

January 2012 Newsletter



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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

Our newsletter is available on our website www.wofgpa.org
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2011 - 2012**

Executive

President

Stan Gibbs

1st Vice President

Lawrence Lainchbury

2nd Vice President

Don Colborne

Secretary

Teresa Couture

Treasurer

Steve Couture

Directors

Brian Ernteman

Howard Pearcey

Past Presidents

Bill Rodrigues

John Manvell

On Site Caretakers

Bob and Paulette Schmidt

519-681-2370

Committees

Entertainment

Teresa Couture (Chair)

Mary Degan

Brian Ernteman

Valerie Grahl

Andre Koch

Kim Sims

House

Howard Pearcey (Chair)

Don Colborne

Lawrence Lainchbury

Gord Spotton

Todd Stewart

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

Don Finch

Howard Pearcey

Bob Smale

Todd Stewart

Henry Van Eerdewijk

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Ron Dennis

Brian Ernteman

Andre Koch

Howard Pearcey

Bob Smale

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Don Colborne

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

Teresa Couture

Worm Machine (seasonal)

Steve Couture

Fundraising

Andre Koch

Steve. Couture

Public Relations

Lawrence Lainchbury

Political & Environmental Research

Steve & Teresa Couture

Stan Gibbs

Lawrence Lainchbury

Firearms / Hunter Safety

Emad Hazboun

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, & 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.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB; SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
WOW, WHAT A MONTH**

December is over and it is time to take a big breath and relax. I hope that everyone enjoyed the festive season with all your loved ones.

If you happen to stop in at the Club during the last month, you will have noticed a flurry of activity. All month we were busy selling, trimming, and wrapping Christmas trees for over 950 customers. Many thanks to Don Colborne and all his helpers for a job well done. Honorable mention should go to Paulette, for having the coffee on and ready at the start of most shifts, and to Cora for all the baked goodies that she made for us.

At the same time Hermann and his crew were busy making and decorating 100 wreaths and 12 swags which were sold on our tree lot.

In addition to this Howard Pearcey's crew was busy renovating the downstairs area which should be a good source of rental income in the New Year.

For the entertainment side of things, we hosted a Christmas breakfast, with Santa as the main attraction. There was our annual Turkey Roll after our General meeting.

Man, I'm getting tired just talking about it all. It's amazing how many volunteer hours that are spent doing these things for our members, and I am very proud to say that in respect to the size of our Club, the volunteer base is phenomenal. Please don't be offended if I did not mention you personally in this message, since there were so many people doing so many things, to list them all would fill the next few newsletters.

On behalf of the Executive and all the members in this Club, I would like to thank all persons that helped in any way over the last year; it is why this Club is so GREAT!!!

**I HOPE YOU HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS,
AND WILL HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

ANNUAL DRAW for FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting that you, as a club member, attend, one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President, Stan Gibbs, so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list, which continues to grow.

**ELECTIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012
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 2012-2013 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 8, 2012 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2013.
 - Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 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 29, 2012.

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.

FOR SALE

I have a 35 gallon aquarium which sits in a pine cabinet measuring 5 feet high by 3.5 feet wide.

This set up has a 2 filter system, power head – under gravel (Aqua Clear 350). Included is the heater light, all fish and numerous other supplies.

I am asking only \$ 150.00 for this incredible deal.

If interested, please call Gary Carew at 519-681-7558.

FISH REGISTRY

Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.



EUCHRE

Next Euchre: Sat., Jan.28, 2012 and to be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey.

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

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. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

The February 25, 2012 Euchre game is still in need of hosts in order to go ahead as planned. If you are interested and unsure but would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. At least one member of the Executive will be present to assist the hosts.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY & BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses. These courses will be offered to both club members and the public so spread the word.

Emad may be contacted at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com for further details.

SUPERBOWL XLVI TICKETS

WOFGPA is hosting a Superbowl XLVI party on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

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 \$ 25.00 each. Tickets are available by advance purchase until January 31st so that food can be purchased accordingly.

HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA AT WOFGPA Sat. Feb. 11, 2012

The details are still in the organizing phase but WOFGPA and GBSA (George Bray Sports Association) will be celebrating this Canadian tradition. Please see the February newsletter for the final plans for this event.

WREATH BRIGADE

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in the wreath making. It was certainly a success. I never imagined that I would have so much support and good will for this project from so many people.

The quality and the speed of making these wreaths was something to see. It was fun just to watch the volunteers apply their talents with not only with the finished decorations but also with painting of the pinecones and other small trinkets.

In the meantime please collect ribbons and other decoration items and spread the word. Surprisingly, summer yard sales are a great place to find Xmas items. You can leave these items at the club with the name "Hermann" marked on the bag so that they can be stored until November 2012.

Thank you
Hermann Szielasko

7th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 19, 2011
TIME: Doors open at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
LOCATION: WOFGPA Club hall
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. 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 upon registration. To help attract the public, we as the Host club, are asking all participants donate a prize to be used 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.

No guns or ammunition will be available at this event.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and 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, either at a meeting or by telephone.

DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the record breaking warm November and December temperatures we have had. With the late arrival of cold temperatures in January, ice has started to form 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 stones. These two areas may stay as open water or may 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.
- 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 – 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 at 519-66-2609. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? A number of people have already rented the hall for their function rather than hold it at their home and be left with a huge mess to clean afterward.

The hall has a seating capacity of up to 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. The club hall has full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. No Stag and Doe parties please.

Call the club caretakers, Paulette or Bob Schmidt at the club at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall. You will be pleasantly surprised to find out that the club still has the cheapest rates in town. WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| Thurs. Jan. 12 | General meeting |
| Thurs. Jan. 26 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Jan. 28 | Euchre- hosted by Pat & Ken Lockrey |
| Sun, Feb. 5 | Superbowl XLVI party |
| Thurs. Feb 9 | General meeting |
| Sat. Feb. 11 | Hockey Day in Canada (details to follow) |
| Sat. Feb. 18 | Tackle Swap |
| Thurs. Feb. 23 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Feb. 25 | Euchre – hosts are needed |
| Thurs. March 8 | General meeting and Elections |
| Thurs. March 22 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Mar. 24 | Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent |
| Sat. Mar. 31 | Jiggs' Dinner |
| Sat. April 7 | Easter Breakfast |
| Thurs. April 12 | General Meeting |
| Thurs. Apr. 26 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Apr. 28 | Pot Luck & Euchre – 2 hosts are needed |

Mark your calendars with these events so you don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to contact any committee chair to offer fresh ideas or to offer your assistance.

After the Elections on March 8, 2012, the new Executive and Committees will set the Event calendar for the 2012 - 2013. You can sign up for a committee at any time simply by contacting the committee chairperson. We welcome new ideas from new faces. Your input is what makes WOFGPA truly "Your Club".



The above is the QR Code for our Web Site. If you a smart phone, download a QR app to scan it. It will open the Web Site on you smart phone. lwl

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