

AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER



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AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Civic Holiday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Unofficial Bass Derby	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 Youth Committee meeting	27 Executive meeting	28	29

SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fish Fry
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre
27	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 2015 – 2016**

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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**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. You must attend the Executive meeting on the fourth Thursday of these months to pay your dues.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summertime is in full swing, with an abundance of activities to engage in. More than likely you are asking yourselves where am I going to find the time to do all the great things that this time of year has to offer, and get all the jobs and tasks completed that need doing. In this day and age, there just never seems to be time for everything, and definitely no time to relax. Sometimes things get so frantic that we fear a break down is near.

I have a cure! I can honestly say that my work and play schedule is fairly busy with very little down time, However from time to time I escape my busy life with a quiet visit to our front dock and watch nothing but the birds fly, ripples on the water, flies buzzing around, wind mill turning in the breeze, and the odd fish breaking the surface of the water. This mini break from reality seems to calm the nerves, and relax the mind, so that one can think again.

If you ever need a natural sedative just plant your butt on the bench and you will be amazed.

Remember to take advantage of the generous offer from Columbia Sportswear which was sent to the membership electronically.

**Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs**

WELFARE

Our deepest sympathy to the Thompson family after the passing of Lloyd's brother.

Our condolences to the Szielasko family after the passing of Patti's mother. Hermann is also recovering at home following surgery.

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with Clara Smith and family after the passing of her husband, Bill on July 10. Bill was a Past President (1971-1972) and helped to shape the club.

Many club 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.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw

is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

BASS DERBY (Unofficial) Sun. Aug. 16

Mark this date on your calendars.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 16. It is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support your bragging rights.

As with all our derby dates, members are not allowed to fish early in the morning, prior to the start of the derby. During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Anglers not registered for the derby are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon

This derby will be hosted by the Youth Committee. There will be prizes for the longest length (max. 5 bass) and for the largest bass.

Registration: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

Time: 8:00 am until noon

Cost:	Members	\$ 8.00
	Non-members	\$ 10.00
	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5.00

Lunch will be prepared by Andre Koch and served at 12:15 pm.

Thank you for your continuing support.
Autumn Ernteman
Youth Committee President

WOFGPA FISH FRY Sat. Sept. 19

Social time	5:00 pm
Fish Fry	6:00 pm
Ticket price	\$ 15 each – Adult
	\$ 7 each – Child (age 12 and under)

Tickets must be purchased in advance so that the correct amount of food can be purchased for the guests. The cutoff date for ticket purchase will be at the Sept. 10th General Meeting.

Only 60 tickets will be available and will be available at each meeting and function or by contacting Teresa Couture.

Don't delay and miss out on a hearty fish fry.

OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY Sun. July 5

Twenty one anglers came out to try their luck at angling the largest bass on this hot summer day. The results are:

Adult division
1st place Jeff Zeisner
2nd place Ryan Denniston
3rd place Scott Howe

Youth Division
Abby Soave

Biggest Bass Stan Gibbs

50/50 draw Jeremy Beaton

Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this another successful event.



EUCHRE RESUMES

Sat. Sept. 26

The first Euchre night of the season happens on Sat. Sept. 26th and will be hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture.

The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). 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.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre evening and would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture.

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.

Some merchandise is 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.

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

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.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Please contact the club caretaker, Sheryl at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

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

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 and way 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.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

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.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. All Black Crappie larger than 9 inches are breed stock and must be returned to the water.

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 and on the club website, 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.

Sun. Aug. 16	Bass Derby (unofficial)
Wed. Aug. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Aug. 27	Executive meeting

Mon. Sept. 7	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 10	General meeting
Sat. Sept. 19	Fish Fry
Wed. Sept. 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 26	Euchre

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

<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>
<p>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>DRUM LESSONS</p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p>Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</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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