

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



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June 2014

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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 2014 – 2015

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Committees

Entertainment	
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Newsletter	
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Club Merchandise

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Website Administrator and Public Relations

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Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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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 and questions are always welcome. 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

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, 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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 24 or Thursday, August 28 in order to remain a valid member. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and 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

Already this spring, there have been two capsized boats on the club pond, challenging the 2 very experienced boaters who ended up in the water, both unexpectedly. Those members who came to the rescue recognized the highest priority always is getting the member in the water to shore safely. Unfortunately, one of cases did not benefit from a worn PFD (Personal Floatation Device), which made the situation even more dangerous for those involved. I would like to thank the members that went to help in both situations; that responsible act possibly saved a life.

As most members are aware, the club requires all boaters who utilize an electric motor on their watercraft to have a current Boater's Card and follow all rules pertaining to boating. If you are canoeing or kayaking, you also are required by Law to have paddles, a signaling device (a whistle), a bailing device (pail) and a properly sized life jacket (PFD) for everyone in your craft.

Are you aware of the responsibilities that accompany your Boating Card? Canadian laws concerning boaters in distress require all boaters, while on the water, to:

- Watch for signals that indicate distress and need of assistance;
- To render assistance to every person who is found at sea and in danger of being lost without posing serious danger to their own craft and the persons on board;
- To stop and offer assistance when the operator is involved in an accident.

In light of these recent events, the Club Executive has reviewed our on-the-water safety rules. The Executive decided it was both prudent and appropriate to expand on the current boating rules [Rule 7.8], and ensure that membership safety is paramount while boating on the pond. A new Member Notice has been posted at the rear dock applying to boaters. Club members and their guests shall immediately be required to **WEAR** a properly sized life jacket (PFD), to have paddles and both signaling and bailing devices while in a **boat of any kind** on the Club's pond. If you are seen not wearing a PDF, you will be asked to leave the water until you have one on. You may also be asked to produce your Boater's Card, which is easy if you keep it with your Club badge in the watercraft.

And remember, a worn PFD for boating safety is now the rule, not the exception, for all boaters at the Club.

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.

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

Our condolences to Elizabeth Keough and her family after the passing of her husband Tom on April 28th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this trying time.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 12

On Thursday, June 12th, immediately following our General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw.

The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that the club hosts each December. The 10 Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons (or two meals for an individual). Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one per family per draw unless additional tickets are available.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free meat from the barbeque.

GARAGE SALE Sat. June 14 Rain or Shine

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am.

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa Couture.

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money. Remember the old saying "one person's junk is another person's treasure".

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with embroidered club crest. What a deal at only \$ 25.00 each.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. 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.

ULTRA-LIGHT TRAVEL SPINNING ROD

DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 19, 2014

(during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made an ultra-light, moderate-fast action, travel spinning rod. It is 6 feet long and comes in 4 pieces.

This rod is ideal for Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Walleye.

Tickets cost \$ 2.00 each and are limited to 300 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the General Meeting on June 12, there will be discussion and a decision whether to accept the following APPENDIX F- CODE OF CONDUCT, as part of the club's Rules and Regulations.

Please send your feedback (comments, suggestions and criticisms) in advance of June 12th General Meeting to the club President, Stan Gibbs by email at presidentwofgpa@gmail.com Suggestions may also be left in the Suggestion Box. Members' input is greatly valued.

DRAFT – APPENDIX F – CODE OF CONDUCT

1.0 Member's Rights and Responsibilities

In accordance with Section 2 (Purpose) of the Club's Constitution, with the privilege of holding a membership in the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association, Inc. comes rights and responsibilities to yourself, your peers and the club in general.

1.1 Members have a right to:

- Be treated fairly, equally and with respect by the Executive body, committees and other members
- Fish and socialize in an environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination
- Privacy and confidentiality concerning records, documents and any other communication that contains personal information
- Be informed and actively involved in club events and activities
- Voice their opinions and requirements for themselves and the club through democratic procedure

1.2 Members have a responsibility to:

- Treat other members fairly, equally and with respect
- Follow any reasonable direction or requirement given by the Executive body, a Committee Chair or authorized member of the club
- Behave responsibly
- Not to physically or verbally harass others (i.e. fight, argue, ridicule, threaten, stalk, etc.)
- Not to discriminate against another person
- Not to damage, steal, misuse club property or another member's property while on the club property
- Not to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Not to use offensive language or suggestions (i.e. swearing, gestures, etc.)
- Follow all club safety practices and requirements
- Refrain from behavior that could offend or embarrass other
- Maintain the harmony and good name of our club and its members, within the club and outside in the community
- Abide by and uphold our Constitution, Rules and Regulations and all appendixes
- Maximize the benefits of club membership by not only involving themselves in club events but also contributing to its activities and its future

2.0 Breach of the club's Code of Conduct

Conflict brought about by any breach of the club's Code of Conduct by any club member(s) will need to be resolved calmly and with honesty, dignity and confidentiality. Where and when needed, the club through its Executive reserves the right to make decisions and enforce fair and appropriate measures to resolve a dispute within these areas of discipline or conflict.

Any observed or reported breach or breaches of the club's Code of Conduct by any member(s) that requires an investigation by the Executive may result in either a reprimand / probation, suspension or revoking of club membership.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 29

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day and not just "dropped off".

Registration for the derby will be at 8:00 am with fishing lasting till 11:00 am. In this derby, children will get points for each fish species that they catch. Following the derby will be a BBQ lunch before everyone tries each of the afternoon events which include casting, target practice with pellet guns and bird house building. All events should wrap up by midafternoon.

The winner with the overall highest score for the day will receive a trophy to take home. Their name will also go on the new Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day plaque which will hang in the main hall.

If you are looking for a great way to start your summer holidays, bring your children, grandchildren or neighbour's children out and together we will expose them to a variety of activities.

If you plan to attend could you please call Stan in the evenings at home and let him know how many participants and their ages so enough supplies will be on hand for everyone.

There is no cost for the children taking part in the day but there is a nominal \$ 5.00 charge for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch. Cool drinks will be available all day.

Let us show our future members and club leaders what this club is all about.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This committee will set aside each Wednesday evening at 7 pm to meet and complete any of the ongoing yard maintenance. The primary purpose is to complete any grass trimming or lawn mowing that may be required. Lawrence Lainchbury will be using the lawn tractor to keep the main lawn mowed by the committee will be responsible for the trimming and using the push mower in those areas where the tractor cannot go. In addition, we will be doing a tour of the grounds to address any other issues to ensure we maintain our beautiful property.

The club owns one push mower and a gas powered trimmer so bring your own along if you are able. Non-committee volunteers are welcome to join us. If we divide and conquer these weekly tasks, I expect that it will only take 30 minutes to an hour and then we can follow up with some fishing.

Thanks
Henry Van Eerdewijk
Grounds Chair

POND CLEAN-UP WALK

On Sat., May 31, a group went for a walk around our lake. During this walk, a lot of garbage bags was picked up from around the pond.

On this trip, we saw a lot of interesting things and Steve Couture taught us a lot about plant and birds in the area and we got an appreciation of keeping our lake and environment clean.

I would like to thank everybody who took part. Kudos for a job well done.

Andre Koch
1st Vice President

OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY
Sun. July 6

Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am
Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Cost: 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 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.

Members will be 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.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 10. This derby is unofficial so the winner’s name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support bragging rights. Mark your calendars.

5TH ANNUAL LADIES’ ONLY DERBY

Sat., May 10 proved to be a great day for the ladies to hone their angling skills. A special thank you to all that were involved in making this yet another memorial Ladies Only Derby. Without all the help with registration, measuring and cleaning fish, food prep and cleanup, this day would not have been “picture perfect”.

The winners were:

Adult Division

1st place	Janice Colborne	117 cm
2nd place	Judy Sanders	116 cm
3rd place	Emily Jurasek	80 cm

Youth Division

1 st place	Jade Dodsley	50.5 cm
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Largest Fish	Wanda Sanders	52cm
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Gift Basket	Brian Allen
Door Prize	Emma Dennis

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 in the evenings

FISHING LEAGUE

If you are looking to go fishing once a week with a great bunch of anglers, why not join us at the club pond each Tuesday night any time after 5:30 pm til dark, to compete for bragging rights, some pocket change, and maybe get your name on a trophy at the end of the year.

Each week you accumulate points by catching the largest of the targeted fish in each of 5 classes. Each week the priority of the targeted fish are different.

The buy in each time you fish is \$ 2.00, with half of the money going to the angler with top score for that night. The other half is put aside to buy a nice gift for the “Angler of the Year”.

The fishing league is a very good way to learn how to fish for the different kinds of fish in our pond.

See you on the water.

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 by attending many of these club events.

Thurs. June 12	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 14	Yard Sale (Rain or shine)
Sun. June 15	Father’s Day
Wed. June 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. June 26	Executive meeting
Sun. June 29	Youth Activity Day

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID AT 7:00 PM ON THE EVENINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS.

Sun. July 6	Official Bass Derby (host-Stan Gibbs)
Wed., July 23	Youth Committee Meeting’
Thurs, July 24	Executive meeting

Sun, Aug 10	Unofficial Bass Derby (host-Andre Koch)
Wed, Aug 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs, Aug. 28	Executive Meeting

Thurs, Sept 11	General Meeting
Wed., Sept. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 27	Euchre (hosts – the Coutures)

It is our hope that a small group of Senior residents from Dearness Home will be able to fish for a few hours in the first half of September. Teresa Couture will keep all updated as details are confirmed.

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year.

The event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website.

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p>Murray Howard, President Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com</p> <p>Serving the Community since 1968</p>	<p>My Handyman Bo</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>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</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>DRUM LESSONS</p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p>Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
<p>THIS SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOUR BUSINESS AD</p>	<p>JAY'S FLY SHOP 96 Rectory St. @ Hamilton Rd. London</p> <p>Phone John at 519-672-5487</p> <p>Fly tying materials Fly Fish tackle & Rod building supplies</p> <p>Lessons and Guide Services</p>	<p>ANGLING SPORTS</p> <p>681 Highbury Ave North @ Dundas Street</p> <p>519-649-7429</p> <p>Pat DeVincenzo Owner</p> <p><i>"Your full service tackle shop"</i></p>
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