

JANUARY 2018



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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Ice Derby	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Hockey Day in Canada at WOFGPA (tentative)
21	22	23	24	25 Youth Committee and Executive meeting	26	27 Euchre
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February

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4 Superbowl Party	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Tackle Swap
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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, 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.



Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!!

I would like to thank all our members for making this year an enjoyable and successful one at our club. Personally, I have enjoyed many great social moments with members while fishing, working, or attending events.

Special thanks are sent out to all members that gave a little of their time to help our organization. I am proud to say that out of all the clubs that I belong to this one has the biggest and best volunteer group. We have a busy year ahead of us with new events, old favorites, and continual upgrades to our precious gem in the heart of London.

I hope that all of you have a happy, healthy and prosperous new year, and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2018-2019 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 8, 2018 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2019.

Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 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.

BAKE SALE Sat., Dec. 9

Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods to our annual bake sale and thank you to Jeanette Jurasek and the Youth Group members who came out to help. Once again, it was a great success with lots of variety of goodies for all.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND WREATH SALES 2017

We still have the touch!

Our rounded / ball park figures for tree sales this year leave no doubt our volunteers are in peak performance again this year.

My records show about 1400 hours were spent by 133 volunteers to set up, unload, sell and dismantle the lot over a period of three weeks. Actual tree sales lasted only 19 days to put 1000 trees out the driveway. Last tree sold on Dec 13th - the same date as last year. Appears our customers know they have to shop early or look elsewhere for their tree.



Bert Smit was the proud winner of the "Tree Pool". He guessed closest to when the last tree would leave the club tree lot.

I'm told Hermann's group added another 400 volunteer hours to the effort by making near 170 wreaths, swags and minis of various types – A great record to be proud of. Congratulations to your group Hermann. WELL DONE!

But for some pretty bad weather near the end of the sale, everything went pretty well without a hitch. We ran into the usual minor problems with scheduling this year where some shifts were overbooked while others were a bit short but in the end, we "got-er-done".

Point of interest – our top volunteer this year put in 60 hours at the club. Now that's another record! Many donated 20 to 30 hours and more and everyone needs a pat on the back for a job well done.

My personal thanks to Brian Ernteman again this year for all his help with phone calls, scheduling and records, and to everyone who helped in any way to make this fund raiser such a success. Our combined thanks to all the Executive, the unsung people, who put in so many unrecorded hours of support and effort in the background.

Lastly a special thanks to all the partners who support our volunteers from the home front and for all the treats to the trailer: cookies, doughnuts, candies, oranges and chocolates just to name a few.

Just a couple of small points for those that might have an interest. This year we purchased 200 trees that should have sold for \$ 50 each. In fact, we actually only sold 176 of those trees for \$ 50 each. The remaining 800 trees were purchased as a planned mix between the \$30 and \$40 trees. We actually sold 421 trees for \$30 and 402 trees for \$40. Pretty much the even split we expected. NOT BAD Eh!

Happy New Year and all the best for you and yours in 2018

Don Colborne

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

Our best wishes for healthier days ahead are with Bob Shiell, Tom McGill and Andre Koch, Angela Liberatore and Don Colborne.

Our condolences are with Joyce Baker and her family after the passing of her husband of 64 years, Harold on Dec. 6th.

Our condolences are with Cora Thompson and her family after the passing of her husband of 57 years, Lloyd on Dec. 27th.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) 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.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs., Dec. 14

Thank you to all involved with handling cash, selling tickets, snacks and the bar. Thank you to Ruth Fredette and Julie Thursby for donating a door prize for the evening.

The winners of turkeys were: Don Turner, Bill Mitchell, Marco Liberatore, Wes Finch, Ed Vallas, Lou Liberatore and Julie Thursby.

The winners of hams were: Mary Degan, Wanda Sanders and Larry Holtzman.

The winners of door prizes were: A. Sanders, Judy Sanders and Marco Liberatore.

ICE FISHING DERBY Sun. Jan. 7, 2018

Due to the cold weather that has finally arrived, we are able to host the first ice fishing derby of the year. This derby is open to club members and the public.

Refreshments will be available throughout the morning. A hot lunch will be included with your registration.

This derby will have a 3-trout limit. The winners will receive cash prizes.

Registration: 7:30 am
Derby times: 8:00 till noon
Cost \$ 10.00 per adult angler
\$ 5.00 per youth (aged 12 and under)

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Sat., December 9

There was a great turnout for Breakfast with Santa. Thank you to all involved for making this such a special occasion. A special thank you to Santa "Tony" and his assistant Elf "Mary" who were the big attractions of the morning.

FLY FISHING ROD DRAW Sun. April 15

Once the winners of the Spring Trout Derby have been announced, WOFGPA will draw for a fly fishing reel and rod.

The 3.5-inch fly reel is wood carved, engraved and is in a brass housing. The rod is 4 piece, 9 feet long and 8 weight.

Tickets are limited to 250 at \$ 5.00 each. Please see Andre Koch to get yours before they sell out.

EUCHRE

Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre which is Sat. Jan. 28th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with the games beginning at 7:00 pm SHARP.

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 non-members. 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, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for many evening for the 2017-2018 season.

SUPERBOWL PARTY Sun. February 4, 2018

The Superbowl 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 to obtain your advance ticket for only \$ 25.00 each.

Tickets are on sale now so don't delay and miss out on the 52nd year of Superbowl celebrations.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, 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.

13th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 17, 2018
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. 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 of \$ 10.00 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

ANGLER OF THE YEAR

The Angler of the Year was determined by the highest points accumulated throughout the Fishing League.



Gord Spotton presented Stan Gibbs with Angler of the Year.

This year, the club began a trophy for "Worst Angler of the Year". The proud winner was Lou Liberatore who was pleased with the award and had only come out to the Fishing League to hone his angling skills with the help of his younger brother Marco and the comradery.



Stan Gibbs presented Lou Liberatore with "Worst Angler of the Year" award.

SPRING FLING DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION Sat., March 17, 2018

WOFGPA will host a Spring Fling on St. Patrick's Day in conjunction with Cathy Truelove.

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 either Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Cathy Truelove at 519-494-9463.

DANGER – THIN ICE

December weather usually means a drop in the daily temperature and we know that soon, the ice will form on the pond despite the warm weather we have had through November. Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. thick.

A windmill 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 will 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 and in control of their owners.

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 monitored regularly although the conditions are not posted. 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.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. 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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also “Camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA”.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

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.

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

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.

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

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

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, “Engagement parties” and outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

Mon. Jan. 1	New Year’s Day
Sun. Jan. 7	Ice Fishing Derby
Thurs. Jan. 11	General Meeting
Sat. Jan. 20	Hockey Day in Canada at WOFGPA (tentative)
Thurs. Jan. 25	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 27	Euchre
Sun. Feb 4	Superbowl Party
Thurs. Feb. 8	General meeting
Wed. Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Sat. Feb. 17	Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 19	Family Day (Stat holiday)
Thurs. Feb. 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 24	Euchre
Thurs. March 8	General meeting and annual Elections
Sat. March 17	Spring Fling Dinner and Dance
Thurs. March 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. March 24	Euchre
Sat. March 31	Easter Breakfast
Sat. April 7	Jigg’s Dinner 1 st stocking (tentative date)
Thurs. Apr. 12	General Meeting
Sun. Apr. 15	Spring Trout Derby Fly fishing rod draw
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	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 benefits this club has to offer and not be just a “name” on a committee.



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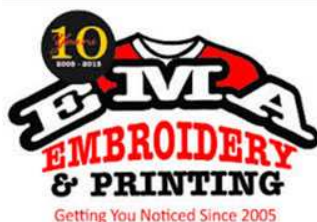
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