

HOOSIER COHO CLUB

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2017 Tournament Dates

<i>Pro/Am</i>	<i>April 29th</i>
<i>Hartman</i>	<i>May 5th</i>
<i>Classic</i>	<i>May 6th & 7th</i>
<i>Coho Capital Derby</i>	<i>May 13th —June 18th</i>
<i>Club Championship Series</i>	<i>June 10 & 11</i>
	<i>July 1 & 2</i>
	<i>August TBA</i>
	<i>September 2 & 3</i>
<i>Powder Puff</i>	<i>July 22</i>

All rules, regulations, & registration forms can be found at hoosiercohoclub.org

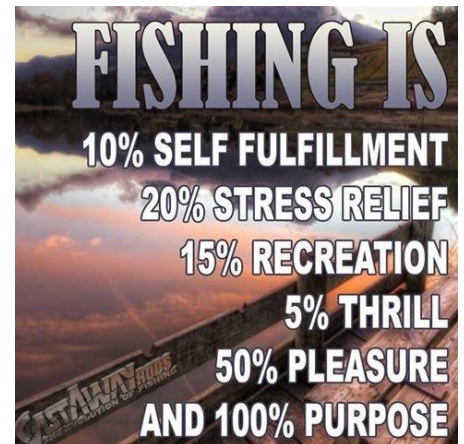
NEW RULE CHANGES AND UPDATES ON CLUB WEBSITE

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Complete tournament results can found on the Hoosier Coho Club Website

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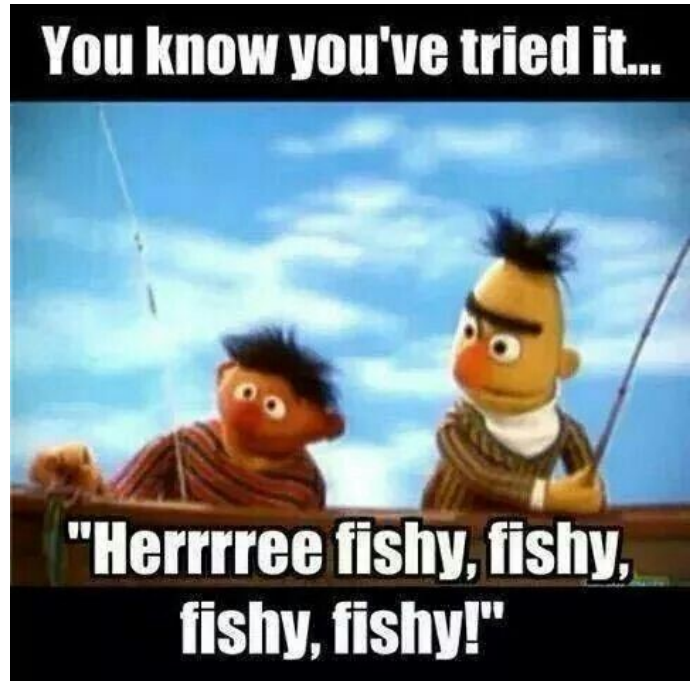
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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Hoosier Coho Club to promote, preserve, and encourage wise management of anadromous fish (fish ascending streams and rivers to spawn) wherever they may be.

Further goals of the Club are to encourage strict observance of sport fishing laws and practices while denouncing all persons known to be in violation of these laws and practices.

The membership encourages research and development programs related to our sport. The Club also serves as a source of collecting and dispersing information regarding tackle, fishing techniques, laws, legislations, pollution problems, disease, meetings research, and all other pertinent information relating to anadromous fish.



2017 MEETINGS

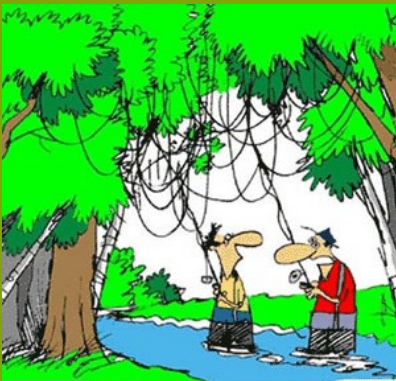
April 11 2016 Champs

May 9 DNR

June 13 Smoked Salmon
Contest & Awards

September 12 TBA

October 10 Chili Cookoff



"Now I see why they
call this 'Snag' river."

Club Championship Series

2016 was the first time that the HCC sponsored a club championship. It was rough going as mother nature failed to cooperate on two of the four scheduled fishing dates. Even so, several club members opted to participate in winner take all for each segment and the overall winner with the greatest combined weight was to be crowned Club Champion. Scott Ross of Steel Time was the first champion for this event. Runner—Up was Mike Taylor/Craig Koepke of Boatre Dame.

The Club urges all members to look into joining this event for 2017. The Club would like to have as many members participate as possible. Dates, rules and regulations can be found on the club website.

Scott Ross

2016

Hoosier Coho Club Champion

2017 Tournament Trail

It's that time of year again!

Temperatures are rising and excitement is growing for a brand new season of big lake action on the Tournament Trail. The 2017 Schedule is packed with 15 events starting May 5th in Michigan City, Indiana.

You'll find everything you need to know to make the most of the new season in the pages of the 2017 Tournament Trail Magazine. The new book has a fresh look for the coming year and your first chance to get your hands on a copy comes at the Ultimate Sports Show in Grand Rapids.

Join us at DeVos Place March 16th - 19th.



Tyler Kreighbaum and his state record Lake Trout— 37.55 lb's June 11, 2016



Jaden Lane and her 2015 Laker with Craig Koepke on board Boatre Dame.

Big Time Lake Trout

Land one of these super-sized lakers during a Michigan City tournament and everyone else will be fishing for second place.

Incredibly, 30-plus pound lake trout have become a reality in southern Lake Michigan.

The Indiana state record was likely squashed twice last year. I mention "likely" because the first 44-incher was caught and released in February by Donnie Moore of Valparaiso, Ind., while jigging in 30 feet of water.

"I would have loved to get a weight on it, but I couldn't kill a fish like that," Moore, a honorable fly-fishing type, said, "It was too unique of a fish, too releasable in the cold water."

He did get a measure and plenty of photos. At 44 inches, it was surely over 30 pounds and enough to top the state mark of 29.25.

Moore, by the way, has caught these ice-water monsters on flies and fly fishing gear.

Four months later, on June 11, Michigan City charter captain Tyler Kreighbaum (Tight Line) demolished the record with a 37.55 pound brute.

"I really thought we hooked bottom," Kreighbaum said. "I slowed the boat and clamped down with my thumb on the reel and tried to break it (line, in order to save the other gear)."

Most trollers have been-there, done-that. There is a moment of joy when a rod releases followed by the sinking reality of a steady, monotonous pull of drag leaking line as the boat trolls away from a snag.

"Well, it starts to come and I'm thinking I got a huge pile of debris, maybe a body or something. I didn't realize it was a fish until it was right under the swim platform."

Wow.

Record fish may be fluky, but two 44-inch Goliaths are not, although there is a remote possibility this was the same fish. Most likely, Moore's trophy is still swimming out there - and will be bigger the next time an angler ties into it.

How about more proof the south end is the land of giants?

In 2015, at least four lake trout between 27 and 32 pounds were documented - a 27-9 caught aboard Holly Lynn (Michigan City), 28.6 Saluki's Pride (Chicago), 28.6 Boatre Dame (Michigan City) and 31.6 Kingfisher (Chicago).

Keep this in mind if you're down late in the second day of a contest; the Game-changers are out there.



Sylvia Koepke landed this 26.6 lb Laker in July of 2015.



2017 Coho Capital Derby

May 13 – June 18, 2017 Michigan City, Indiana

\$500 Salmon and Trout Top Prize \$100 Weekly Prize for Top Salmon & Trout

Contest is free and open to the public – No pre-registration – Just Go Fish

1. Contest runs from May 13, 12:01 am (CST) through June 18, 2017 4:00 pm (CST)
2. Top Prizes:
 - \$500 for the single heaviest salmon
 - \$500 for the single heaviest trout
3. Weekly prizes
 - \$100 for heaviest salmon and \$100 for heaviest trout for each weekly period.
 - May 13 – May 21
 - May 22 – May 28
 - May 29 – June 4
 - June 5 – June 11
 - June 12 – June 18
4. Fish must be weighed at the Official Weigh Station located at Michigan City Port Authority, 200 Heisman Harbor Drive, Michigan City, IN (219) 872-1712.
5. Prizes to be awarded at the Skwait Post 451, 121 Skwait Legion Ave., Michigan City, IN (time and date to be determined).
6. All State and Federal sport fishing regulations apply to angles entering fish in this contest.
7. Eligible fish must be weighed at the official weigh station within 24 hours of being caught.
8. Contest Waters are all of the Great Lakes and all Great Lakes Tributaries.
9. Fish are subject to inspection by contest judges and may be disallowed at the discretion of contest judges. In case of dispute, the decision of the contest judges is final.
10. For Daily standings, go to: VisitMichiganCityLaPorte.com

