address and appropriate fees to:

The Black Lake Fish & Game Assn. , PO Box 125, Hammond, NY 13646

**Please make checks and money orders payable to:** The Black Lake Fish & Game Assn., Inc.

Thank you again for your continued support in making The Black Lake Fish and Game Club a success and keeping it operational year-round.

### 2025 Officers

**President:** Michael Warren **Vice President:** James Walsh **Secretary:** Liz Simons **Treasurer:** Penny Young

**Directors:** James Robinson, Lawrence Kring, Phil Halladay, Ralph Goodwin, Mike Warchol

