

## JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER



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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association  
Executive & Committees for 2013 – 2014**

**Executive Body**

<b>President</b>	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
<b>Secretary</b>	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Treasurer</b>	
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<b>Directors</b>	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
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<b>Past Presidents</b>	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
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Bill Smith	519-434-3799

**Committees**

<b>Entertainment</b>	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461

<b>House</b>	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

<b>Grounds</b>	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	226-224-6605
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239

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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-685-6044
Bob Smale	519-457-6644

<b>Welfare</b>	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

<b>Boat Rack</b>	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

<b>Membership</b>	
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

<b>Newsletter</b>	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

<b>Fundraising</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Steve Couture	519-668-6257

<b>Club Merchandise</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

<b>Website Administrator and Public Relations</b>	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

<b>Political &amp; Environmental Research</b>	
Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

<b>Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter</b>	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

**On-Site Caretakers**  
Please contact the any of the Executive for assistance

**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 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within  
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club  
entrances**

**The club website is available at**

**[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**

Please visit our website and let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. All feedback from the membership is welcomed. Our website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Our site contains our club history, information about functions; links to other groups and a photo library. The monthly newsletter is sent electronically to members and is available on the website.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed some special family moments. I'm sure that most of you have already heard that our Christmas tree lot was another successful fund raising venture. I know that Don will have a full report, so I won't go into all the particulars except to say thanks to all who helped.

As for the club in general, we have a number of events planned already for the near future. On January 18<sup>th</sup>, we are planning a Hockey Day in Canada event. This event will consist of some pond hockey games featuring some junior teams from the George Bray Sports Association. There will be food and refreshments for all the players and volunteers. In preparation for this, I will be looking for help in getting the rink ready on the pond and volunteers for the day. After the children are done, the rink will be available for ice skating.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Tackle Swap will once again take place at our club house. This is a great time to pick up some great deals on all kinds of fishing, hunting and camping equipment. Tables are available for a small fee.

Hopefully in the near future, we will be having an Ice Fishing Derby. Since it is hard to pin down a date, with regards to ice conditions, I ask that you email me your name and number for a call when a date is set. This information will also be posted at the club and on the website.

I am looking forward to seeing you all around the club in 2014!

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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our condolences to the Van Eerdewijk family after the passing of Susan's father just before Christmas.

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

## NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders.

JUST IN – Andre has a selection of larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

New for this year are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

Lined jackets with 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.

## ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 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 2014-2015 term will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 13, 2014 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2015.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 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, 2014.

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.

## 9th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: **Sat. Feb. 15, 2014**  
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 a nominal registration fee for a table and reservations can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609. Tables will be assigned. 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.

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.

**GUNS AND AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT.**

## NEW YOUTH COMMITTEE

At the December Executive meeting, the Executive decided to pursue an initiative that improves how our younger members participate in and enjoy what the club offers. So, the WOFGPA would like to have its youth more involved as club members by forming their own committee which can address issues related to others their age.

This new group will meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The early evening meetings should run about 1 hour but could go longer. The purpose of this committee will be to come up new ideas for functions and fundraising ventures, and to co-ordinate and volunteer their time.

The benefits to the youth group are:

- more knowledge of the club and how it operates as they become more involved. They will learn how a board operates and can also participate at any scheduled meetings. Learning about how a non-profit organization operates is a skill that is not taught at school and currently only those on the student council get this exposure.
- fulfill volunteer hours requirement for high school graduation
- looks good on a resume
- learn how to run our club when they become full adult members and not feel intimidated.

The benefits to the club are:

- a fresh youth perspective
- more volunteers to assist with club
- youth ready to join the various committees and Executive when they are older

The Youth Committee will be overseen by 4 adult members. Andre Koch, Jeanette Jurasek and Sue Ann Moyer have offered to assist. This group is open to grade 8 through high school aged persons. The Youth Membership Fee of \$ 70.00 will be waived for youths on this board.

If you are at all interested in joining the Youth Committee of WOFGPA or you want more details, please contact Andre Koch, Jeanette Jurasek or Sue Anne Moyer.

### **HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA AT WOFGPA Sat. Jan. 18, 2014**

So far, the weather has been cold enough to make a safe ice rink for the junior teams from George Bray Sports Association to hold some pond hockey games at the club early in the afternoon on that day.

Stan Gibbs could use help maintaining the ice on a regular basis and also is in need of volunteers to assist throughout the day. Please contact Stan if you can help.

After the GBSA teams are finished their pond hockey games, the rink will be open for skating.

All ice fishing holes must be kept well away (50 feet) from the ice rink and should be marked with a flag or small branch for safety.

### **ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES**

Emad Hazboun will be teaching these courses for a very reasonable cost. There is 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



## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond.

Yep! The trend continues...we keep getting better!

This year, by my records, we had 35 volunteers help with the lot set-up, some 65 put their efforts into unloading the initial transport of 855 trees. Plus a smaller crew unloaded an additional 100 trees a mere two weeks later.

To top off the season about 110 volunteers were involved in covering the 3 shifts each day for the next 3 weeks (24 days). By Steve's records, some 955 trees, 117 wreaths and 10 swags left with happy customers. The last two trees left on Mon. Dec. 16, beating last year's record by 2 days. The wreath brigade did their job in fine style. Wreaths were a thing of beauty. I've said it before and I say it again – the wreath project is quite labour intensive and those involved deserve a hearty congratulation for a job well done.

It's been calculated before and still holds true, that our volunteer hours for the Christmas sales pretty will work out to \$ 10 per hour. If you spent productive time on our Christmas tree and wreath project, this was your financial contribution to support all activities and operational costs of your club.

I usually like to say my thanks in a general fashion to everyone for a job well done, however this year I'm making a slight exception. A special thanks to Gord Spotton who supplied about half of the goodwill fish we donated to the tree supplier. This is not meant to belittle anyone of the several others who donated to this worthy cause. Many thanks to all of you! A special thanks goes to Brian Ernteman for the tremendous help he gave on the phone calls and scheduling. Super job Brian! You almost made it look easy. A special thank you to those that put in the extra effort when our canopy collapsed in the first big storm and the subsequent work to clean up and construct the rebuild. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped up to help with the wreath making after the head supervisor, Hermann Szielasko, had to step back due to a slip and fall. It is truly a privilege and pleasure to be involved in a club with so many great people.

Finally, I was to personally thank all the partners who support the volunteers from the home front. AND – a special thanks for those that supplied treats to the trailer. The cookies, muffins, candies, tarts, oranges and more cookies were so much appreciated by everyone.

Happy New Year and all the best to everyone.

Don Colborne

### **TURKEY ROLL**

On Dec. 12, following a shortened General Meeting, WOFGPA held its annual Turkey Roll.

The winners of turkeys were: Adam Mohammed, Tom McGill, George Maudsley, Ed Brown, Bob Planques, Larry Holtzman, Terry Robinson and Ed Vallas.

The winners of the hams were: Mary Degan and Hermann Szielasko. The door prize winners were: Terry Robinson, Ed Brown, Jim Graham, Jeanette Jurasek and Don Turner.

Congratulations everyone.

## **SUPERBOWL XLVIII PARTY**

Sun. February 2, 2014

The club 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 or Stan Gibbs to obtain your ticket for only \$ 25.00 each.

### **ICE FISHING DERBIES**

Ice fishing derbies are scheduled according to ice conditions and notice cannot go out in the newsletter. Derby details are posted on the website and the bulletin boards at the club. If you wish to be notified by phone, please leave your contact info with Stan Gibbs.



### **EUCHRE**

The January 25th Euchre will be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey. Hosts are still needed for the March Euchre game night in 2014.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. If you are a card player and are willing to host at least one evening of Euchre, please contact to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257, who can address any questions you might have as to what is involved with hosting. A member of the Executive will always be present at each card night, should you need their help or to answer any question.

### **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 caretakers or any member to immediately stop fishing.

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

### **ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW & MONTHLY MEETING DRAW**

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The December monthly meeting draw was won by: Deb Chatterley – Kitchen fire extinguisher and Bert Smit – Tim Horton's gift card. Congratulations Debbie and Bert.

### **PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER**

## **DANGER – THIN ICE**

Late December weather has been much colder and the ice has formed on the pond. Here are just a few reminders about pond ice safety:

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.

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 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.

### **SUGGESTION BOX**

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box will be relocated into the hall by the washrooms from its current location in the Fish Registry Room. A lock will be put on it. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and constructive criticisms. This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern or if the matter is urgent or sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home 519-668-2609 in the evenings

### **RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED**

We are in need of new resident caretakers for the club.

The resident caretaker position is best suited to a retired or semi-retired couple with experience as one of them 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 maintenance and grounds keeping.

Compensation includes one bedroom apartment, telephone, cable and internet service plus a commission on rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com). Resumes will be accepted from the general public, so please spread the word.

## SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

### MEMBERSHIP

You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club. Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.

Each membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.

There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.

Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted and will be returned. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership Chair) at 519-453-0659 or with Stan Gibbs (President) at 519-668-2609.

### SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

Please do not toss them in the snow or on the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

### GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

### PETS AND CHILDREN

All dogs must be on leash on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.

A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.

If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

### GEESE AND DUCKS

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

## 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 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. It offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Please telephone the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or leave a message on the club answering machine 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.

**THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR  
STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL.**

## 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. Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing. Please offer your fresh ideas to any Executive or Entertainment Committee members. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

### 2014

Thurs. Jan. 9	General Meeting
Sat. Jan. 18	Hockey Day in Canada
Thurs. Jan. 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 26	Euchre (hosts: Ken and Pat Lockrey)
Sun. Feb. 2	Superbowl XLVIII Party (tickets on sale now)
Thurs. Feb. 13	General Meeting
Mon. Feb. 17	Family Day
Sat. Feb. 22	Euchre (hosts: Dan and Debbie Chatterley)
Thurs. Feb. 27	Executive Meeting
Thurs. Mar. 13	Elections and General Meeting
Sat. Mar. 22	Euchre (hosts needed)
Thurs. Mar. 27	Executive Meeting

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year. It is your club, so get involved and enjoy it more.

A new event calendar for the 2014 – 2015 season will be available shortly after the Elections on March 13, 2014.

<p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b> Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p>	<p><b>My Handyman Bo</b></p> <p>No job is too small, Call for a free estimate</p> <p>Bo Grahl 519-453-0659</p> <p>Bo can do many tasks in and around your home. Did I mention computer repairs too?</p>	<p><b>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</b></p>
<p>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</p>	<p><b>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</b></p> <p>All Major &amp; Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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