

## JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER



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### JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting with guest Marna Fujimoto-Pihl & BBQ Meat draw	12	13 Yard Sale
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24 Youth Committee meeting	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
28 Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day	29	30				

### JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Canada Day	2	3	4
5 Bass Derby (official)	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
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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 2015 – 2016**

**Executive**

<b>President</b> Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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**Committees**

<b>Entertainment</b> Teresa Couture (Chair) Mary Degan Brian Ernteman Valerie Grahl Andre Koch Cora Thompson Diane Waite	519-668-6257 519-438-8104 519-453-3641 519-453-0659 519-685-5725 519-455-6461 519-685-7393
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<b>Welfare</b> Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875
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<b>Boat Rack</b> Don Colborne	519-686-9559
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<b>Membership</b> Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
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<b>Newsletter</b> Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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<b>Club Merchandise</b> Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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<b>Website Administrator and Public Relations</b> Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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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**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It has been brought to my attention that a few members are taking a large quantity of Black Crappie from our waters.

I would like to remind all of you that all members that were initiated for our Association were asked to limit the number of Black Crappie that they harvest.

Please feel free to take what you need for a meal, but please do not fill your freezer. In addition to this, we would ask that you refrain from taking any Black Crappie larger than 9 inches (23 cm) as these older fish are the breed stock that we need to keep a healthy Black Crappie population in our pond.

Recently your Executive has entertained the idea of associating ourselves with a conservation umbrella group in the city called the London Environmental Network. I have invite Marna Fujimoto-Pihl to speak to us on this issue. Marna will be a guest speaker at our General meeting on Thursday, June 11. Please join us and get informed so that we may make a decision as to whether we join this group.

**Yours in Conservation,  
Stan Gibbs**

**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 Grahil.

**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 and Shirley Finch are both doing well and are recovering at home.

**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 monthly meeting draw for May was Chuck Silverthorn. Congratulations Chuck!

**FOR SALE**

14 foot Indian Sportsman aluminum canoe with paddles.

Asking \$ 500 or best offer  
You will need an electric motor charger and battery

If you are interested in further details and would like to see this canoe, please call Tony at 519-859-2980

**GARAGE SALE  
Sat. June 13  
Rain or Shine**

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you came across as you did your spring cleaning and make a bit of money.

On the club's main lawn, we will be hosting 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. Don't delay and miss out on having a table to sell your gently used items.

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

In the many years that I have been associated with this club, I have witnessed the evolution of dedicated conservationists and avid anglers. The process usually starts at an early age with young children on the docks experiencing their first fish on a Fisher Price fishing rod. The initial excitement is usually phenomenal and often progresses quickly as the young angler slowly gains knowledge and experience.

Like most young children their thirst for knowledge is relentless, so as they are explained the significance of our pond and the surrounding woods, the seed is sown for the future conservationist. This part of their growth usually only lasts for a couple of years until other interests take over their lives such as video games, cars, shopping and the opposite sex just to name a few. The comforting part is that a lot of these children come back to nature at some point in their lives and become avid anglers and conservationists.

To help expose these children to what we enjoy at our club, we host the annual Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day. This day is filled with activities such as a fishing derby, target casting, target shooting (this is supervised by licensed members), and this year we will be tying some flies for fishing. Lunch is provided and prizes awarded: all free to participants. There is a nominal \$ 5.00 charge for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch. Cool drinks and water will be available all day at no cost.

**This activity requires pre-registration and all participants must be accompanied by an adult for the day.** All the fun starts at 9:00 am with our derby and usually ends by 2:30 or so with the award presentations.

The day is open to all member's children or grandchildren 12 and under. To register your children or grandchildren please send me an email with the child's name and age at **presidentwofgpa@gmail.com** or call 519-668-2609 (evenings). See you soon on the pond.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW**  
**Thurs., June 11**

On Thursday, June 11th, immediately following our shortened General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw.

The format is similar to the Turkey Roll held each December. The 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.

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

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

Cost:	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members will not 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.

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.

**LADIES' ONLY DERBY**

On Saturday May 9th, eleven ladies came out to show their angling skills. What skills and luck they had! A total of 28 trout were caught by the ladies. Nine out of the eleven ladies managed to catch 3 trout each.

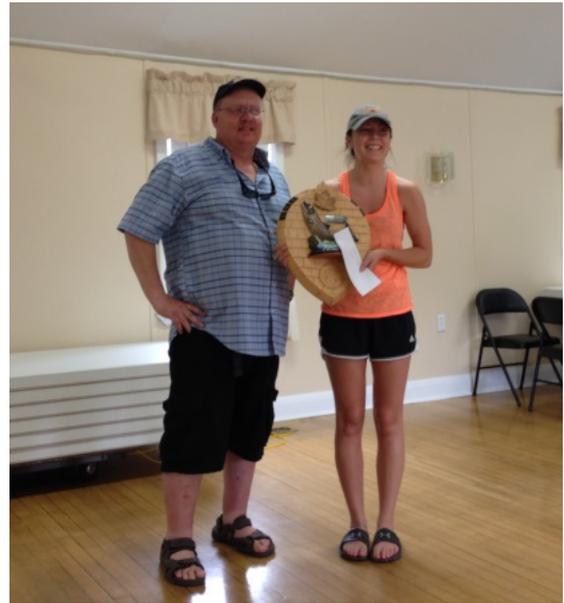
The winners were:

1st place	Emma Dennis
2nd place	Janice Colborne
3rd place	Deb Freele

Biggest Trout Cora Thompson

Gift basket draw Teresa Couture

Thank you to Andre Koch and the Youth Committee for hosting this derby. A special thank you to all those who assisted with making this day memorable.



**Vice President Andre Koch  
presents the Ladies Derby plaque to  
1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Emma Dennis.**

**DAMNATION**

**MOVIE SCREENING**

**Date: Thursday, June 18**  
**Time: 7:00 till 9:00 pm**  
**Where: Wolf Performance Theatre  
Central Library – London**

Join the Thames River Anglers Association along with hundreds of other Londoners for a free screening of the widely acclaimed and visually stunning documentary Damnation. Society is changing its perspective on recreational and deadbeat dams that destroy fragile ecosystems. Help show support for decommissioning the dysfunctional Springbank Dam here on the Nationally Heritage Designated Thames River in London, Ontario Canada.

All members are invited to view this movie screening and become more informed of the issues at hand.

## 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 are becoming aggressive.

As well, June is breeding season for our resident turtle population. Turtles lay eggs in the grassed areas and in the dirt 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.

## 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.

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| Thurs. June 11 | General Meeting with guest Marna Fujimoto-Pihl<br>BBQ Meat Draw                       |
| Sat. June 13   | Yard Sale (contact Teresa Couture)  |
| Sun. June 21   | Father's Day  |
| Wed. June 24   | Youth Committee meeting   |
| Thurs. June 25 | Executive meeting   |
| Sun. June 28   | Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day (pre-<br>registration is mandatory by June 20) |
| Sun. July 5    | Bass Derby (official)   |
| Wed. July 29   | Youth Committee meeting   |
| Thurs. July 30 | Executive meeting   |
| Sun. Aug. 16   | <b>NEW DATE</b> Bass Derby (unofficial)   |
| Wed. Aug. 26   | Youth Committee meeting   |
| Thurs. Aug. 27 | Executive meeting   |

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.

## 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.

Please contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture or leave a message 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 PARTY RENTAL



<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>
<p><b>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</b></p>	<p><b>DRUM LESSONS</b></p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com">Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/NW_percussion">www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</a></p>	<p><b>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</b></p> <p><b>All Major &amp; Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</b></p>  <p><b>Rick Foster</b>      <b>519-452-3511</b></p>
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