

March 2012 Newsletter



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March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Elections	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time begins	12	13 Event / Function meeting	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 1 st Day of Spring	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Euchre (hosts Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Jigg's Dinner

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7 Easter Breakfast
8 Easter Sunday	9 Easter Monday	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 City of London Community Clean UP Day
22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26 Executive meeting	27	28 Pot Luck and Euchre (hosted by Stan Gibbs and ?)
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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

Our newsletter is available on our website www.wofgpa.org
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2011 - 2012**

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
2nd Vice President	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
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Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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Steve Couture	519-668-6257
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Past Presidents	
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Committees

Entertainment	
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Todd Stewart	519-668-8442
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Steve Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Todd Stewart	519-668-8442
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
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Boat Rack	
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Membership	
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Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Fundraising

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Steve Couture	519-668-6257

Public Relations

Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Political & Environmental Research

Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

Firearms Certification / Hunter Safety

Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and 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.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



**IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY
ENTER THE CLUB; SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED
WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN
MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How Time Flies!

Here we are once again at the end of another fiscal year, which means that Club elections are just around the corner.

As I have said many times before, this club, our Club, is blessed with an excellent group of people whose main objective is to bring you, the members, the best possible Club around. I think it is safe to say that this objective has been achieved.

There is one thing that worries me, as your President, and that is the availability of informed people to step in and run the Club, if something was to happen to any of our existing Executive Body.

I am not sure of how many of you were around at the time that I took over the President's position. I was not elected but had to step in for a very special friend of mine that took sick. Luckily, I was 1st Vice President at the time and had some limited experience of the Club's operation. Looking ahead, it would be nice to have some new people exposed to the operation of our great Club and its endeavors.

All the existing Executive members have been in office in one capacity or another for many years, and their knowledge is endless, so someone wishing to help out and learn the ropes could greatly benefit from their expertise.

In short, what I am trying to say is: to prepare our Club for the future, we need new people to get involved. So come out on Election night, Thursday, March 8th and run for a position or at the very least cast your vote.

Teresa Couture will host a meeting for those wishing to be in the Entertainment group and the new Executive body to finalize the event calendar for the new fiscal year. The meeting will be held Tues., March 13, starting at 7:00 pm in the basement. Here is an opportunity for you to be involved at your club and offer fresh ideas.

Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill by phone at 519-652-2875. They will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

One of our members, Harvey Stirling celebrated his 90th birthday in February.

Our thoughts and support are with Herb and Harry Lukings and their families after the passing of their older brother, Lorne, on Feb 3rd.

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012 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 2012-2013 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 8, 2012 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2013.

Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2012, 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 29, 2012.

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

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

At each General Meeting that you, as a club member, attend one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

At each General Meeting, held on the second Thursday of the month, we hold monthly meetings draw. The winners in February were:

- Lloyd Thompson – Bag and fishing line (donated by George Maudsley)
- Brian Ernteman - flashlight

Congratulations Lloyd and Brian!



JIGG'S DINNER

It is a Wofgpa tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, club members and their guests. Attendees can expect a hearty dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies and roll with butter. There will also be assorted salads, relish and cheese trays. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee. Door prizes will also be available.

Date: Sat., March 31, 2012
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
NO RESERVED TICKETS

Your advance tickets may be purchased at a function, at every meeting or by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

Tickets have been available for a month and are selling quickly. Do not delay and miss out on a great dinner with good company, lots of laughter and door prizes.

If you wish to add variety to the salad or desert tables, please call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2012
Time: 9:00 am until 11:00 am
Cost: \$ 5.00 for adults
\$ 3.00 for ages 2 – 5 years old
No charge for children under 2 years old

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, toast, orange juice and tea or coffee.

After the kids have eaten, they can enjoy the colouring area and their Easter goodie bag while the adults enjoy their coffee.

Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable Saturday morning breakfast before everyone goes about their day.

THANK YOU NFL FANS!

I would like to thank all the NFL fans that attended the Superbowl XLVI Party at the club in February. Without you this would not have been such a great success.

I would personally like to thank the people who helped out: Stan Gibbs, Brian Ernteman, Howard Pearcey and Ken Lockrey. Thank you all so much.

Andre Koch

WREATH MAKING SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Hermann Szielasko thanks everyone who has already donated unwanted Christmas trinkets, ornaments and ribbons to the Wreath Brigade. It is greatly appreciated.

As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside these items. We have also found that garage sales offer and amazing inexpensive selection. If you have any additional items for donation, please label the bag or box with

“Hermann – Wreath Brigade”.

You can leave it with the caretakers or bring it to any meeting or function. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

On a similar note, Hermann is offering his skills to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors for your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payment, he is asking that you make a donation to the Club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting our costs for the next season. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

EUCHRE

Thank you to Dave Jefferies and Steve Couture for a superb job in hosting the Euchre games on Sat. Feb. 25. The selection of food for the luncheon was great.

The winners for the evening were:

- High Man – Ken Lockrey (64)
- High Lady – Cora Thompson (70)
- Most Lone Hands – Sylvia Lewis (7)
- Mystery Man – Jerry M.
- Mystery Lady – Cathy Tolsma
- 50/50 Draw – Sue Brown

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Stan Gibbs will need someone to assist him in hosting the Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre on April 28. If you are interested in assisting on this night, please contact Stan at 519-668-2609 (evenings).

Next Euchre: Sat., March 24, 2012 hosted by Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent.

Time: Games start at 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per player.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to progressive Euchre, as your partners will constantly change throughout the evening. Hope to see you there!

3rd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY DERBY

Once again, we will be having our 3rd Annual Ladies Only Derby in May. No date has been set, but by April's newsletter we will have a date set for this tournament. There will also be a special meal prepared by Chef Andre.

Let us make this the biggest tournament yet!

Andre Koch

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President, Stan Gibbs, so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list, which continues to grow.

All new members are encouraged to attend any or all of our events. Hopefully, we will meet everyone in the near future at one of our many functions and be able to put a face and name together.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and 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 at 519-652-2875, or see him at a meeting.

FISH REGISTRY

Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.

Please take a few moments to review your daily catch limits that are set according to your membership type.

FIREARMS CERTIFICATION, HUNTER SAFETY AND BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former FAC instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses, which are open to both club members and the public so spread the word. Club members will get a discounted rate.

Emad may be contacted at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com for further details.

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 main 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 main 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. The hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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Thurs. March 8	General meeting and Elections
Sat. March 17	St. Patrick's Day
Thurs. March 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar. 24	Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent
Sat. Mar. 31	Jigg's Dinner (Advance tickets available)
Sat. April 7	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 12	General Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck & Euchre – Stan Gibbs would like an assistant

Mark your calendars with these events so you don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to contact any committee chair or attend any meeting to offer fresh ideas or perspective. You can sign up for a committee at any time simply by contacting the committee chairperson.

Your input is what makes WOFGPA truly "your club".

All we ask is that you become an involved member.

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519-681-2370 for details.**