

APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER



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April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General meeting with guest speaker & draw	12	13 Stocking
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Jigg's Dinner
21 Spring Trout Derby	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27 Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre & Stocking
28	29	30				

May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Ladies Only Trout Derby
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day (Stat)	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2013 – 2014**

Executive Body

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
1st Vice President	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Secretary	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Treasurer	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Directors	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Past Presidents	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
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Committees

Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461

House	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

Grounds	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	519-280-3080
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
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Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-685-6044
Bob Smale	519-457-6644

Welfare	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

Boat Rack	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

Membership	
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Fundraising	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Steve Couture	519-668-6257

Club Merchandise	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

Public Relations	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

Political & Environmental Research	
Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers	
Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

Our Conservation Pledge

I give my pledge as a Canadian to save and faithfully defend from waste the Natural Resources of my Country, its Soils & Minerals, its Waters, Forests, Air & Wildlife, & to obey all Fish & Game Laws.

Our Purpose

- To promote true sportsmanship by the protection, breeding, Propagation and conservation of fish and game.
- To obey the Fish and Game Laws of Ontario.
- To promote reforestation and conservation.
- To maintain a club and pond for the accommodation and enjoyment of the members and friends.

Meetings

General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, except for the months of July and August. The Executive meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Remember that you, as a member, are welcome to attend all club meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is presented at the General and Executive meetings, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.



**Smoking is not permitted within
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club
entrances**

**The club newsletter is available at
www.wofgpa.org**

Please visit our website and let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. All feedback from the membership is welcomed. Our website is www.wofgpa.org. Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

WOFGPA Executive Body for 2013 – 2014 Team



(From left to right) Lawrence Lainchbury (Director), Cora Thompson (Director), Stan Gibbs (President), Teresa Couture (Secretary), Brian Ernteman (2nd Vice President), Steve Couture (Treasurer) and Andre Koch (1st Vice President)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived.

I am not sure about the rest of you but it seemed to me that this winter just didn't want to let go.

Easter weekend is here and the sun is shining and the temperature is close to double digits. It must be spring because our club elections are done. I would like to welcome all who were elected to this year's Executive.

Another sure sign of spring is our annual Easter Breakfast. I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped put this on. Unfortunately the event was not very well attended and we may have to reconsider this for next year.

We have some exciting events coming up in the near future, so take a good look at your newsletter calendar so you do not miss any. The event calendar for 2013 – 2014 term is available on the club website at www.wofgpa.org but details for the functions are in your newsletter and posted on the bulletin boards.

One other sure sign of spring is the melting of the ice on the pond. Please be very careful, the ice conditions will diminish quickly as the temperature rises.

On Thurs., April 11 General meeting, a member of the Thames River Anglers will give a talk about their club and its efforts.

At the end of the meeting, the draw will take place for one pair of gold tickets to see the NY Islanders vs. Toronto Maple Leafs.

Yours in conservation,
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.



JIGG'S DINNER

It is a very long-standing WOFGPA tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, club members and their guests. The members can expect a hearty and healthy dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, desserts, tea or coffee.

Date: Sat., April 20, 2013
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner served shortly after 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

Your advance tickets may be acquired at every function starting Feb. 28th.

An accurate head count is needed to purchase the food for this well attended function. For this reason, tickets must be purchased in advance and no tickets will be reserved or paid for at the door.

If you wish to purchase your tickets or to contribute to either the dessert or salad tables, please let Teresa Couture know by phone at 519-668-6257.

TICKET DRAW – NHL GAME ISLANDERS VS. LEAFS (Gold seats) Draw Date: Thurs. April 11 (at the end of the General Meeting)

On Thursday, April 11, at the General Meeting, we will draw the winner's name of a pair of New York Islanders vs. Toronto Maple Leafs Gold tickets (estimated value \$ 400.00). This NHL game will be held at the Air Canada Centre (ACC) in Toronto on Thurs., April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Each ticket costs \$ 5.00 and can be obtained from Andre Koch or Cora Thompson. Don't delay as tickets are in limited supply.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. The winner of the free one year membership for 2013 – 2014 is Walt Seliski. Congratulations Walt! Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot for a free membership.

MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

The winners of the monthly meeting draws for March were: Jim Graham (\$ 30 certificate from Lambeth Rod & Tackle and a knife donated by Peter Welch) and Mary Degan (club toque and Power Bait). Congratulations Jim and Mary.



EUCHRE

Progressive euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive Euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The March 23rd Euchre was hosted by Tony Dukic and Teresa Couture, who did a superb job. The winners of the March 23rd Euchre games were:

High Man – Larry Thompson (70)

High Lady – Virginia Walker (73)

Most Lone Hands – Randy (7). Randy had the high score of 81 points but could only win in one category.

Mystery Man – Bob Powers and Detlef Von Ruczicki

Mystery Lady – Jean Powers

50 / 50 draw – \$ 44.00 Cora Thompson

Pot Luck dinner and final Euchre of the season will be hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture.

DATE: Saturday, April 27, 2013
TIME: Door opens at 4:45 pm
Pot luck meal served at 5:30 pm
Cards start at 7:00 pm
COST: \$ 5.00 per player.

We ask that you DO NOT bring serving utensils as the club has plenty and it will avoid confusion. If your dish is hot, please bring something to protect the table from the heat.

SPRING CLEAN UP Sat. April 13 at 9:00 am

As with every spring, there is always a list of things that must be done after the winter to keep WOFGPA looking presentable for the members and their guests. A lot of help is needed this spring as the list is fairly long.

Howard Pearcey is the new Grounds committee Chairman. A few of the tasks that are scheduled for this cleanup day include: setting up scaffolding for Hermann Szielasko, removing dirt containing Lily of the Valley from flower bed and then refilling, raking the lawns and garbage pickup, chipping old brush, regrading parking lot and general clean up around the club grounds. Bring your own rake, hoes, lawn and hand tools. An extra wheel barrow or two will come in handy.

Howard can be reached at 519-280-3080 for further details.

1ST TROUT STOCKING

The first Trout stocking of the spring will take place mid-morning of Sat. April 13, which is also the club clean up. If you can come to help, please dress accordingly.

The second stocking will take place on Sat. April 27 with the time to be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

DATE: Sun., April 21
TIME: Register at 7:30
Derby 8:00 til noon
COST: Members \$ 12.00
Non-Members \$ 15.00
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)
HOST: Stan Gibbs

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

4TH ANNUAL LADIES' ONLY DERBY

DATE: Sat., May 4
TIME: Register at 7:30
Derby 8:00 til noon
COST: Members \$ 12.00
Non-Members \$ 15.00
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)
Assistant's meal \$5.00
HOST: Andre Koch

The format will be as follows:

Only ladies may angle trout using one rod at a time but an assistant may accompany them. The assistant cannot directly cast or handle rod to land the fish. Either of these actions will disqualify the catch as it is not caught by the lady. Their help is restricted to baiting hooks, netting fish, operating the boat (if you have one), and securing lunch. Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's.

At noon all trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the men folk and served as a side at lunch. After the meal, prizes will be awarded to the three (3) top ladies with the longest Trout length in both adult and youth divisions

Members will be allowed to fish after 12:00 pm and daily catch limits will apply after that time.

DANGER – THIN ICE

As the temperature rises and we start to see more rainy and warm weather days, rather than snowy ones, the ice conditions at the pond vary on a daily basis.

The ice is currently unsafe to venture on due to varying ice thickness and conditions. All members are advised to stay off the ice for the remainder of the year.

KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs. Please leave your items to be sharpened and your contact information with the caretakers.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun will be teaching these courses for a very reasonable cost. There is a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

For more information and the starting date of the next course, please contact Emad by phone at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, a suggestion box has been placed in the hallway by the washrooms. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use it to provide fresh ideas, comments and criticisms. This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern or if the matter is urgent in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home 519-668-2609 in the evenings.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders.

Lined jackets with embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem. Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretakers or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

- You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club.
- Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.
- Each member is allowed 2 guests per year and Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.
- There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.
- Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609.

SMOKING

- If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts.
- Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

- Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

PETS AND CHILDREN

- All dogs must be on leash at all times on club property.
- If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.
- All minor children must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE
THE BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE
WITH WOFGPA**

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next “special” occasion for a very reasonable price? A number of people have already rented the hall for their function rather than hold it at their home and be left with a huge mess to clean afterward.

The hall has a seating capacity of up to 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small wedding reception, showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays. The club hall has full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Call the club caretakers, Paulette or Bob Schmidt at the club at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall. You will be pleasantly surprised to find out that the club still has the cheapest rates in town. WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

NO STAG AND DOE PARTIES

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

The full WOFGPA Event Calendar for 2013 – 2014 is available on the club website at www.wofgpa.org after April 1, 2013. Visit the club website often and keep informed of upcoming events. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing. Please offer your fresh ideas. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

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| Thurs. Apr. 11 | General Meeting & guest speaker from Thames River Anglers
NHL Ticket Draw (Andre Koch) |
| Sat. April 13 | 1 st Trout stocking (Stan Gibbs)
Spring Clean-up (Howard Pearcey) |
| Sat. Apr. 20 | Jigg's Dinner (Teresa Couture) |
| Thurs. Apr. 25 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Apr. 27 | Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)
2 nd Trout Stocking (Stan Gibbs) |
| Sat. May 4 | 4 th Annual Ladies Only Derby (Andre Koch) |
| Thurs. May 9 | General Meeting |
| Sun. May 12 | Mother's Day |
| Mon. May 20 | Victoria Day |

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| Thurs. May 23 | Executive Meeting |
| Thurs June 13 | General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
(Stan Gibbs) |
| Sat. June 15 | Garage Sale (Teresa Couture) |
| Sun. June 16 | Father's Day |
| Sun. June 23 | Kids Activity Day (Stan Gibbs) |
| Thurs. June 27 | Executive Meeting |
| Sun. July 7 | Official Bass Derby (Stan Gibbs) |
| Thurs. July 25 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. Aug. 11 | Unofficial Bass Derby (Andre Koch) |
| Sun. Aug. 22 | Executive meeting |

Please note that General meetings are not held in the months of July and August. If your membership comes due during this time, you will need to renew at 7:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (Executive meeting night).

The details about contact person and start times will be posted on the Bulletin Boards and in the newsletter, so please check often. Hopefully, we will see you at some of them throughout the year.

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc</p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p>Murray Howard, President Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com</p> <p>Serving the Community since 1968</p>	<p>My Handyman Bo</p> <p>No job is too small, Call for a free estimate</p> <p>Bo Grahl 519-282-5128</p> <p>Bo can do many tasks in and around your home. Did I mention computer repairs too?</p>	<p>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</p>
<p>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL PAULETTE AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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