

APRIL 2015 NEWSLETTER



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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Easter Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Stocking & Spring Clean up
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Spring Trout Derby	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Pot Luck & Euchre
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 2 nd stocking
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ladies Only Derby
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day (STAT)	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive meeting	29	30
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REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2015 – 2016**

Executive

President Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
1st Vice President Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Directors Mary Degan Lawrence Lainchbury	519-438-8104 519-681-7199
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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 Executive meeting and questions and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.



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

WELFARE

At this time, our hope for a speedy recovery and healthier days ahead is sent to Cora Thompson, as she recovers at home following surgery.

Many of the club's members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing, might welcome a quick call to say "hello and what have you been up to? 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you were one of the few that made it out to our annual Elections in March, I would like to thank you on behalf of the past and present Executive body. Your presence at the meeting shows me that the democratic society in which we live does work. For those that chose not to vote, this also being your democratic right, I must assume that the re-election of all the posts except for one means that the job we are doing is acceptable. I would like to welcome Mary Degan to our board as a Director and a speedy recovery to Cora Thompson (past Director) after her surgery.

We have a number of repeat functions, along with some ideas for some new ones. Please watch your newsletter for times and dates. Remember that lending helping hand to any of our committees is always appreciated.

Your Executive body has been working very hard for the past 18 months doing a lot of the chores normally done by resident caretakers. We are still looking for a new caretaker(s). If you know of a suitable person please let us know.

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The Executive had thought that the ideal candidate for resident caretakers had been found but unfortunately things did not work out. We are now resuming our search for resident caretaker(s) for the club.

The resident caretaker position is best suited to a single person (with supplemental income source) or a retired / semi-retired couple with some experience as they are required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor maintenance and grounds keeping.

Compensation includes one bedroom apartment with additional storage, all utilities, basic telephone, cable and internet service plus a generous commission on rentals.

**Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs**

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com. Resumes will be accepted until May 15th from the general public, so please spread the word.



WOF&GPA Executive for 2015 – 2016 (from left to right) are: Andre Koch (1st VP), Brian Ernteman (2nd VP), Teresa Couture (Secretary), Stan Gibbs (President), Steve Couture (Treasurer), Lawrence Lainchbury (Director) and Mary Degan (Director).

**YOUTH COMMITTEE
2015 - 2016**

The Youth Committee held its elections on March 25.

The Youth Committee for 2015 – 2016 are:

President	Autumn Ernteman
1st Vice President	Scott Jurasek
2nd Vice President	Emily Jurasek
Secretary	Dayton Clark
Director	Braden Ernteman

The adult mentors are: Andre Koch (Chair), Jeanette Jurasek (Co-Chair), Anne Jurasek, Sue Ann Moyer and Brian Ernteman.

The new Executive body for the Association are posing with the new hand carved wooden, club crest which will be hung in the main hall. The crest was created by members Hermann Szielasko and Bert Smit. Thank you, Hermann and Bert for wonderful your craftsmanship and for a job expertly done.

The benefits of this committee are almost endless and include:

- You get a lot of volunteer hours which is a requirement for high school graduation
- Volunteer committee work looks great on a resume as you begin to look for part-time work while still in school
- You learn how a board operates
- You get to know other club members that are in your age group
- You have a voice at the club
- If you are aged 16 or 17, your \$ 70.00 Youth fee is waived.
- Have lots of fun, planning and hosting a function or getting involved with functions set by other club committees.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the second or fourth Thursday (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for the great job of hosting the March Euchre night.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Peter Welch (71)

High Lady – Bonnie Earle (64)

Most Lone Hands – Andre Koch and Darlene Davies

Mystery Man – Don Parker

Mystery Lady – Debbie Parker

Draw – George Maudsley

Remember to mark the final Euchre of the season on Sat. April 25th on your calendar. The evening will start with a Pot Luck Dinner followed by an evening of cards.

The door will open at 5:30 pm and the pot luck meal will be served at 6:00 pm.

If you plan on attending, to avoid confusion, please leave all serving utensils at home. The club has an ample supply. If you plan on bringing a hot dish, please bring a hot pad or towel to protect the club tables from damage.

The games start at 7:00 pm sharp. The games are open to both members and non-members and arriving with a partner is not mandatory.

A donation of a door prize is always welcome.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. April 4th, 2015

9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to members and their guests. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

\$ 5.00 Adults

\$ 3.00 Children (2 to 5 years)

No charge for children (under 2 years)

The Easter Bunny will arrive around 10:30 to wish the children who have eaten all their breakfast a Happy Easter.

There will be pages to colour with crayons for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the Easter Bunny to arrive. The Youth Committee has planned a surprise for the little ones.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Sat. April 11, 2015

8:30 am start

The Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee cleaning up the grounds after a very long cold winter.

Many projects are planned for the day. Please bring your own rake, shovel or pruning shears as the club has a limited number.

An unlimited supply of coffee and hot chocolate will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

DANGER – THIN ICE

The warming temperatures in recent weeks has made the ice unsafe to support a person in many places. If you choose to venture out onto the ice, we ask that you use the “Buddy system”. Ice fishing can easily be done safely from one of the three docks.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Date: Sun., April 19

Registration: 7:30 am with the derby 8:00 till noon

Cost: Members \$ 15.00

Non-Members \$ 18.00

Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

Contact: 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. Regular fishing is not permitted prior to the start of 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.

LADIES’ ONLY DERBY

Date: Saturday, May 9th

Registration 7:30 am and the derby runs from 8:00 am till noon

Cost: Adult members \$ 15.00

Non-members \$ 18.00

Age 12 & under \$ 5.00

Assistant’s meal cost is \$ 7.00

Contact: Andre Koch

The format will be as follows:

As with all derbies, no regular fishing is permitted on derby day until the derby is over at noon.

Only ladies may angle trout but an assistant, for help only, may accompany them. This help will include baiting hooks, netting fish, driving the boat if you have one, and cooking lunch. Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton’s (Ladies, you will have to convince your assistants to do this one for you).

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 “Chef Andre’s” specially prepared lunch, prizes will be awarded to the three top ladies with the combined longest length of fish. There will also be prizes for girls aged twelve and under.

1st TROUT STOCKING

Sat. April 11th

Details regarding the time will be posted on the bulletin boards once they are finalized.

All helpers should dress accordingly. If you wish to come and watch the stocking, we ask that you stand clear of the volunteers. Stocking happens quite quickly so as to minimize the stress on the Trout.

The second stocking is scheduled for Sat. May 2.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW & MONTHLY MEETING 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 winners of the free one year membership are Detlef and Eleanore Von Ruszicki.

The March monthly meeting draw was won by Sandy Kechnie. Congratulations Sandy!

PHOTOS NEEDED The club website is www.wofgpa.org

It has come to the attention of the Executive that the club website could greatly benefit from photos taken at the many functions that are held. Currently, our website has only a few photos and many are outdated. If you have taken photos and would like to share them on the club website, please contact the website administrator, Lawrence Lainchbury. Please provide a caption or details of the photo to Lawrence.

If you visit our website, let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. Our website contains our club history, information about functions, links to other groups and a photo library. The monthly newsletter is sent electronically to members and is published on the website.

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” golf shirts in navy with “WOFGPA” embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

Some merchandise in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next “special” occasion for a very reasonable price?

The hall has a maximum seating capacity of 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. It offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Please contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture or leave a message at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

You will be pleasantly pleased to find out that the club still has the cheapest rates in town with a reduced rate for members.

THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL

HALL PAINTING

Lawrence Lainchbury, House Committee Chair would like to thank Sandy Kechnie, George Maudsley and Howard Pearcey for all their help in painting the main hall of the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

As the date of each event gets closer, the details of the function, including the contact person, will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club. It will also be posted on the club website at www.wofgpa.org

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 to the Executive or Entertainment Committee members or leave it in the Suggestion Box.

Sat., April 4	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 9	General meeting
Sat., April 11	1 st stocking Spring Clean-up
Sun. April 19	Spring Trout Derby
Wed. April 22	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs., April 24	Executive meeting
Sat., April 25	Pot Luck dinner & Euchre
Sat., May 2	2 nd stocking (tentative)
Sat. May 9	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 10	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 14	General Meeting
Mon. May 18	Victoria Day (STAT)
Wed. May 27	Youth Committee Meeting
Wed. May 28	Executive Meeting
Thurs. June 11	General Meeting BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 13	Yard Sale
Sun. June 21	Father's Day
Wed. June 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. June 25	Executive meeting
Sun. June 28	Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

Remember to maximize your WOFGPA membership by participating in all the wonderful activities.

<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 519-453-0659</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>
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