

AUGUST 2013 NEWSLETTER



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August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Civic Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11 Bass Derby (Unofficial)	12 Fish fry tickets are available	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
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September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day - STAT	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Fish Fry
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre
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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 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
Bill Rodrigues	519-455-7905
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Committees

Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
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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
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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
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Club Merchandise	
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Website Administrator and Public Relations	
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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 website 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, information about functions; links to other groups and a photo library. The monthly newsletter is sent electronically to members.

JUST A REMINDER THAT GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

IN ORDER TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 25th OR AUGUST 22ND IN ORDER TO REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. ANY PAYMENTS THAT ARE MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WITH THE CARETAKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON EITHER OF THESE DATES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS ONLY.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

By the time you are sitting down to read this newsletter, summer will be in full gear. Over the past two weeks we have had some of the hottest weather that I have experienced in a long time. Unfortunately when it gets hot, like it has been, the trout seem to go into hiding, but rest assured they are still in the pond. If you are patient enough they can still be had. If you are an avid angler, our pond offers a lot of excitement with other species such as bass, crappie and some perch. Let's not forget the other attractions our club has to offer, that being the abundance of wild life and an immense population of different birds to observe. We also boast a Carolinian forest with amazing plants to see. Often, my favorite times are spent just sitting on one of the docks with a Timmies, and chillin'. So just because the fishing has slowed a little, there is still lots to do and see. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

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.

Our thoughts are with the Lovell family after the passing of Wes' father, Archie, in early July.

NEW ITEMS - 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.

JUST IN – Andre has a selection of larger sized of hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). New for this summer are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

**SUMMER BASS DERBY
(OFFICIAL)**

On July 7th, our club hosted its annual Bass Derby. Unfortunately the attendance was off significantly from last year. I am hoping that the forecasted inclement weather was to blame and not a lack of interest. Even though our numbers were down, I can safely say that all those who participated had a good time. I would like to thank everyone who that helped on that day. You did such a great job that I personally had the opportunity to participate in the derby. There were some pretty big bass caught and one in particular was the 48 cm long bass that Joe Isenor caught to claim Big Bass title. Joe should have ran out and bought a lottery ticket because he also won the 50/50 draw. In the derby itself, third place was taken by Connor Mitchell with a five bass limit and measuring 137 cm. In second place was Alex Duffitt also with a five bass limit measuring 139.5 cm. First place was won by yours truly with a five bass limit measuring 211.5 cm. Many thanks to Bert Smit, Angling Sports and Lambeth Rod & Tackle for all the great prizes.

Stan Gibbs

**WOFGPA FISH FRY
Sat. Sept. 14**

A member, Lloyd Thompson recently suggested that the club host a fish fry. Thank you for your input for a new function idea for WOFGPA.

The tickets, costing \$ 15 per person will go on sale starting Monday, August 12th and will be limited to 60 available tickets. To obtain your ticket, contact any of the Entertainment Committee or Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. Tickets will be available for advance purchase only so that supplies can be accordingly purchased.

**MARK YOUR CALENDERS!
SUMMER 2nd BASS DERBY**

(UNOFFICIAL)

Date: Sunday, August 11
Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am
Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Costs: Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
Member	\$ 12
Non-member	\$ 15

This "unofficial" bass derby is open to both members and non-members. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy in the main hall showcase. However, the winner will have bragging rights with the other anglers acting as witnesses.

If you can assist with measuring fish during the derby or with cooking, please contact Andre Koch at 519-685-5725

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.

EUCHRE

Progressive Euchre is held monthly at the club from September through April. Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. The club needs a two person committee who is willing to act as hosts for the Euchre season. This opportunity would be perfect for the spouse of a card player.

If you are a card player and are willing to host at least one evening of Euchre, please contact to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257, who can address any questions you might have as to what is involved with hosting. A member of the Executive will always be present at each card night, should you need their help or to answer any question.

Unfortunately, if hosts are not available, the monthly Euchre game nights will be cancelled.

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, Stan Gibbs will be relocating the Suggestion Box into the hall by the washrooms from its current location in the Fish Registry Room. A lock will be put on it. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and constructive 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 or sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home 519-668-2609 in the evenings.

WREATH ORNAMENTS, TRINKETS AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

As your travel around to garage sales this summer, keep an eye open for Christmas trinkets and ribbons that can be used by the Wreath Brigade later this year. They can usually be found very cheap. Mark the bag with "Wreath Brigade" and either leave it with the caretakers or bring them to a meeting where they will be stored till needed. Once again, Hermann Szielasko would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Wreath Brigade that have been received so far.

Hermann 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.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark.

The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. The targeted species of fish changes each week. You can join the league at any time. You are also awarded points if you finish in the top three in derbies.

The standings are posted weekly on the outside Club Bulletin Board.

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely on the property and docks. They leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to clean off the goose poop with the brooms that are located at each dock. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

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

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that club members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

Occasionally, an angler stops fishing for a short time or makes a trip to Tim Horton's and leaves his rod or tackle on the dock. His equipment should not be considered as "found treasure" by you. If you realize that the owner does not return within a reasonable amount of time or may have gone home, take their equipment to the caretakers, Bob and Paulette, for safe keeping until it is returned to the rightful owner.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch.

Do not target bass while they are on their spawning beds.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

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 membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any 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 (evenings).

SMOKING

- If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.
- 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.
- Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

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 on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.
- A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.
- The police will be notified if you leave your dog in a vehicle during the summer.
- 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 children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

GEESE AND DUCKS

- Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks that are on club property any human food, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but bread pieces can easily get lodged in a bird's throat, causing them stress. They are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.
- Feeding any birds later in the season could also disrupt their natural migration. Feeding wild seed in a feeder should only be done during winter months for those birds that remain during the cold winter months.

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

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.

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.

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 any Executive or Entertainment Committee members. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

Mon. Aug. 5	Civic Holiday
Sun. Aug. 11	Unofficial Bass Derby (Andre Koch)
Mon. Aug. 12	Fish Fry tickets are available
Sun. Aug. 22	Executive meeting

Mon., Sept. 2	Labour Day (STAT holiday)
Thurs., Sept. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 14	Fish Fry (advance tickets – Aug 12th)
Thurs., Sept. 26	Executive Meeting
Sat., Sept. 28	Euchre (hosts are Steve & Teresa Couture)

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).

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these throughout the year. It is your club so get involved and enjoy it more.

<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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