

## JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER



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### JULY

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

### AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <b>Civic Holiday</b>	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 <b>Unofficial Bass Derby</b>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 <b>Youth Committee meeting</b>	27 <b>Executive meeting</b>	28	29

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

## Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association

### Caretaker & Hall Rentals

Sheryl Hall 519-681-2370

### Executive & Committees for 2015 – 2016

#### Executive

##### President

Stan Gibbs 519-668-2609

##### 1st Vice President

Andre Koch 519-685-5725

##### 2nd Vice President

Brian Ernteman 519-453-3641

##### Secretary

Teresa Couture 519-668-6257

##### Treasurer

Steve Couture 519-668-6257

##### Directors

Mary Degan 519-438-8104

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##### Past Presidents

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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 (about 15 feet) of all club entrances  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. You must attend the Executive meeting on the fourth Thursday of these months to pay your dues.**

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the second or fourth Thursday (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. 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.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's been almost two years since former caretakers, Bob and Paulette Schmidt vacated their post. I must say that this time without full-time caretakers has been both challenging and enlightening. I am sure that a lot of club members do not realize the amount of work and duties covered by this position; I certainly have had my eyes opened.

I would like to thank all the people that chipped in with everything from locking and unlocking doors daily, keeping the building clean, keeping the grounds neat and tidy, and organizing all duties to keep our hall rented. A lot of these duties will now be passed on to our new live in caretaker, Sheryl Hall.

On behalf of all the people that have worked so hard to keep our club running so smoothly this past while, Sheryl, we welcome you and hope your stay and expectations are met.

If you see Sheryl around the property, please introduce yourself and show her the kindness and respect that we are known for. A formal introduction will have to wait until our Volunteer Appreciation BBQ.

By the way, rumor has it that Sheryl loves to bake pies that she sometimes leaves out to cool. Be careful though, she has a big dog.

Remember, the club caretaker does not accept any monies for membership, and should only be approached for emergency purposes concerning club matters.

**Yours in Conservation,  
Stan Gibbs**

**WELFARE**

Many of the club's 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.

Hermann Szielasko, Cora Thompson and Howard Pearcey are recovering at home.

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with the Freele family after the passing of Bill's mother in early June.

**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. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the June monthly was Joe Isenor.

**PETER TOLSMA ANNUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY  
Sunday, June 28**

The Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day went ahead as planned, even with the drizzle. Peter would never have let a "little rain" stop him either.

The winners of the events were:

Fishing Derby	Austin Clark
Target Shoot	Austin Clark
Casting	Jack Evans

The winners of the day with the highest scores were:

1st place	Austin Clark
2nd place	Jason Preece
3rd place	Owen Huber



**Austin Clark, winner of the Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day for 2015, poses with President Stan Gibbs, Nikki Tolsma, Cathy Truelove-Tolsma and grand-daughter, Noel.**

**BBQ MEAT DRAW**

On Thursday, June 11, following a shortened General Meeting, the club held its annual BBQ Meat Draw.

The winners of meat packages were: Dianne Waite (x2), George Maudsley, Greg Perotta, Brian Allen, Don Turner (x2), Henry Van Eerdewijk and Tony Dukic. Congratulations everyone.

The winners of door prizes were: Brian Allen, Jim Graham and Cora Thompson.

Thank you to all who assisted with this venture.

**OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY**  
**Sun. July 5**

<b>Registration:</b>	7:30 – 9:00 am	
<b>Derby Time:</b>	8:00 am till noon	
<b>Cost:</b>	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members are not allowed to fish prior to the start of the derby. During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

This 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 to each angler on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 16. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support your bragging rights.

Mark your calendars.

**NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE**

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Some merchandise is in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. Lined jackets with an 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.

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

**TURTLES**

A few of the anglers at the club have managed to catch a Trout and put it on their stringer while they continue to fish their limit. The turtles have been taking bites out of the fish on the stringer. We ask that you check your stringer frequently and be on the "look out" for opportunistic turtles who seek an easy meal. Our resident turtles are quite large and can be aggressive.

As well, June is breeding season for our resident turtle population. Turtles lay eggs in the grassed and gravel areas as well the dirt in the flower beds, so we ask all members to watch out for the obvious signs of a turtle nest. Please do not disturb any nests that you may find.

**FOR SALE**

14 foot Indian canoe  
\$ 450.00 or best offer

You may need an electric trolling motor, a battery and a charger.

Call Tony at 519-859-2980

**WOFGPA FISH FRY**  
**Sat. Sept. 19**

Social time	5:00 pm
Fish Fry	6:00 pm
Ticket price	\$ 15 each – Adult
	\$ 7 each – Child (age 12 and under)

Tickets must be purchased in advance so that the correct amount of food can be purchased for the guests.

Please purchase your tickets before Sat. Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. Only 60 tickets will be available and can be purchased at each meeting and function or by contacting Teresa Couture.

Don't delay and miss out on a hearty fish fry.



House Committee chairman, Lawrence Lainchbury wishes to thank all those who lent a hand renovating the north wall.



The new club crest hangs on the north wall in the club. This hand carved crest was created by Hermann Szielasko and Bert Smit.

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

### SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS

The Executive hopes that everyone is enjoying a safe and happy, fun-filled summer in spite of all the rain that we have received so far. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

It is mandatory that all persons in a watercraft on the club pond wear an appropriate sized PFD, without exception.

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. The police will be notified if your pet is left in your vehicle. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. Your barking dog 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 and 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 or 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.

### 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, 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.

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

Please contact the club caretaker, Sheryl Hall, at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

### 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 and on the club website, [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing.

Sun. July 5	Bass Derby (official)
Wed. July 29	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. July 30	Executive meeting
Sun. Aug. 16	Bass Derby (unofficial)
Wed. Aug. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Aug. 27	Executive meeting
Mon. Sept. 7	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 10	General meeting
Sun. Sept. 12	Senior's Fishing Day (tentative)
Sat. Sept. 19	Fish Fry
Wed. Sept. 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 26	Euchre

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

Remember to maximize your WOFGPA membership by participating in all the wonderful activities and to volunteer at one or more of the many planned events.

<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>
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