

MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER



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MARCH 2013

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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 2012 - 2013

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
1st Vice President	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Secretary	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Treasurer	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Directors	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
Past Presidents	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
Bill Rodrigues	519-455-7905
Bill Smith	519-434-3799

Committees

Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461

House	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	519-280-3080
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450
Todd Stewart	519-668-8442

Grounds	
Todd Stewart (Chair)	519-668-8442
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239

Ponds	
Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-685-6044
Bob Smale	519-457-6644

Welfare	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

Boat Rack	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

Membership	
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

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

Club Merchandise	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

Public Relations	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

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

Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers	
Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

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, showing the accounts are in order. 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 newsletter 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, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

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 provide you, the members with the best possible club around. I think it is safe to say that this 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 who 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 so that in the future we can all rest easy knowing there are dedicated members to carry on our 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 the 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 and run for position or at the very least cast your vote.

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.

Two of our members: Walt Seliski and Larry Minderlein have been feeling under the weather. If you know either of these men, take a few moments to call them just to say "hi". You will both benefit.

Our condolences are with the Wales family after the passing of Mike's father, Glenn Wales on January 18, 2013

Our condolences are also with the Gifford family after the passing of Gail on Feb. 16. Gail was not a club member but she was a regular visitor to the club. For many years, Gail was one of the TOPS ladies who met at the club each Tuesday evening and she also came out to play Euchre.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE
LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE
IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER.**

ELECTIONS

**Thursday, March 14, 2013
(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 2013 – 2014 term will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm.

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.

Note:

All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 14, 2013 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March, 2014.

Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 13, 2013 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 they can 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 Feb. 28, 2013.

**TICKET DRAW – NHL GAME
ISLANDERS VS. LEAFS (Gold seats)
Draw Date: Thurs. April 11**

On Thursday, April 11, at the General Meeting, we will draw the winner's name of a pair of New York Islanders vs. Toronto Maple Leafs Gold tickets (estimated value \$ 400.00).

This NHL game will be held at the Air Canada Centre (ACC) in Toronto on Thurs., April 18 at 7:00 pm.

Each ticket costs \$ 5.00 and can be obtained from Andre Koch or Cora Thompson. Don't delay as tickets are in limited supply.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW
Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.



JIGG'S DINNER

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

Date: Sat., April 20, 2013
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner served shortly after 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

Your advance tickets may be acquired at every function starting Feb. 28th.

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. If you do, you will miss out on a great dinner with good company and a lot of laughter.

If you wish to purchase your tickets or to contribute to either the dessert or salad tables, please let Teresa Couture know by phone at 519-668-6257 or see her at any function.

MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

The winners of the monthly meeting draws for February were:
Tom McGill – club hoodo and lanyard
Lloyd Thompson – ice fishing gloves

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Sat. March 23rd
1:30 pm in main hall

Teresa Couture is inviting the Executive, Directors and any members wanting to be a part of the Entertainment Committee for 2013 – 2014 term. Fresh ideas for functions are welcomed and could be implemented. For details about this committee and all it does, or the meeting, please speak with Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun will be teaching these courses for a very reasonable cost. There is a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

For more information and the starting date of the next course, please contact Emad by phone at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com



EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. March 30, 2013
9:00 til 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, seasoned hash brown potatoes and baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:
\$ 5.00 Adults
\$ 3.00 Children (2 to 5 years)
No charge Children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart).

COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR

Columbia Sportswear is offering an extremely generous discount to WOFGPA club members and their guests during the month of March. This discount will only be available at the warehouse located in south London in the area of Highbury Ave. and the 401.

In order to receive the employee pricing discount, you must provide a valid Club badge, photo ID, Columbia's invitation. You must be present with your guests in order to enter and make purchases.

For those who receive their newsletter by email, Stan Gibbs has sent the invitation to you electronically. For those persons receiving their newsletter by mail, a copy of the letter of introduction is included with your newsletter. A few copies will be available for pickup at the club.

Columbia Sportswear Employee Store

1425 Max Brose Drive, Unit # 1
London
519-644-4900

Hours: Mon – Fri 10 am - 7 pm
Sat 10 am - 6 pm
Sun 11 am – 5 pm

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, a suggestion box has been placed in the hallway by the washrooms.

The Executive and Committees hope that you will use it to provide fresh ideas, comments and criticisms. This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern, please provide full details, including your contact information in a sealed envelope addressed to the Club President, Stan Gibbs. Feel free to speak with Stan directly by calling him at his home 519-668-2609 in the evenings.



EUCHRE

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. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive Euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The February 23rd Euchre was hosted by Pat and Ken Lockrey who did a superb job. The winners of the Feb 23rd Euchre games were:

High Man – Archie Graham and Detlef (64)

High Lady – Zam Fakira (72)

Most Lone Hands – Carmen (4)

Mystery Man – Fred Sanders

Mystery Lady – Cora Thompson

50 / 50 draw – \$ 34.00 - Lloyd Thompson

In order to host an evening of cards, two persons are needed and it does not have to be a couple. One person will greet the players and make sure refreshments are available throughout the evening while the other will operate the bar. If you are interested in hosting an evening of Euchre, please speak to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. It is still enjoyable to host an evening and at least one Executive is always present should any questions arise throughout the evening.

DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2013
TIME: New start time is 7:00 pm SHARP!
Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.
COST: \$ 5.00 per player.

Mark this date and the new start time on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

On Sat. April 23rd, we will be holding our annual Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre evening. The evening will begin earlier as we socialize with a Pot Luck Dinner. After a short break to clean up, the Euchre games will begin around 7:00 pm. The hosts will be Steve and Teresa Couture, who can be contacted at 519-668-6257.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders. Lined jackets with embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

The club has pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

DANGER – THIN ICE

As the temperature rises and we start to see more rainy days, rather than snowy ones, the ice conditions at the pond vary on a daily basis. Exercise additional caution if you venture out on the ice at this time. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

- A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the front dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration stones. These two areas may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.
- Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice. It is the Club policy that all dogs be leashed at all times.
- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.
- 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.
- 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.

KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs. Please leave your items to be sharpened and your contact information with the caretakers.

GENERAL PAINT

1074 Dearness Drive

General Paint staff would like to welcome the members to visit their store. This local business is offering a generous discount on paint purchases to WOFGPA club members. Please drop in the store soon and let them know that you are a club member.

ICE FISHING DERBY

An ice fishing derby was held on Sat. Feb. 9. The winners of the derby were:

1st place	Howard Pearcey
2nd place	Rowan Antolini
3rd place	Joey Smith

Thank you to everyone who offered their assistance and were critical in making this venture possible.

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem. Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretakers or any other member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

The discharge of firearms, including pellet guns, is prohibited in the City of London. If you hear gunshots, please call 911 immediately to report the occurrence.

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 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 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. 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.

NO STAG AND DOE PARTIES

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. For most events, a contact person is named, if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club, contact them. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

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 committee chairperson or Executive. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

Thurs. Mar. 14	General Meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. Mar. 23	Entertainment Committee Meeting (held in the main hall) Euchre
Thurs. Mar. 28	Executive Meeting
Fri. Mar. 29	Good Friday
Sat. Mar. 30	Easter Breakfast
Mon. Apr. 1	Easter Monday
Thurs. Apr. 11	General Meeting & Ticket Draw

Sat. Apr. 20	Jigg's Dinner
Thurs. Apr. 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Apr. 27	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)

Watch your newsletter and check the Bulletin Boards for upcoming event details.

A new WOFGPA Event Calendar for 2013 – 2014 will be available around April 1.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

- You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club.
- Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.
- Each member is allowed 2 guests per year and Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.
- There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.
- Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609.

SMOKING

- If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts.
- Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

- Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

PETS AND CHILDREN

- All dogs must be on leash at all times on club property.
- If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

<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</p> <p>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 519-282-5128</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 EACH MONTH</p>
<p>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL PAULETTE AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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