

MARCH 2011 NEWSLETTER



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MARCH 2011

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6	7	8	9	10 General meeting & Elections	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time begins	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 First day of Spring	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre
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APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Jigg's Dinner
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 Pot Luck and Euchre (one week early)
17	18	19	20	21	22 Good Friday and Earth Day	23 Easter Breakfast
24 Easter Sunday	25 Easter Monday	26	27	28 Executive meeting	29	30

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2010 - 2011**

President

Stan Gibbs

1st Vice President

Lawrence Lainchbury

2nd Vice President

Jim Morrow

Secretary

Teresa Couture

Treasurer

Steve Couture

Directors

Alex Duffitt

Don Colborne

Past Presidents

Bill Rodrigues

John Manvell

Onsite Managers

Russell & Sheena Fralick

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Steve Couture

Committees

Entertainment

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Diane Boudreau

Alex Duffitt

Brian Ernteman

Valerie Grahl

Andre Koch

Sylvia Lewis

Pat Lockery

Barb & Richard Toner

House

Don Colborne (Chair)

Alex Duffitt

Tony Dukic

Don Finch

Lawrence Lainchbury

George Maudsley

Howard Pearcey

Gord Spotton

Grounds

Howard Pearcey (Chair)

Steve Couture

Don Finch

Walt Seleski

Bob Smale

Henry VanEerDewijk

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Andre Koch

Howard Pearcey

Bob Smale

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

Teresa Couture

Public Relations

Lawrence Lainchbury

Jim Morrow

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Ed Connor

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, can attend any of the 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.



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL NON-SMOKERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

The newsletter, club history, photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at

www.wofgpa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you read this newsletter, you will discover from all the different reports that we have had one of the busiest months for activities around our Club. It all started with an Ice fishing derby on January 30th, which was hosted by me, with many kudos' to all that helped. The next week we had our first Super bowl party which was hosted by Alex Duffit and Andre Koch, but many thanks should go out to all the cooks, servers, and set up and clean-up volunteers. Following this, on February 12th, we hosted our official Trout Ice Fishing Derby and three exhibition hockey games on our rink to celebrate Hockey day in Canada. From all reports all the players and coaches from the George Bray Sports Assoc. had an excellent time and were wondering if we could arrange this every week. This event took a lot of volunteer hours, and my hat goes off to all the people that spent their day making this work. A special thank you should go out to Brian Logie for bringing a small but very impressive part of his hockey memorabilia for displaying on that day. On February 19th, we held our annual tackle swap which featured 15 tables filled with wares for sale, I am sure that everyone who attended found a good deal on something. To end the month our euchre night was on February 25th, which was hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture.

My point to all this, is not only to thank all the very important people who help make this Club tick, but to inform all the members that there is always something going on for you to enjoy. I would also like to make it clear that to keep this pace up many volunteers are needed. Our volunteer base is the best it has been since I have been involved with this Club, and I am very thankful for this, and for the new people stepping up to organize and run different events, but there is always room for more. Elections and committee appointments are just around the corner, so come out to our March General meeting and throw your name in the hat.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, do not mail your payment.**

SNOW BLOWERS AND SHOVELERS NEEDED

On snowy days, Howard Pearcey (Grounds) is seeking help from members with snow blowing and shoveling from the patio area and the walkway and steps leading to the apartment

and the stairs into the main hall. Please use sand and / or Ice Melt on the steps and walkway.

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011 7:30 PM (Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2011-2012 term will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 10, 2011 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2012.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 9, 2011, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination
OR
Provide a written acceptance delivered to Teresa Couture (Club Secretary) on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be available for viewing after February 28, 2011.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

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.

ANNUAL DRAW – FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting you attend, you will receive a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

The winners of the February General meeting draw were: Gord Spotton - \$ 25 Tim Card and club toque and Jim Morrow – club baseball cap. Congratulations Gord and Jim!



JIGG'S DINNER

It is a WOFGPA tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, club members and their guests. The members can expect a healthy dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, choice of many deserts, tea or coffee.

Date: Sat., March 20, 2010

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

Your advance tickets may be acquired at every function or by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. An accurate head count is needed to purchase the food for this well attended function. For this reason, tickets must be purchased in advance and no tickets will be reserved or paid for at the door. Due to the popularity of this dinner, tickets sell out very quickly. Do not delay in getting your tickets and miss out on a great dinner with good company and a lot of laughter.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa Couture as soon as possible.

~~~~~ SUPERBOWL XLV PARTY

Thank you so much! We would like to thank all the people who made the Superbowl Party a huge success. This event was the first time that Alex and I took on a project of this size. We thought that we could handle this event on our own and realized that we needed "HELP".

We would like to mention these people who went above the call, and helped us make this event a success: Stan Gibbs, Steve and Teresa Couture, Roseanne Parent, Pat and Ken Lockrey, Kim Sims, Howard Pearcey, Kim Elcome. If we forgot to mention anybody, we apologize. We would also like to thank the people who bought tickets and came to the event. Without you football fans, this event would not have happened.

Thank you so much.

Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt

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**CLUB MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE**

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.



### EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for a super job in hosting the February Euchre games.

The winners were:

High Man – Don Colborne

High Lady – Cora Thompson

Mystery Man – John Remillard

Mystery Ladies – Marian Colborne and Margaret

Most Lone Hands – Ed Brown

50/50 draw – Teresa Couture

The next Euchre game night will be held on Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup>. On Sat., April 16<sup>th</sup> (one week early this month), we will have our Annual Pot Luck and Euchre. The Pot Luck dinner will start at 6:00 pm with cards following at 7:30 pm. Please call Teresa Couture 519-668-6257 and let her know what you will be bringing for the Pot Luck.

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled evening held on the fourth Saturday of the month and is open to both members and non-members. The cost to play is only \$ 5.00 per player. The games start at 7:30 pm sharp. Arrive early enough to socialize with others. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

### ~~~~~ DANGER – UNCERTAIN ICE CONDITIONS

**It is very important that you use extreme caution on the pond ice for the remainder of the winter.** The days are getting longer and the temperature is rising indicating that spring isn't too far away. With that, comes the melting of snow and ice on the pond.

**A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of a person.** A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the middle dock has been installed to aerate the water. **There are buoys marking the location of the aeration pipes. This area may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area, as it will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.**

The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. We currently have thin ice areas (near aeration buoys which are marked) and some slushy areas (unmarked) so please avoid these sections of the pond.

Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice

Always use the "Buddy" system and never venture out alone



Mark your fishing holes – for safety and consideration of others.

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESS THAT
ADVERTISE WITH US**

**HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA
Sun. Feb. 12**

This year marked the 11th year of Hockey Day in Canada and the first one held at the club. The beautiful, sunny weather had many people out to enjoy and to assist with the celebrations.

In the early morning, we had an Ice Fishing Derby. The winner was Tom McGill who angled a 32 cm Trout. His prize was a single person ice-fishing hut.

After lunch, the George Bray Sports Association had the teams from their Junior Division to play 3 exhibition hockey games on the pond. For many of these children, it was their first time playing hockey on a pond and their huge smiles showed their enjoyment.

Here are a few pictures from the day.



**WOFGPA President Stan Gibbs greets
GBSA President Murray Howard**



Inside the outdoor dressing room



The cooks – Andre and Charles



Learning to skate and play pond hockey



**The GBSA Mascot, George the Beaver, comes out to enjoy
pond hockey**



Scoring on “Uncle John”



Brian Logie proudly displays a small sampling of the hockey memorabilia that he has collected over the years.



In consideration of all non-smokers as they enter and exit the club, smoking is not permitted within 5 metres (15 feet) of any club entrance effective immediately.

Thank you for your co-operation and consideration in making WOFGPA truly a smoke-free environment.

NOTICE TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS

It is the responsibility of the current committee chairperson to hold a meeting of your committee to discuss duties and upcoming projects and functions before the Executive meeting on March 24th. At the Executive meeting, you will inform the Secretary of the committee members and present any new ideas or functions.

If any member wishes to be on a committee for 2011 – 2012 term, please contact the current committee chairperson. Of course, you can join a committee at any time simply by contacting the chairperson.

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 Display a valid membership card, observe your fishing limits and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa Couture at **519-668-6257 (evenings)** or by **email at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)**

**FOR SALE**

I have a 16 foot aluminum canoe that I am asking \$ 600.00 firm for. If you are interested and want more details, please contact Jim at 519-649-2415.

**FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES**

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 Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education. All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members. Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. There are no General meetings in the months of July and August due to many vacation schedules. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

- Thurs. Mar. 10 General meeting and elections
- Sun. Mar. 13 Daylight Savings Time begins so remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour
- Sun. Mar. 20 First Day of Spring
- Thurs. Mar. 24 Executive meeting
- Sat. Mar. 26 Euchre
- Sat. Apr. 9 Jigg's Dinner – A WOFGPA tradition
 Tickets are priced at \$ 15 per person and available by advance purchase only
- Thurs. Apr. 14 General meeting
- Sat. Apr. 16 Pot Luck and Euchre (held one week early this year due to Easter weekend)
- Fri. Apr. 22 Earth Day
- Sat. Apr. 23 Breakfast with the Bunny – details to follow in next month's newsletter
- Sun. Apr. 24 Easter Sunday
- Thurs. Apr. 28 Executive meeting

After the elections, a new calendar of events for 2011- 2012 will be generated. Watch your newsletter for further details.

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