

MARCH 2018



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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Annual elections	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Spring Fling – Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction
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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14
15 Spring Trout Derby	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Youth Committee & Executive meetings	27	28 Pot Luck Dinner & Euchre
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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
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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 of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

**ELECTIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2018-2019 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 8, 2018 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2019.

Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 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.

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. All members are encouraged to get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

WELFARE

Many club 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.

Our condolences to the Girdlestone family after the passing of Tom earlier this month.

Our wish for healthier days ahead are with Judy Young as she recovers at home following surgery.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) 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 Grahl.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Elections

The caretakers have found empty alcohol bottles on the property. At this time, I would like to remind members that alcohol is not permitted on the property except during a designated function. The Executive are prepared to revoke membership from the club from anyone caught with alcohol

At our next General Meeting, the members of this Association will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights and elect a new Executive body to represent our club.

I realize that some of you joined this club for the sole purpose of having a place to drop a line, and enjoy the quiet serenity of the lake and grounds. This sounds nice, but this kind of thinking could become a trend, and then very few people would get involved.

Our Association needs good people to run the club and more good people to help them. If you are not interested in running for an elected position, please do not pass on the Election night. At the very least come out and support the people that are willing to do the job and cast a vote, or maybe sign up for one of the many committees that we have, they all need help.

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

— Abraham Lincoln

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

EUCHRE

The Feb. 24th evening of Euchre was hosted by Steve & Teresa Couture.

Twenty-three players came out to enjoy the fun evening of cards.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Don Parker (57)

High Lady – Cora Thompson (71)

Most lone hands – Donna Vogel (4). Donna also had a high score of 71 but could only win in one category.

Mystery Man – Fred Sanders

Mystery Lady – Lois D.

50/50 – Cora Thompson (\$ 30.00)

Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre which is Sat. March 24th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with the games beginning at 7:00 pm SHARP.

Progressive euchre is a fun filled 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. 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. If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture.

FAMILY DAY ICE DERBY
Mon. Feb. 19

WOFGPA in conjunction with Angling Sports hosted an ice fishing derby on Family Day, Mon. Feb. 19th.

A few fortunate anglers did catch Trout; however, many other species of fish were caught during the derby.

Thank you to all the efforts of the volunteers for yet another successful ice fishing derby.

Thank you to Pat DeVincenzo of Angling Sports for his contributions in making this derby happen.

TROUT STOCKING

The first stocking of the spring should happen in the first half of April. Please watch your newsletter, check the bulletin board outside the club and check the website often. The details will be posted once the date is confirmed.

SPRING FLING
DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION
Sat., March 17, 2018

WOFGPA will host a Spring Fling on St. Patrick's Day in conjunction with Cathy Truelove and Dale Sewers.

The evening will begin with a dinner catered by Belmont Catering. After dinner, guests will enjoy dancing to the musical talents of Truelove Ways with special guest appearance by Fine Wine. When taking a moment away from the festivities and dancing the night away, a selection of Silent Auction items will be available for bidding.

This fundraiser was inspired by Cathy Truelove who wished to do something for the club in memory of her late husband Peter Tolsma.

A limited number of advance tickets are available now at only \$ 25 each. You may obtain your tickets by contacting either Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Cathy Truelove at 519-494-9463.

EASTER BREAKFAST
Sat. March 31
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to members and guests.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:
\$ 6.00 Adults
\$ 5.00 Children (2 to 5 years)
No charge for children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart). The Easter Bunny should arrive around 10:30 am.

JIGG'S DINNER

Date: Saturday, Sat. April 7

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar) Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY BY SAT, MARCH 31.

It is a WOFGPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests.

This year, the 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.

Teresa Couture, club secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your tickets.

Tickets are available now for purchase and are going quickly. Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW PRICING – STARTING MARCH 1ST

Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Toques	\$ 10.00
Baseball caps	\$ 12.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 15.00 – while supplies last
Camo hats	\$ 20.00
Short sleeve T-shirts	\$ 15.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Hoodies	\$ 30.00
Zippered Hoodies	\$ 40.00
Wiki Golf shirts	\$ 25.00 – while supplies last

The club has pens, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION
& BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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 e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

DATE: Sun., April 15
TIME: Register at 7:30
DERBY: 8:00 till noon
COST: Members \$ 15.00
Non-Members \$ 18.00
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

FLY FISHING ROD DRAW Sun. April 15

Once the winners of the Spring Trout Derby have been announced, WOFGPA will draw for a fly fishing reel and rod.

The 3.5-inch fly reel is wood carved, engraved and is in a brass housing. The rod is 4 piece, 9 feet long and 8 weight.

Tickets are limited to 250 at \$ 5.00 each. Please see Andre Koch to get yours before they sell out.

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, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays. The hall is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply. Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening

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

Please contact the club caretaker, Barb 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Entertainment Committee and the Executive will be meeting in early March to finalize the event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 year.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings).

I am hoping to see a few new faces who just might add some fresh ideas.

If you are considering joining one of the committees at WOFGPA, there is no time like the present. Our annual Elections are on March 8th. Before the April newsletter, all of the current committee chairpersons are asked to hold a meeting to designate a committee Chairperson and to review all the upcoming items related to their committee. The names of the individuals on each committee must be submitted in time for printing in the April newsletter. Of course, you may join a committee at any time throughout the year simply by contacting the current chairperson.

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 caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season should be available soon. It will be posted on the website once the details are finalized.

Thurs. Feb. 8	General meeting
Wed. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Sat. Feb. 17	Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 19	Family Day (Stat holiday)
Thurs. Feb. 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 24	Euchre
Thurs. March 8	General meeting and annual Elections
Sat. March 17	Spring Fling Dinner and Dance
Thurs. March 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. March 24	Euchre
Sat. March 31	Easter Breakfast
Sat. April 7	Jigg's Dinner 1 st stocking (tentative date)
Thurs. Apr. 12	General Meeting
Sun. Apr. 15	Spring Trout Derby Fly fishing rod draw
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck dinner and Euchre

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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