

JULY 2012 NEWSLETTER



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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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August 2012

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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 2012 - 2013

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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 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 newsletter is available at

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. Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

IN ORDER TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 26th OR AUGUST 23rd TO PAY YOUR DUES AND REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. PAYMENTS MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WITH THE CARETAKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THESE DATES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS ONLY.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let me start by saying that our Youth Activity Day on Sunday, June 24th was a complete success and enjoyed by all those that attended.

We started the day with a fishing derby. We may have to restock our pond since the kids caught so many fish. All the participants caught fish, and identified their catch from the colour pamphlet that was supplied to them.

Fishing Derby winners:

- 1st** Conner Mitchell
- 2nd** Mitchell Clark
- 3rd** River Maudsley

After three hours of fishing we split into groups for activity groups.

Target Casting

- 1st** Autumn Ernteman
- 2nd** Emily Clark
- 3rd** Braden Ernteman

Target Shooting

- 1st** Conner Mitchell
- 2nd** Anne Jurasek
- 3rd** Scott Jurasek

I guess we know who they will send out to catch supper.

Canoe Race

- 1st** Emily Jurasek
- 2nd** Ann Jurasek
- 3rd** Braden Ernteman

My congratulations go to all the winners and all the great sportsmen / women that participated. We also had an event that all the kids enjoyed immensely, and that was the chance to build a bird house or a bird feeder. The reward was that they all got to take their finished projects home.

An added bonus this year was pictures taken of all the kids in various events. The pictures were printed for them to take home as a memento of their day. This service was donated by Henry's Cameras and the pictures were done by Paul Brewer, a local photographer. These pictures should be up on our website soon.

This sounds like quite a day right? To put this event on for our future members it took a lot of people working together. I would like to list and thank all that helped:

- Contacting all members to inform them: Stan Gibbs, Brian Ernteman, Todd Stewart and Bab Toner.
- Fishing Tackle Kits – Steve Plaskett of Lambeth Rod and Tackle
- Fly tying donation – Ron Dennis
- Two very tasty cakes – donated and served by Jeanette Jurasek
- Photos – Henry's Cameras and Paul Brewer
- Canoes and equipment – Bob Shiell, Hermann Szielasko, Howard Pearcey
- Tools for construction – Stan Gibbs, Howard Pearcey and Todd Stewart
- Activity monitors – Stan Gibbs, Hermann Szielasko, Howard Pearcey, Brian Ernteman, bob Smale, Todd Stewart, Andre Koch, Mary Degan and Tony Dukic

As you can see this was quite an event with a lot of hard work put into it. To all the people involved with this event, "Great job". Hopefully we can spread the word and next year we can reach even more of our member's children, the club's future members.

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.

Our thoughts are with these two families as they grieve for the loss of a loved one: John Ritchie, who wife passed away in early June and the Colborne family as Marion's brother passed away in June.

A speedy recovery and healthier days ahead are wished for: Karen Anderson as she recovers from surgery and for Andre Koch as he awaits surgery. Hope to see the two of you back to your "old selves" soon.

WANTED

I am looking for a canoe. If you have one to sell or know of one, please call Ken at 519-439-1379.

GENERAL PAINT

located at

**1074 Deerness Drive
London, ON**

would like to welcome the members to visit their store. General Paint is a local business that is now offering a very generous discount on paint purchases to WOFGPA club members.

Please drop in the store soon and let them know that you are a club member.

Other ways to contact them are:

Phone 519 – 686 – 6666

Visit their site www.generalpaint.com

SUMMER BASS DERBY (OFFICIAL)

Date: Sunday, July 8

Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am

Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Costs: Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
Member	\$ 12
Non-member	\$ 15

This "official" bass derby is open to both members and non-members. Confirmation of the winner's bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall. The rules will be provided on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 5. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy. Details will follow the same format / times as the July 8 Bass Derby. Mark your calendars.

PELLET GUNS AND POACHING

Recently, club members have reported the sound of pellet guns being discharged in the woods to the west of the club. It is suspected that whoever is shooting the gun is targeting the geese in the area. If you hear a pellet gun, please notify the Police immediately.

Poaching is a serious problem. Only members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

If you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be told by the caretakers or any other member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property is subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely on the property and docks. They leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to clean off the goose poop with the brooms that are located at each dock. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

KNIFE / SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering his skills to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors for your satisfaction at no charge to you.

In lieu of payment, he is asking that you make a donation to the Club Christmas Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs for the next season.

Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

SUMMERTIME TIPS

The Executive wants everyone to have a safe and happy, fun-filled summer. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

Although WOFGPA does not discourage pet owners from bringing their pets to the club, please be aware that all pets must be on leash at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. Your barking dog on the dock is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate sunscreen, according to the label directions. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and fruit juices or fresh fruit.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of: dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing.

If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room immediately.

If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club has pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

Items available by custom order are: lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name.

In stock items and custom ordered merchandise is available by contacting Andre Koch, at most club meetings and functions or by phone at 519-685-5725.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I am looking for someone who has some experience in fundraising and with completing the permits that are required. If anyone has this knowledge and can help, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that club members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

Occasionally, an angler stops fishing for a short time or makes a trip to Tim Horton's and leaves his rod or tackle on the dock. His equipment should not be considered as "found treasure" by you. If you realize that the owner does not return within a reasonable amount of time or may have gone home, take their equipment to the caretakers for safe keeping.

All Trout can be cleaned at the cleaning table by the docks. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch.

Do not target bass which are currently on their spawning beds.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a 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. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

The winner of the June General meeting draw was Chuck Silverthorne (\$ 50 Tim Horton gift card).

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LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE
IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER.**

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark. The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. You can join the league at any time.

You can also get points for finishing in the top three in derbies. The standings will be posted weekly on the outside club Bulletin board.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION AND 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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. For most events, a contact is named. If you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

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. Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs.

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| Sun. July 8 | Summer Bass Derby (official) |
| Thurs., July 26 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. Aug. 5 | Summer Bass Derby (unofficial) |
| Thurs. Aug 23 | Executive meeting |
| Thurs. Sept 13 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 22 | Euchre resumes at 7:00 pm (New start time) (Steve and Teresa Couture) |
| Thurs. Sept. 27 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 29 | Meat Shoot for Turkeys (Howard Pearcey) |

Watch your newsletter and check the club Bulletin board for details of upcoming events.

Please contact an Executive member or a Committee Chairperson or attend a meeting to offer some new and fresh ideas. Get involved and make your club the best it can be.

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