

MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER



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March 2014

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9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting & Elections	14	15
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23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26 Youth Committee meeting	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Jigg's Dinner

April 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Vintage Camera Sale
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 Spring Clean up
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Easter Breakfast
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Pot Luck & Euchre 1 st Trout stocking
27	28	29	30			

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2013 – 2014

Executive Body

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
1st Vice President	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Secretary	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Treasurer	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Directors	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

Grounds	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	226-224-6605
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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

Website Administrator and 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
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, 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 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.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014
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 Elections for the 2014-2015 term will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm (Immediately following a shortened General Meeting).

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 13, 2014 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2015.
- Nominations may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 12, 2014, 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, 2014.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation in 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.

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.

Our condolences to Anne Moore and her family after the passing of Neal on Feb. 6, 2014.

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

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

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.

Andre has a selection of larger sized of hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

New for this year are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

Lined jackets with 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.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Wed., Feb. 26th, the new Youth Committee held its first meeting.

I would like to thank all that attended.

During this first meeting, the group held its internal elections. They started a committee which will be in charge of cleaning the outside blue garbage cans on a regular basis as the warm weather approaches. They will also be organizing the pond clean – up walk around.

The group came up with a lot of new ideas at their first meeting; some of which you will see if future newsletters. There was no shortage of enthusiasm generated in the group of teens as they suggested functions that might benefit the club and some of a social nature.

If there are any teenagers interested in joining this committee, please attend the next meeting on Wed., March 26th at 7:00 pm at the club. All meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, which is the day before the Executive meeting. For more details about this group, please contact me.

When you receive your emailed newsletter, we ask that you share it with the teenagers in your home. The goal is to get as many teens involved as possible with this committee as the youth are the future of the club.

Andre Koch
1st Vice President



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 29, 2014
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
NO RESERVED TICKETS

Your tickets may be purchased at a function, at every meeting or by contacting Teresa Couture, the club Secretary. Do not delay and miss out on a great dinner with good company, lots of laughter and door prizes. This function is often sold out.

VINTAGE CAMERA SALE

On Sat. April 5 from 11:00 til 3:00 pm, there will be a vintage camera sale held at WOFGPA. There is no admission cost and this venture is hosted by Maggie Brannen.

This is an excellent chance to pick up accessories for your older favorite camera.

If you are interested in having a table to sell your "old" camera and accessories, please call Teresa Couture who can provide you with details. The cost of table rental will be split equally by all participants.

CLUB CHAIRS

The club is selling off the "old" club chairs at a cost of \$ 5.00 each. There are only 30 remaining and will be sold off on a first come basis. If interested, please contact Lawrence Lainchbury to arrange to pick them up.



EUCHRE

The February Euchre games were hosted by Deb Chatterley and Teresa Couture. Thanks for doing such a super job.

The winners were:

High Man – Tony Dukic (72)

High Lady – Cora Thompson (76)

Most Lone Hands – Dave Jeffries and Zam Fakira (6)

Mystery Man – Ed Brown

Mystery Lady – Jean Powers

50/50 Draw – Deb Parker

The next Euchre will be held on March 22 and will be hosted by Dave Jeffries and Cora Thompson and Teresa Couture.

On April 26th, we will host the Pot Luck and Euchre. The meal will start at 5:30 pm with the doors opening at 5:00 pm. Please leave all your serving utensils at home to avoid confusion. If you are bringing a hot dish, please bring a hot pad as well to protect the tables.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The cost is \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need a partner to start the night off. The games are open to members and non-members.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW & MONTHLY MEETING 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.

The February monthly meeting draw was a 50/50 and won Cora Thompson.

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

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER

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

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 membership 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 member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

DANGER – THIN ICE

Here are just a few reminders about pond ice safety:

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 with a flag or small branch – for safety and consideration of others.

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. April 19, 2014

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).

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 membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.

Payments mailed to the club will not be accepted.

If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership)

SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

Please do not toss them in the snow or on 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.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

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 on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.

A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.

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 to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

GEESE AND DUCKS

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

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.

Thurs. Mar. 13 Elections and General Meeting

Sat. Mar. 22 Euchre (hosts: Dave Jeffries and Cora Thompson and Teresa Couture)

Wed. Mar. 26 Youth Committee meeting

Thurs. Mar. 27 Executive Meeting

Sat. Mar. 29 Jigg's Dinner (tickets available now)

Sat. April 5 Vintage Camera Sale

Thurs. April 10 General Meeting

Sat. April 12 Spring Clean-up (details to follow)

Sat. April 19 Easter Breakfast

Wed. April 23 Youth Committee meeting

Thurs. April 24 Executive Meeting

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

A new event calendar for the 2014 – 2015 season should be finalized within a few weeks of the elections on March 13.

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 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. It offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Please telephone the club Secretary, Teresa Couture or leave a message on the club answering machine 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.

**THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR
STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL.**

<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>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>
<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>
<p>Custom furniture making and refinishing</p> <p>Mark Steckle 519-474-6848</p> <p>Visit the on-line gallery at www.custom-wood.net</p>	<p>YOUR AD COULD BE HERE</p>	<p>Lambeth Rod & Tackle Ltd.</p> <p>2404 Main Street London, ON N6P 1R2</p> <p>Steve Plaskett 519-652-5598</p> <p>For your license and all other fishing needs</p>