

## AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER



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### August 2014

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3	4 Civic Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10 Unofficial Bass Derby	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24/31	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

### September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Youth Committee Meeting	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30				

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

Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association  
Executive & Committees for 2014 – 2015

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**On-Site Caretakers**

Please contact the any of the Executive for assistance

**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 and questions are always welcome. 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](http://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](http://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 and is available on the website.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**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, August 28 in order to remain a valid member. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Uninvited Guests

I think the word is getting round that there are no caretakers at the club.

Over the past few weeks I personally have encountered quite a few people on and around our property fishing and loitering. They seem to think that this is a conservation area open to all. Even though we have plenty of signage around the property, some trespassers think it does not apply to them.

We work hard, and spend plenty to have the gem that we do, so as good members of our Association. I ask that we all take the time to politely ask anyone not wearing a member's badge to produce one or leave the property. Please so do not put yourselves in harm's way, if these individuals put up a fuss, tell them that the Police Department will be called, and then leave them alone. Most times they will leave, if you do not feel comfortable calling the Police Department, please call on of your Executive.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## WELFARE

Our thoughts at this time are with the Jeanette and Jeff Jurasek & their family as they mourn the loss of Jeanette's father, Reg Lahay in mid-July.

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

Many of the club's elderly 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.

## SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box will be relocated 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 may be sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home in the evenings.

## RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretaker(s) for the club. To date, the Executive have addressed the duties as suitable caretaker(s) have been found.

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person or couple as one person will be 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 building maintenance and basic grounds keeping.

Compensation includes one bedroom apartment, on site laundry, telephone, cable and internet service plus commission on hall rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)

Resumes which highlight your experience will be accepted from the general public.

The club website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

## OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY

This derby was held on Sun. July 6 which turned out to be a beautiful summer day for all the anglers who came out.

Thank you again to all the volunteers for their tireless efforts in making this derby a success.

The winners of the derby were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Stan Gibbs	23.0 cm
Big Bass	Lisa Stanowski	36.5 cm

## UNOFFICIAL BASS DERBY

**Sun. Aug. 10**

This year, the unofficial Bass Derby will be held in honour of Reg Lahay, Jeanette Jurasek's late father. Reg enjoyed the time spent fishing and being outdoors with his family and friends.

Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am

Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

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

**Members will not be allowed to fish prior to the start of the derby.**

During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

This 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 although there will be witnesses to support bragging rights.

The rules will be provided to each angler on the morning of the derby.

Please let Andre Koch know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water.

## 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 or is present at club meetings and functions. There is 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 which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. 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.

### ULTRA-LIGHT TRAVEL SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 19, 2014 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made an ultra-light, moderate-fast action, travel spinning rod. It is 6 feet long and comes in 4 pieces. This rod is ideal for Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Walleye. Tickets cost \$ 2.00 each and are limited to 300 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

### EUCHRE RESUMES Sat. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

Steve and Teresa Couture will host the first Euchre game of the season on Sat. Sept., 27<sup>th</sup>.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The door will open at 6:00 pm.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. The club would like to have 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 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 throughout the balance of the Euchre season, the monthly Euchre game nights may be cancelled.

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. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

### 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 LEAGUE

If you are looking to go fishing once a week with a great bunch of anglers, why not join us each Tuesday night any time after 5:30 pm till dark, to compete for bragging rights, some pocket change, and maybe get your name on a trophy at the end of the year.

Each week you accumulate points by catching the largest of the targeted fish in each of 5 classes and the priority of the targeted fish changes. The buy in each time you fish is \$ 2.00, with half of the money going to the angler with top score for that night. The other half is put aside to buy a nice gift for the “Angler of the Year”.

The fishing league is a very good way to learn how to fish for the different kinds of fish in our pond.  
See you on the water.

### SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS

The Executive hopes that everyone is enjoying a safe and happy, fun-filled summer. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

It is now mandatory that all persons in a watercraft on the club pond must wear an appropriate sized PFD, without exception.

Although WOFGPA does not discourage pet owners from bringing their pets to the club, please be aware that all pets must be on leash and under their owner's control at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. The police will be notified if your pet is left in your vehicle. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. Your barking dog on the dock is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate sunscreen, according to the label directions. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV. Sunburns and heat exposure issues can even occur on an overcast day. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water or fruit juices or eat fresh fruit.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of: dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing.

If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room immediately.

If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

## 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 away from other anglers.

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 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.

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 resident raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

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 in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

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.

## 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.

**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID AT 7:00 PM ON THE EVENINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH) IN ORDER TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING. PLEASE CONTACT VAL GRAHL, MEMBERSHIP, IF UNABLE TO ATTEND ON THE EVENING OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING.**

Mon. Aug. 4	Civic holiday
Sun, Aug 10	Unofficial Bass Derby (host-Andre Koch)
Wed, Aug 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs, Aug. 28	Executive Meeting
Mon. Sept. 1	Labour Day – Stat holiday
Thurs, Sept 11	General Meeting
Wed., Sept. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 27	Euchre (hosts – the Coutures)
Thurs. Oct. 9	General meeting
Sat. Oct. 11	Fall stocking (contact is Stan Gibbs)
Sun. Oct. 19	Fall Trout Derby Draw for Ultra Lite Travel Spinning Rod (tickets available to members only from the Youth Committee at each function)
Wed. Oct. 22	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 25	Euchre (hosts are needed)

It is our hope that a small group of Senior residents from Dearness Home will be able to fish for a few hours in the first half of September. Teresa Couture will keep all updated as details are confirmed.

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year.

The complete event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

<p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b> Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p>	<p><b>My Handyman Bo</b></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><b>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</b></p>
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