

JANUARY 2011 NEWSLETTER



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Tony Dukic

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Howard Pearcey

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Howard Pearcey (Chair)

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Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

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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, can attend any of the meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is presented at the General and Executive meetings, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.



**There is no smoking in
the club at any time.**

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The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

With a new year just over the horizon, I like to reflect on all of our times, most of them quite enjoyable that we had at our club this year.

As most of you already know our event calendar is quite full. It usually starts in January with making ice rinks, planning Ice fishing derbies and getting ready for the up coming Elections. There is also Tackle Swaps to plan, clean- up work parties, many more fishing derbies, including a Ladies only and a children twelve and under, fundraising ventures to consider, such as the Super Bowl Party and the Hockey Day in London Venture, dinners, euchres and barbeques. This is only a small portion of what we do at our club to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

As I have mentioned before, it takes a lot of dedicated volunteers to maintain the level of service that is provided at the Club for you. Once again I am asking for your help. If you are interested in a certain aspect of our club's operation please get involved. If you can spare a few hours, call one of the committee chairs and offer your services as every little bit helps. If you are looking for a New Year's Resolution, how about becoming a volunteer at your Club.

At our January General meeting there will be a video for your enjoyment. It is titled "Once in a Blue Moon". Come out and see some spectacular footage of fishing on the other side of the planet.

Hopefully, at our February General Meeting we will have an update on the pond survey that was done by a couple of students from the University of Western Ontario. This extensive study has been done over the past two years.

Effective immediately and in consideration of all non-smokers entering the building, smoking will not be allowed on the steps leading into the building. Smoking is permitted on the east side of the building, 15 feet from all entrances. Smokers are asked to use cans to extinguish and dispose of all cigarette butts.

In closing I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

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.

One of our members, Tony DeLuca passed away suddenly early in December. Another member, Fred Pearce passed away on Dec. 16, after a courageous battle with cancer. At this time, our condolences and thoughts are with the DeLuca and Pearce families.

**ELECTIONS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011**

7:30 PM  
(Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2011-2012 term will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

**Note:**

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 10, 2011 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2012.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 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.
- An updated membership list will be available for viewing after February 28, 2011.

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.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

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ANNUAL DRAW – FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting you attend, you will receive a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

The winners of the December General meeting draw were: Jeff Jurasek – club hoody and toque and Brian Ernteman – club baseball cap.

TURKEY ROLL

This year, WOFGPA had a total of 15 turkeys in the 7 kg plus range. Winners of the turkeys were: Janice Colborne (x2) Leonard Greenwell (x2), Lloyd Thompson, Bob Planques, Amanda Eveland, Sue Brown, Don Colborne, Darcy Watham, Cora Thompson, Stan Gibbs, Ron Dennis, Dave Kazimer, Shawn Eveland.

The winners of the door prizes were: Shawn and Amanda Eveland, Cora Thompson, Andre Koch, Dave and Joan Kazimer, Don Turner, Henry Van EerDewijk, Tom McGill, Don Turner.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROJECT

Kudos to all the volunteers who contributed their time to make the Christmas Tree Project another successful venture for the club. These volunteers assisted with setting up and clearing the lot, unloading trees at delivery time, selling trees and any other duties required.

Although the club recognizes each volunteer regardless of the amount of time contributed, Don Colborne calculated that almost 100 volunteers gave over 1400 hours to this cause and this tally does not include the time spent with the wreath brigade.

Once again, kudos to all for a job well done.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education.

All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members.

Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, do not mail your payment or leave cash / cheque with Russell and Sheena, the Club's caretakers.**

SNOW BLOWERS AND SHOVELERS NEEDED

On snowy days, Howard Pearcey (Grounds) is seeking help from members with snow blowing and shoveling from the patio area and the walkway and steps leading to the apartment and the stairs into the main hall. If you wish to use the club's snow blower to clear the snow away, you can ask the Fralicks to open the shed for you.

Please use sand and / or Ice Melt on the steps and walkway.

WREATH BRIGADE

Hermann Szielasko and Teresa Couture would like to thank all members of the Wreath Brigade and those that dropped by to assist.

Last year, Hermann suggested that the trimmed branches from the Christmas trees should be made into wreaths and swags for sale, rather than be given away or taken to the bush. This idea caught on and the wreath brigade formed and began making wreaths under Hermann's expert tutelage.

This venture was very profitable to the club. Kudos to Hermann Szielasko and the Wreath Brigade for their hard work and dedication.

Hermann is asking for donations of unwanted decorations (no glass balls) and used ribbons that can be used for decorating wreaths next year. These decorations can be brought to the club for storage in the basement.

SUPERBOWL XLV PARTY Sunday, February 6, 2011 4:00 pm start

Superbowl XLV will be held at WOFGPA. The 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 see Andre Koch, Alex Duffitt or Stan Gibbs to obtain your ticket for only \$ 15.00 each. Tickets are available by advance purchase until January 31st so that the men can purchase food accordingly.

Do you know an outstanding volunteer At WOFGPA?

Does the name of any club member stand out for their long-standing and committed volunteer efforts at the club? Is this well-rounded individual involved with more than one aspect of their efforts with WOFGPA?

If so, you can nominate the member to be officially recognized for their volunteer efforts by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration by forwarding their name to any of the Executive as soon as possible. All nominations will be discussed at a meeting before being submitted for official recognition.

CLUB MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name.

Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill.

DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the record breaking warm November temperatures we have had. With the arrival of cold temperatures in December, ice has formed on the pond. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the front dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration pipes. This area may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area, as 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.

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of a person.

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 – 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 does not always 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.



EUCHRE

Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch will host the January 22 euchre games.

If you would like to host a Euchre night, please let Teresa Couture know. New hosts are always welcome. Euchre is held on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Progressive 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. The cost to play Euchre is only \$ 5.00 per player.

The games start at 7:30 pm sharp. Arrive early enough to socialize with others. 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

7th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 19, 2011

TIME: Doors open at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

LOCATION: 790 Southdale Road East
London, Ontario

COST: No entrance fee

The annual Tackle Swap allows us to shake off those winter blues and enjoy a few hours indoor of interesting information on fishing, hunting, and conservation efforts. You may also want to sell some of that old equipment you have lying around. We are looking for clubs to join in this venture. 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 no registration fee for a table. Tables will be assigned to clubs as they register. To help attract the public, we as the Host club, are asking all participating clubs to bring a prize to be given away as one of our door prizes.

All registrants must make set up arrangements of their table by contacting Stan Gibbs.

Stan is asking members for donations of their unwanted items for the WOFGPA table. If you have anything to donate, please contact Stan as soon as possible.

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Display a valid card, observe your fishing limits and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)

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Members are asked to avoid the south dock until further notice. Live traps have been set to capture a beaver family so it can be relocated.

WANTED TO BORROW

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Does anyone have a router template tool they are willing to lend? Stan Gibbs is hoping that one of the members can help him out. If so, please contact Stan Gibbs in the evenings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. There are no General meetings in the months of July and August. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Please note that ice-fishing derbies will be scheduled according to ice conditions. Often time does not allow to notify everyone by newsletter. Fishing derbies will be posted on the website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) and on the Bulletin boards at the club. Leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs if you would like telephone notification of a derby.

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| Thurs. Jan. 13 | General meeting and video "Once In A Blue Moon"                                                                     |
| Thurs. Jan. 22 | Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch                                                                      |
| Thurs. Jan 27  | Executive meeting                                                                                                   |
| Mon. Jan. 31   | Last day to purchase tickets for Superbowl XLV party on Feb. 6                                                      |
| Sun. Feb. 6    | Superbowl XLV Party at WOFGPA hosted by Alex Duffitt, Andre Koch and Stan Gibbs                                     |
| Thurs. Feb. 10 | General meeting                                                                                                     |
| Sat. Feb. 12   | Hockey Day in Canada (at WOFGPA). The details will be announced in the February 2011 newsletter by Alex Duffitt.    |
| Sat. Feb. 19   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tackle Swap – Stan Gibbs will be the contact                                                 |
| Thurs. Feb. 24 | Executive meeting                                                                                                   |
| Sat. Feb. 26   | Euchre                                                                                                              |
| Thurs. Mar. 10 | General meeting and elections                                                                                       |
| Thurs. Mar. 24 | Executive meeting                                                                                                   |
| Sat. Mar. 26   | Euchre                                                                                                              |
| Sat. Apr. 9    | Jigg's Dinner – A WOFGPA tradition where the new Executive serve a dinner to the members and the outgoing Executive |
| Thurs. Apr. 14 | General meeting                                                                                                     |
| Sat. Apr. 16   | Pot Luck and Euchre (held one week early this year due to Easter weekend)                                           |
| <b>and</b>     |                                                                                                                     |
| Sat. Apr. 23   | Breakfast with the Bunny                                                                                            |
| Thurs. Apr. 28 | Executive meeting                                                                                                   |

## WHAT IS A FISHERMAN?

A fisherman is someone who goes around with determination in his eyes and a hook in his pants.

He is usually good for your sense of humour and bad for your sense of smell.

Fishermen come in all sizes ... but their stories are always tall.

A fisherman will carry 30 pounds of gear and 10 pounds of equipment so he can use 5 ounces of bait in hopes of catching a 12-ounce fish.

A fisherman will spend all day catching a fish and all night reminiscing about the one that got away.

He has dedication, patience, and a full case of beer to go along with an imagination that could qualify him for the Guinness Book of Records.

At the end of his fishing day, seasick and weary, clutching a catch that averaged out to \$ 10 per pound, the fisherman settles back in his muddy boots, opens another beer awaits again the words that stirs his soul ... GONE FISHIN'!!

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