

## JULY 2013 NEWSLETTER



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### July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 Bass derby (Official)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Civic Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11 Bass Derby (Unofficial)	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**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
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Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Committees

<b>Entertainment</b>	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
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)	519-280-3080
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
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Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
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<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
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<b>Website Administrator and Public Relations</b>	
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Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

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

<b>On-Site Caretakers</b>	
Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

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.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT 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 25th OR AUGUST 22ND IN ORDER TO REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. ANY PAYMENTS THAT ARE MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WITH THE CARETAKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON EITHER OF THESE DATES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS ONLY.**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **Youth Involvement**

This past weekend our club hosted its annual Youth Activity Day. In my opinion, this is one of the most fulfilling and rewarding events that our club participates in. The full day entertains and educates our youth in the world of conservation and the guidance to become a good sportsman and hopefully, someday leaders in clubs like ours. This year with the help of many volunteers, we were able to leave 21 children with positive and happy memories to carry with them.

As in past years, our day started with a fishing derby where the children not only had to catch the fish, but also had to identify them with the help of pictures supplied. The winners of this event were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Connor Mitchell
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Matthew Radco
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Mohamed Harb

After lunch, we split our young friends into five groups to participate in events such as:

Rocket Bottle launching - thanks to Rob Clark

Bird House Construction – thanks to George Maudsley, Lloyd Thompson and Larry Holtzman

Casting contest - thanks to Autumn Ernteman and Dave Jeffries.

The winners of the Casting Contest were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Chris Whitaker
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Alex Letch and Ezra Graham
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Katrina Clark, Emily Clark and Dan Letch

Another event this one new this year was a taxidermy display of animals and birds native to this area, with a short test that followed. I apologize for the schooling. This display was supplied by Greg Balch, who is a local wildlife conservationist and live trapper. It was instructed by Howard Pearcey.

The final event was the Target Shooting. Thanks to Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt for their watchful eye over this event. The winners were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Chris Whitaker and Connor Mitchell
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Austin Clark, Mohamed Harb, Emily Clark, Dayton Clark
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Luccas Efford

Many more thanks go out to Mary Degan, Cora Thompson and Wes Lovell for the preparation and serving of lunch. Most of all I would like to thank all the parents and grandparents who took the time to bring kids out. I hope you all enjoyed the day and the smiles that went home on the children's faces.



**Youth Activity Day - 2013**



**Building bird houses**



**Rocket Bottle Launching**

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

### **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 summer 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, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

## **SUMMER BASS DERBY (OFFICIAL)**

Date: Sunday, July 7  
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. 11. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy. However, the winner will have bragging rights.

Mark your calendars so you don't miss either of these derbies.

### **EUCHRE**

Progressive Euchre is held monthly at the club from September through April. Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. The club is hoping to have a two person committee who is willing to act as hosts for the Euchre season. This opportunity would be perfect for the spouse of a card player.

If you are a card player and are willing to host at least one evening of Euchre, please speak 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.

Unfortunately, Euchre game nights will have to be cancelled if hosts are not available.

### **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.

### **SUGGESTION BOX**

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box will soon be relocated from the Fish Registry Room to the hallway by the washrooms. 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 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.

### **ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP 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.

## **MONTHLY MEETING DRAW**

The winners of the monthly meeting draws for June were: Bert Smit - \$ 25 Tim Horton's card and club hat and also Jeff Jurasek – Tim Horton's Travel mug and club hat. Congrats Bert and Jeff.

### **SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS**

The Executive hopes that everyone has 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 and under their owner's control 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. Sunburns and heat exposure issues can even occur on an overcast day.

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

### **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. The targeted species of fish changes each week. You can join the league at any time. You are also awarded points if you finish in the top three in derbies.

The standings are posted weekly on the outside Club Bulletin Board.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW**  
**Thursday, June 13**

On Thursday, June 13th, immediately following our General meeting, we held our annual barbeque meat draw. The winners of the BBQ Meat packages were: Neal Moore, Jeff Jurasek, Brian Ernteman, Jim Graham, Henry Van Eerdewijk, Brian Allen, Bob Smale, Stan Gibbs and Bert Smit (twice).

Congratulations everyone and *bon appetit!*

**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, Bob and Paulette, for safe keeping until it is returned to the rightful owner.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. 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 while they are 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.

**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](http://www.heafs.com)

**WOFGPA FISH FRY**  
**Sat. Sept. 14**

A member recently suggested that the club host a fish fry. Thank you for your input for a new function idea for WOFGPA.

The tickets, costing \$ 15 per person will go on sale mid-August and will be limited to 60 tickets.

More details will follow in the August newsletter.

**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.

**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.

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.

**NO STAG AND DOE PARTIES**

**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 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.

## 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 member 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. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 (evenings).

### 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 water, on the grassed areas or 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.
- The police will be notified if you leave your dog in a hot vehicle during the summer.
- 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 and boaters 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 that are on club property any human food, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but bread pieces can easily get lodged in a bird's throat, causing them stress and breads are not digested by them. They are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.
- Feeding any birds later in the season could also disrupt their natural migration. Feeding wild seed in a feeder should only be done during winter months for those birds that remain in the areas during the cold winter months.

## WREATH ORNAMENTS, TRINKETS AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

As your travel around to garage sales this summer, keep an eye open for Christmas trinkets and ribbons that can be used by the Wreath Brigade later this year. They can usually be found very cheap. Mark the bag with "Wreath Brigade" and either leave it with the caretakers or bring them to a meeting where they will be stored till needed. Once again, Hermann would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Wreath Brigade that have been received so far.

Hermann Szielasko is offering to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs. Please leave your items to be sharpened and your contact information with the caretakers.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

The full WOFGPA Event Calendar for 2013 – 2014 is available on the club website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) Post a copy of it at home for quick reference or mark your calendar with the dates of upcoming events.

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. A Suggestion box is available for this purpose. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

Mon. July 1	Canada Day (STAT holiday)
Sun. July 7	Official Bass Derby (Stan Gibbs)
Thurs. July 25	Executive meeting
Mon. Aug. 5	Civic Holiday
Sun. Aug. 11	Unofficial Bass Derby (Andre Koch)
Sun. Aug. 22	Executive meeting
Mon., Sept. 2	Labour Day (STAT holiday)
Thurs., Sept. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 14	Fish Fry (details to follow in August news)
Thurs., Sept. 26	Executive Meeting
Sat., Sept. 28	Euchre (hosts are Steve & Teresa Couture)

Please note that General meetings are not held in the months of July and August. If your membership comes due during this time, you will need to renew at 7:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (Executive meeting night).

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

## PLEASE PATRONIZETHE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

<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 519-282-5128</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 PAULETTE 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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