

MARCH 2019



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MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 Spring Fling Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30 Jigg's Dinner

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Spring Clean-up (tentative)
14 Spring Trout Derby	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20 Easter Breakfast
21	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Pot Luck & Euchre
28	29	30				

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

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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, and 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.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. 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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members this year.

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2019 - 2020 term will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 14, 2019 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2020.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 13, 2019, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
 - o Teresa Couture - Secretary – WOF&GPA
 - o 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

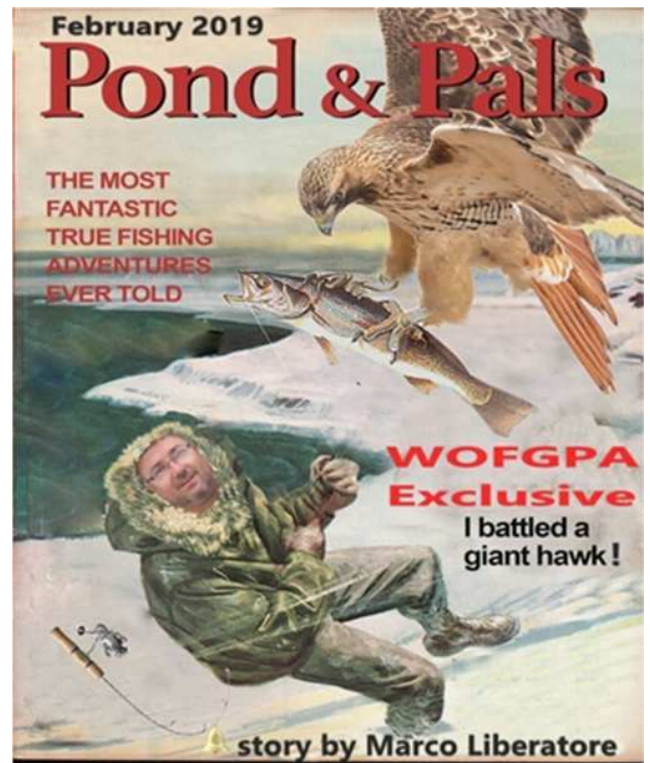
Many club members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing might welcome a quick call to say "Hello and what have you been up to?"

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Fred Sanders, Bert Smit, Brian Ernteman, Connie Dodd and Andre Koch.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the picture shows, interaction with wildlife can sometimes be quite stressful. In this picture animation, an angler fights for his fish that a Red Tail hawk has snatched.



Even though this is just a picture, an occurrence like this happened at our pond recently. Can you tell who the victim really is?

This picture was done in fun and I am sure the angler in the picture takes no offence to it, however the danger is real!

Since that hawks have access to our table cleaning scraps, they are quite used to humans leaving food for them. I think they now feel that if you leave a fish unattended for a short time, they are free to help themselves.

So, don't leave you catch unattended. Put your catch in a bag or pail and out of their sight.

Remember, our elections are held at the General Meeting on Thurs, March 14. We are always looking for good volunteers to step into Executive positions or to help out on committees.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use is not permitted anywhere on club property.

YOUTH COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Youth Committee of WOFGPA would like to thank you for your continuous support over the past year.

We are thankful to the membership for allowing us to become such an important part of the club.

Our annual election night will be on Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 pm. The Youth Committee comes up with their own ideas and activities that are of interest to the youth club members

If you are interested and want to learn more about this group, you need to be 13 to 17 years old and show up at 6:00 on March 28th. The Youth Committee meeting are held on the fourth Thursday of each month in the main hall of the club.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Jurasek (mentor) at 519-685-0237 in the evenings.

SPRING FLING DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION Sat., March 16, 2019

WOFGPA will host a Spring Fling to celebrate 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 Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or getting them at any meeting or function.

JIGG'S DINNER Saturday, March 30, 2019

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

Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY UNTIL SAT, MARCH 23RD.

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.

One of our members, Tom Carriere will provide musical entertainment to everyone after the meal is finished.

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

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

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 instruction time, if required.



EUCHRE

Euchre was held on February 23 and hosted by the Coutures. Thank you to the 24 players who came out to enjoy the evening.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Murray Lane (60)

High Lady - Arlene Whiteway (65)

Most Lone Hands – Randy Keating (5). It should be noted that Randy had a high score of 77 points but he could only win in one category.

Mystery Man – Gerry Lalonde

Mystery Lady - Marg MacKellar

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The next euchre will be held on Sat. March 23 with the doors open at 6:00 pm and the games starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and the evening is open to members and guests.

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 the public. 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.

The final euchre of the season will start with a pot luck dinner. The doors will open at 5:00 pm and all will eat at 6:00 pm, with cards starting at 7:00 pm. We ask that you leave all serving utensils at home as the club has plenty. If you are bringing a hot dish, please bring a towel or hot pad to protect the club tables from the heat.

HAT LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

The club will be in need of a new design for the club hats. Beginning on Jan. 1 and ending on the annual Elections on March 14, 2019, Andre Koch and Stan Gibbs will accept your artwork for the hats design

The final design for the hats will be decided by the new Executive board and revealed to club members at the Jiggs Dinner on April 7.

The winner will not only have bragging rights but will also receive a new hat and hoodie with the new design on both items.

To aid you as you create your artwork, we are supplying you with a few pointers. The hats are black or blue so do not use those colours. The less colours that you use in your artwork will keep the embroidery costs down. Keep it simple but unique.

Thank you in advance for your participation and good luck to all. I am anxious to see the cool designs that you come up with.

Andre Koch (1st Vice President)

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections.

The winner of the January monthly meeting draw was Tom Carriere (\$ 47.00). Congratulations Tom.

ICE DERBY RESULTS Feb. 2, 2019

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the morning of fishing on the ice. A total of 71 trout were caught by 58 anglers.

Adult

1 st	Damian Cameron	115 cm
2 nd	Connor Mitchell	114 cm
3 rd	Kevin Ripley	113 cm
4 th	Mike Comeau	112 cm

Youth

1 st	Sam Sinapol	38.5 cm
Biggest Fish	Luke Cassin	42 cm
50/50	Leo Murphy	\$ 138.00

ICE CONDITIONS DANGER – THIN ICE

Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. (about 4 inches) thick.

A windmill has been installed to aerate the water. If ice forms, it will be thin. Please keep clear of the windmill platform as the area around it 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 must be on leash and under direct control of their owners or preferably, left at home.

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 are not posted but are monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. 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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN WOFGPA'S NEWSLETTER.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club's website at wofgpa.org

Thurs. March 14	General Meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. March. 16	Spring Fling (tickets available now)
Sat. March 23	Euchre
Thurs. March 28	Executive Meeting Youth Committee Elections
Sat. March 30	Jigg's Dinner (tickets available now)
Thurs. April 11	General meeting
Sat. April 13	Spring Clean up and (tentative) stocking date
Sun. April 14	Spring Trout Derby
Fri. April 19	Good Friday
Sat. April 20	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 25	Executive meeting
Sat. April 27	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre
Thurs. May 9	General Meeting
Sat. May 11	Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 12	Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 23	Executive Meeting

Following the elections, the Exertainment Committee will meet to set the calendar of events for the upcoming year. This is a great way to get involved with your club and meet new friends.

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 all the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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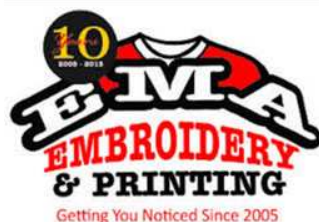
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