

DECEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale
6	7	8	9 Tree delivery	10 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	11	12
13	14	15	16 Youth Committee Meeting (one week early)	17 Executive meeting (one week early)	18	19
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JANUARY 2016

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10	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24 / 31	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive meeting	29	30

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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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**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to one and all!

This message is passed on to family and friends at this time of year. What accompanies this phrase is the selfless act of giving. This is very apparent around our club, as I have commented many times before; this Association has the best volunteers anywhere. To the many volunteers who showed up to set up the lot, unload 800 trees, help Hermann with his wreaths, and to fill the projected 1500 man hours that will go into the operation of the tree lot. Let us not forget the many members that will spend countless hours on the different functions that need to be organized and operated, I thank you.

In addition to all the personal hours given at our club, I would like to ask for your help in another venture that our Association does every year. As in the past, we will be sponsoring at least two families in need this Christmas. I am asking all of our members to drop off some non-perishable goods to our club and help fill a wish list for both families with some donations. If we receive monetary donations, my wife and I will purchase what is left to get.

All gifts and food items must be delivered to the club by the Executive meeting on Dec. 17th. Your donations will then be taken to the families in time for Christmas.

Family #1

Family member	Age	Clothing Size	Likes/Wishes
Dad (Initial – CY)	Mid 30s	XL	Grocery cards or movie cards to take the boys to
Son (Initial – C)	6	6 - 7	Lego, Superheroes, Cars/trucks, hotwheels set, games, books, socks and underwear
Son (Initial – E)	11	12 - 14	Lego, Star Wars, sports, board games – Risk or Battleship, Clothes, socks, underwear, PS3 games

Family # 2

Family member	Age	Clothing size	Likes/Wishes
Mom (Initial – M)	Mid 30s	Med - LG	Body Shop, Baking, crafts, Shirts and warm sweaters, gloves, movies and hot chocolate
Son (Initial – Tr)	14	Men's Small, shoe size 10	Clothes, Yu-gi-oh cards, Star Wars, Lego, remote helicopter, socks, underwear, socking items
Son (Initial – T)	11	Men's Xsmall	Clothes, Pokémon cards, Star Wars items, remote cars, socks, underwear, stocking items, winter hat and mitts for walking to school

Come out and enjoy! At our next General meeting, we have quite a night in store. Following a shortened business meeting, our Annual Turkey Roll will take place and there will be some great door prizes mixed in. Hope to see a good crowd.

There are many individuals would have given countless hours of themselves to make WOFGPA such a jewel in London. At this time, the club would like to officially recognize a few of these individuals who have given more than 5 years of volunteering. If you are one of these individuals or know of one, please speak to me before the General meeting in December.

**Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs**

WELFARE

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.

Our condolences to the Hazboun family after the passing of Ghada's father in early November.

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretaker(s) for the club.

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. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work. Compensation includes a one-bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com

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

**ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL
Thurs., Dec. 10, 2015
At 7:30 pm**

(Immediately following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be door prizes to be won.

Refreshments, snacks and prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: sausages and eggs, pancakes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

Adults - \$ 5.00

Children - \$ 3.00 (2 to 5 years)

Children under two years old – no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa.

After this event, and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a wreath from the tree lot.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Sat. Dec. 5, 2015

The Youth Group is organizing a Christmas Bake sale to be held in the main hall of the club during the Christmas Breakfast with Santa.

They are asking for donations of home-baked goods with all proceeds going to the club. Donations can be sent to the club on Fri., Dec. 4th between 7 – 7:30 pm or Dec. 5 before 9:00 am.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they can also come to the Bake Sale when they come to pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

There is another delivery of trees on Wed. Dec. 9th. If you are available to come help unload about 200 trees, it would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas tree and Wreath Sales began on Sat., Nov. 28th and will continue until all the trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for a shift to sell trees, please speak with Brian Ernteman or Don Colborne. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices are:

\$ 30 – any tree up to 7 feet high

\$ 40 – any tree larger than 7 feet

\$ 15 – small wreath

\$ 30 – large wreath

If you are able to donate unwanted ornaments or trinkets to the Wreath Brigade, please bring them to a meeting or function or drop them off at the club or leave them in the trailer.

Thank you in advance for your donations

EUCHRE

Thank you to the Youth Committee for hosting the November Euchre night. Superb job.

The results of the evening were:

High Man – Ed Brown

High Lady – Elenore Von Ruczicki

Mystery Man – Ken Lockrey

Mystery Lady – Lois Davis

Most Lone Hands – Don Parker

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. Jan. 23rd, 2016.

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

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.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre evening in 2016 and would like more details as to what is involved, please contact Teresa Couture.

FALL CLEAN UP

The Grounds Committee Chairman, Henry Van Eerdewijk would like to thank all those who came out on such a warm November day to help prepare the grounds for the upcoming winter

Many hours were spent removing invasive buckthorn and raking.

SUPERBOWL "L" PARTY

Sun. February 7, 2016

The Superbowl 50 festivities will start at 4:00 pm, although game kickoff is at 6:00 pm.

There will be lots of food, raffled items and door prizes throughout the evening.

Please speak with Andre Koch to obtain your advance ticket for only \$ 25.00 each.

Tickets go on sale at the December General Meeting and Turkey Roll on Dec. 10.

TRAVEL FLY ROD

Draw Date: Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015

(during the annual Turkey Roll)

Paul Noble has built another rod for the club. This medium-fast action, 4 piece travel fly rod is 9 feet long and 7 weight.

There is a limit of 200 tickets at \$ 3.00 each for this draw.

Please see Andre Koch at each meeting and function to purchase your tickets.

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.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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

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 membership 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 caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing.

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

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, bridal and baby 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 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 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.

The winner of the November monthly meeting draw was Gary Crew who generously donated his winnings back to the club. Congratulations and thank you Gary.

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Carefully inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or “suspect” lights. New LED lights are much safer than the “old” ones and very energy efficient. Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.

Keep all real Christmas trees well-watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible. Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness as it is a fire hazard.

Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to animals? Keep your pets away from these items or refrain from purchasing them.

As tempting as it seems, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked and get stressed as we enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.

Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.** There are many other options such as abstaining, having a designated driver, staying the night, taking public transit or calling for a ride home.

FOR SALE

Please contact Stan Gibbs if you wish to become the new owner of the yellow, 14 foot boat, which is located in spot # 109.

The price is \$ 200.00 or best offer.



DANGER – THIN ICE

December weather means a drop in the daily temperature and we know that ice is just starting to form on the pond. Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and has a minimum of 4 inches of clear ice.

Here are just a few reminders about pond ice safety:

A windmill has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration stones. These two areas may stay as open water or will have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.

Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice. It is the club policy that all dogs be leashed at all times and in control of their owners.

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.

The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.

Always use the "Buddy" system and never venture out alone.

Mark your fishing holes with a flag or small branch – for safety and consideration of others.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice **often does** not allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.



The Executive, the Directors and the Committee Chairs would like to wish all members and their families the best of the holidays with good health and happiness in 2016.

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.

Sat. Dec. 5	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale hosted by the Youth Committee
Thurs., Dec. 10	Turkey Roll
Wed. Dec. 16	Youth Committee meeting (one week early)
Thurs. Dec. 17	Executive meeting (one week early)
Thurs. Jan. 14	General meeting
Sat. Jan. 23	Euchre
Wed. Jan. 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Jan. 28	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 6	Hockey Day in Canada
Sun. Feb. 7	Superbowl "L" party
Thurs. Feb. 11	General meeting
Mon. Feb. 15	Family Day – Statutory holiday
Sat. Feb. 20	Annual Tackle Swap
Wed. Feb. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Feb. 25	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 27	Euchre
Thurs. Mar 10	General Meeting and Elections
Wed. Mar. 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Mar 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar 26	Easter Breakfast
Sat. Mar 26	Euchre

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

Giving some time to better the club is what each WOFGPA member pledged during their initiation. It is also a great way for new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

Hope to see many new faces at some of our many functions.

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