

## FEBRUARY 2019



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### February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Trout Ice fishing derby
3 Pond Hockey Day	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17	18 Family Day Ice Fishing Derby	19	20	21	22	23 Tackle Swap Euchre
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting		

### March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 Spring Fling Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30 Jigg's Dinner

**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 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.

## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. 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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members this year.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mid-Winter Blues

If you are suffering from cabin fever, your club may have the remedy for what ails you. February is traditionally one of the busiest months for club events, and I hope that one or more will appeal to you in order to shake off those mid-winter blues.

On Saturday Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting our annual Trout Ice fishing Derby, this is a great event to invite your friends and brag about what a great club you belong to.

On Sunday Feb/3<sup>rd</sup> our club is hosting our annual Pond Hockey Classic that involves junior teams from the George Bray Sports Assoc.

On Feb/18<sup>th</sup> our annual Family Day Ice Fishing Derby will be held with the help of one of our great sponsors, Angling Sports. This event is open to all; however, you must register at Angling Sports. There is a 100-angler limit.

Lastly on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, our club house will be transformed into a giant tackle store. We have around 15 different vendors and reps from a number of different clubs from around the city. This is also the weekend of the London Sportsman Show, but if you are wise you should visit our club first, I think you will find better deals.

One other item to note is that the skating rink is now ready for use, please clean after you are finished, and fishermen please keep your ice fishing holes at least 20 ft from the rink.

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

Our wish for healthier days ahead are with Fred Sanders and Bert Smit.



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use is not permitted anywhere on club property.

## ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2019 - 2020 term will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 14, 2019 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2020.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 13, 2019, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
  - Teresa Couture - 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 Teresa Couture (Club 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.

## HAT LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The club will be in need of a new design for the club hats. Beginning on Jan. 1 and ending on the annual Elections on March 8, 2019, Andre Koch and Stan Gibbs will accept your artwork for the hats design

The final design for the hats will be decided by the new Executive board and revealed to club members at the Jiggs Dinner on April 7.

The winner will not only have bragging rights but will also receive a new hat and hoodie with the new design on both items.

To aid you as you create your artwork, we are supplying you with a few pointers. The hats are black or blue so do not use those colours. The less colours that you use in your artwork will keep the embroidery costs down. Keep it simple but unique.

Thank you in advance for your participation and good luck to all. I am anxious to see the cool designs that you come up with.

Andre Koch (1st Vice President)

## GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections.

The winner of the January monthly meeting draw was Mary Degan (\$ 43.00). Congratulations Mary.



## EUCHRE

Euchre was held on Jan. 26, 2019 and hosted by the Coutures. Thank you to the few players who braved the extreme cold to come and play cards for the night.

The winners of the evening were:  
High Man – Stu Mackellar (67)  
High Lady – Darlene Dawes (68)  
Most Lone Hands – Marg Mackellar (6)  
Mystery Man – Dave Jefferies  
Mystery Lady - Eleonore Von Ruczicki  
50 / 50 – Dave Jeffries (\$ 19.00)

The next euchre will be held on Sat. Feb. 23 with the doors open at 6:00 pm and the games starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and the evening is open to members and guests.

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and the public. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes 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 night on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Teresa Couture for details. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be always present should their help be needed.

## POND HOCKEY DAY Sun. Feb. 3

On this date and ice conditions permitting, junior players from George Bray Sports Assn will come to the club to enjoy a game of hockey on a frozen pond. Of course, there will be hot dogs and hot chocolate for all.

## FAMILY DAY ICE FISHING DERBY Mon. Feb.18, 2019 (Family Day Statutory holiday)

What better way to spend "Family Day" than entering an Ice Fishing Derby at WOFGPA! This derby is sponsored in conjunction with Angling Sports.

Registration cost of \$ 10.00 per angler includes: ice fishing, hot lunch and prizes. Pre-registration and payment are mandatory and is limited to 100 anglers.

Pre-registration may be done at either:

- Angling Sports in London (located on Highbury Ave, just south of Dundas St) during normal business hours
- or at a WOFGPA function or prior to the start of a meeting.

Don't delay and miss out on this limited entry event.

## 13th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 23, 2018  
TIME: Doors open at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm  
LOCATION: WOFGPA club hall and basement  
COST: No entrance fee

The annual Tackle Swap allows us to shake off those winter blues. You may also want to sell some of that old equipment you have lying around. Previous years have been a great success with many different clubs promoting their club's activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to the visitors.

Preregistration for a reserved table is mandatory. There is a nominal registration fee for a table and reservations can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. Tables will be assigned.

If you have anything to donate, please contact Stan as soon as possible.

## GUNS AND AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

## ICE CONDITIONS DANGER – THIN ICE

Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. (about 4 inches) thick.

When the pond freezes, an ice rink will be made just off the main dock. All anglers are asked to stay at least 20 metres away from this ice rink.

A windmill has been installed to aerate the water. If ice forms, it will be thin. Please keep clear of the windmill platform as the area around it 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 must be on leash and under direct control of their owners or preferably, left at home.

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 are not posted but are monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. 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.

## 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 e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com instruction time, if required.

**SPRING FLING  
DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION  
Sat., March 16, 2019**

WOFGPA will host a Spring Fling to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in conjunction with Cathy Truelove and Dale Sewers.

The evening will begin with a dinner catered by Belmont Catering. After dinner, guests will enjoy dancing to the musical talents of Truelove Ways with special guest appearance by Fine Wine. When taking a moment away from the festivities and dancing the night away, a selection of Silent Auction items will be available for bidding.

This fundraiser was inspired by Cathy Truelove who wished to do something for the club in memory of her late husband Peter Tolsma.

A limited number of advance tickets are available now at only \$ 25 each. You may obtain your tickets by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or getting them at any meeting or function.

**JIGG'S DINNER  
Saturday, Sat. March 30, 2019**

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar) Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY UNTIL SAT, MARCH 23RD.

It is a WOFGPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests.

This year, the attendees can expect a hearty dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies and roll with butter. There will also be assorted salads, relish and cheese trays. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee. Door prizes will also be available.

Teresa Couture, club secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your advance tickets.

Tickets are available now for purchase and will sell out quickly. Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

**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.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES  
THAT ADVERTISE IN WOFGPA'S  
NEWSLETTER.**

**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.

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 receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher.

Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Please contact the club caretaker, Barb 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club's website at wofgpa.org

Sun. Feb. 3	Pond Hockey Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	General Meeting
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day
	Family Day Ice Derby with Angling Sports
Sat. Feb. 23	Tackle Swap
Sat. Feb. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Feb. 28	Executive Meeting
Thurs. March 14	General Meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. March. 16	Spring Fling (tickets available now)
Sat. March 23	Euchre
Thurs. March 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. March 30	Jigg's Dinner (tickets available now)
Thurs. April 11	General meeting
Sat. April 13	Spring Clean up and (tentative) stocking date
Sun. April 14	Spring Trout Derby
Fri. April 19	Good Friday
Sat. April 20	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 25	Executive meeting
Sat. April 27	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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