

DECEMBER 2024



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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Breakfast with Santa
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Executive Meeting (early)	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Years Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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

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Stan Gibbs 519-709-9413

Angela Liberatore 519-680-1222

Club Caretakers

Ray and Barb Smith 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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air, and wildlife, and 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays

On behalf of all of the Executive Body and Committee Heads I would like to wish you and yours a safe, healthy and happy holidays. The most treasured part of the holidays is celebrating with family and friends, enjoying good meals, fun times and the giving of one self to help others.

In the near future we will be hosting two very special events that you can enjoy in the spirit of the season. Our annual Christmas Breakfast will be held on December 7/2024 starting at 9am. Bring your family and friends out for a hearty meal. Santa will make an appearance around 10:30 with gifts for the younger attendees. On Thursday December 12, following a shortened General meeting we will be having our Annual Turkey Roll. There will be 7 Turkeys and 3 hams to be handed out to the winners of our game. There will also be door Prizes, and a 50/50 draw.

These events are in the spirit of the season, with a good meal, fun with friends, and support of your club. Please remember that we are also supporting the Toys for Tots program, so if you can, bring a new unwrapped toy for our needy children in the London area. We also accept cash donations, which some of our members will go out and purchase toys.

Hope to see you there

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wishes for healthier days are with Cora Thompson and Ted Henderson.

TRINKETS, RIBBON AND CHRISTMWS TRIM NEEDED

As you begin to decorate for the holidays, please consider donating to the Wreath Brigade. All your no longer wanted ribbon, trinkets and ornaments (no Glass) can be used for decorating the many items that the created by the Wreath Brigade.

Please drop these items off at the club or bring to a meeting.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Angela Liberatore

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2025 - 2026 term will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 13, 2025 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2026.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 12, 2025, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Jeanette Jurasek - Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination OR provide a written acceptance delivered to Jeanette Jurasek (Secretary) on or before election night.

All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply). One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

All members are encouraged to get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Sat. Dec 7

Come on out to visit Sanat and enjoy a delicious club cooked breakfast. The breakfast with Santa is open to everyone. Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of sausages, scrambled eggs, pancakes with syrup, baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

Time	9 until 11 am
Cost:	Adults \$ 10
	Children \$ 6 (ages 5 to 10)
	No charge for children under 4

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs., Dec. 12 (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. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

NOTE: The December Executive meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 23 at 730 pm. This is early due to the Christmas holidays.

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is December 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from December 1, 2023 through November 31, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of December 2024, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files.

The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

TORONTO SPORTSMAN SHOW Fri., March 14, 2025

Are you interested in a bus trip to the Toronto Sportsmen Show on Fri. March 14, 2025.

A bus will leave from the club at 8:00 am and travel to the International Centre in Mississauga. Stops will be made along the way at various En Routes. The bus will then pick everyone up from the show around 3:30 pm, making a stop for dinner in Mississauga prior to returning to London around 8:00 pm.

The cost will be \$ 60 per person for the bus, providing the bus is full. Space is limited.

Ticket for the Sportsmen Show and dinner are not included. If interested, please contact Lou Liberatore at 519-317-5748 or at lliberatore@sympatico.ca

Please contact Lou as soon as possible as the bus will need to be booked. A down payment to reserve your seat is required. Deadline to register is March 1, 2025

CHRISTMAS TREE PRICING 2024

Wreaths & swags		\$ 30
Trees	under 5'	\$ 50
	5-6.5'	\$ 60
	6.5-7.5'	\$ 70
	7.5-8.5'	\$ 80
	Over 8.5'	\$ 90

The trees from WOFGPA sell out at break neck speed. The club accepts cash, debit and credit card payments.

Don't delay in getting your tree this year or you may find only an empty lot.

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Here are just a few reminders as you begin to decorate your home for the holidays.

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. Real 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.

During the holiday season, 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 either from a taxi, an Uber or family and friends.

APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND SCRAP METAL PICKUP

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside. I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere
519-520-0767

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.

Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates.

The hall is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply.

Members get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not on hourly rate rentals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these locations frequently.

Sat Dec 7	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs Dec 12	General Meeting
	Annual Turkey Roll
Mon. Dec. 23	Executive meeting (held early due to the holidays)
Wed Dec 25	Christmas Day
Thurs Dec 26	Boxing Day
Tues Dec 31	New Years Eve

2025

Wed Jan 1	New Years Day
Thurs Jan 9	General Meeting
Thurs Jan 23	Executive Meeting
Thurs Feb 13	General Meeting
Fri Feb 14	Valentines Day
Sat Feb 15	Tackle Swap
Mon Feb 17	Family Day Ice Derby
Thurs Feb 27	Executive Meeting

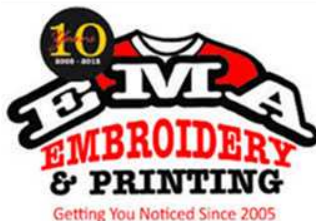
Thurs Mar 13	General meeting
Thurs Mar 27	Executive Meeting

Sat Apr 5	Post Election Dinner
Thurs Apr 10	General Meeting
Sat Apr 12	Spring Clean up
Sun Apr 13	Spring Trout Derby
Fri Apr 18	Good Friday
Sat Apr 19	Easter Breakfast
Sun Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Thurs Apr 24	Executive Meeting

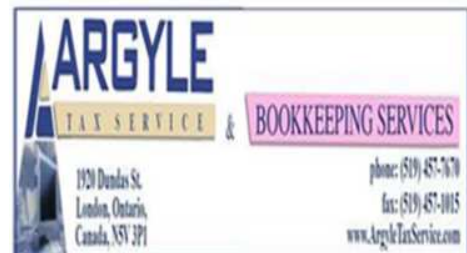
Thurs. May 8	General Meeting
Sat May 10	Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 11	Mothers Day
Mon May 19	Victoria Day
Thurs May 22	Executive Meeting

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.

Watch for details of upcoming 150th Anniversary events in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.



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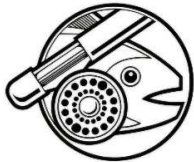
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