

## MAY NEWSLETTER



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### MAY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Spring Meat Shoot & Memorial for Jim Morrow
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trout stocking (tentative)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day (STAT)	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28
29 Ladies Only Derby	30	31				

### JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9 General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Yard Sale
19	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25
26 Kids Activity Day	27	28	29	30	July 1 – newsletters are no longer mailed to your home. Check this newsletter for details	

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

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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.

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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](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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**IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL NON-SMOKERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT NEWSLETTERS  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011**

We have all been impacted by the rising costs. The club has also been faced with the increasingly high cost of printing and mailing newsletters to members each month. In an effort to reduce our costs, keep your membership dues as low as they are and to save some trees, regular mailing of the monthly newsletter will stop effective July 2011 newsletter. All membership renewal forms will continue to be mailed as memberships become due.

As always, the newsletter is available on-line at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). It can be read online or easily be printed out for further reference. Copies will also be available at the club for pickup.

I understand that some members do not have computer access and others may still wish to receive their newsletter by mail. In order to accommodate these individuals, **you must contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to have your name continued on a mailing list**. Only those members who request mailing of the newsletter before July 1<sup>st</sup> will receive it mailed to their home after that time.

Thank you for your understanding through this transition.

Teresa Couture

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.



Jim Morrow passed away suddenly on April 2 after battling cancer. Jim was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Boat Rack Chair for many years. Our thoughts are with his wife, Gayle and their family during this difficult time.

A memorial has been arranged for Jim at the club on Sat. May 7 from 1 until 4 pm. At that time, a presentation of a plaque with Jim's name will be added to the Ron Earle Memorial Volunteer Pergola.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, mailing your membership renewal payment is not acceptable.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Over the last year or so your executive has been working hard on our Club's financial well-being. As painful as some of our changes have been, I think that all of us can agree that these changes are necessary.

Over the past two years our Association has had to spend a great deal of money to ensure that our Club House remains in as good working order that can be achieved.

In the near future we will be looking at different ways to save some money and to raise a little more.

We, as an Executive have already implemented some new ways to save a little money, just on pay-outs at our derbies and euchre nights. We will also be looking at admission fees for events, hall rentals, and aggressive fund raising ventures.

One way that we can save between \$200.00 and \$300.00 dollars a month is to use an alternate way to deliver the monthly newsletter. I did some research on this matter with other clubs and found that most just post their newsletter on their web site, and left it to the members to read it. If you did not have a computer, the clubs that I checked printed off some copies and left those at the club for pick up. I think that if we want to keep our increases to a minimum, we need to implement this format. As responsible members, we must put forth an effort to make this work. One other thing to consider is the paper consumption that we use every month for the newsletter. I think that it is around a thousand pages per month, I wonder how many trees we can save.

Please watch your newsletter for start date of this plan.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

**ANNUAL DRAW – FREE MEMBERSHIP**

At each General Meeting you attend, you will receive a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting. At each General Meeting, we hold a draw. The winner of the April General meeting draw was Bob Hughes who won a \$ 10 Tim Horton's card, filet knife, club hat and Trout bait.

A second trout stocking has been tentatively set for May 14 or the week following May 21 weekend. Check the bulletin boards regularly as the date and time will be posted once it is confirmed. You may also contact Stan Gibbs, the Ponds Committee Chairperson.

## JACK GERARD MEMORIAL SPRING TROUT DERBY

One of our late members, Jack Gerard passed away late in 2010. To honour Jack and his love of fishing, this derby held on April 17, was named in his memory.

The winners were:

### Adult Division

1<sup>st</sup> Gord Spotton  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Duffitt  
3<sup>rd</sup> Carlos Correia

### Youth Division (by draw)

1<sup>st</sup> Nolan Kissinger  
2<sup>nd</sup> Aiden Lemanski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Connor Mitchell

Mystery Fish - Tom Keough

50/50 draw - Anne Jurasek - \$ 50.00

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## SPRING MEAT SHOOT

**Date:** Sat. May 7  
**Time:** 10:00 am start  
**Contact:** Howard Pearcey and Brian Ernteman  
**Cost:** \$ 2.00 per game

Another Meat Shoot has been planned due to the popularity of this event last year. Five hams will be available to be won this spring.

For those who haven't attended a Meat Shoot, it is done in the basement of the club with pellet guns and targets. The cost is \$ 2.00 per game, which will give you 5 shots at the target. If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club. There is no age limit for this event. For more information, please contact Howard or Brian at the phone numbers listed at the front of this newsletter.

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## COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

If any member wishes to be on a committee for 2011 – 2012 term, please contact the current committee chairperson listed at the front of this newsletter. The new committees are starting to form now. Of course, as a member, you are welcome to join a committee at any time. Some individuals may find that their schedule does not allow for them to make the continuous commitment as a committee member. We understand how busy life can get with work demands, family and other interests. If you can only assist occasionally, please let the chairperson know. Your fresh, new ideas and assistance will always be welcomed.



## EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa for a super job in hosting the final Euchre game of the season.

The winners were:

High Man – Bob Powers  
High Lady – Virginia Walker  
Mystery Man – Andy Desilets  
Mystery Ladies – Cathy Tolsma  
Most Lone Hands – Dave Jefferies  
50/50 draw – Ken Lockrey - \$ 25.00

The next Euchre will be held in September so watch your upcoming newsletter for details.

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## FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education. All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members. Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses. The fee charged for these courses are among the lowest to be found.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL LADIES ONLY DERBY

Due to the overwhelming popularity of this event last year, it was decided that this derby be added as an annual event.

**Date:** Sunday, May 29th  
**Registration** 7:30 am  
**Derby** 8:00 am till noon  
**Cost:** Adult members \$ 12.00  
Non-members \$ 15.00  
Age 12 & under \$ 5.00  
Assistant's meal cost is \$ 5.00  
**Contacts:** Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt

The format will be as follows:

Only ladies may angle trout but a male assistant for help only may accompany them. This help will include baiting hooks, netting fish, driving the boat if you have one, and cooking lunch. Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's (Ladies, you will have to convince your assistants to do this one for you). Each lady is allowed to use only one rod at a time.

At noon all trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the men folk and served as a side at lunch, which will be served shortly thereafter.

After lunch, prizes will be awarded to the three top ladies with the longest fish count. There will also be prizes for girls aged twelve and under.

**Weekly Fishing League standings  
(as of April 27<sup>th</sup>)**

Weekly Fishing League Standings (as of April 27)

- 1<sup>st</sup> place (20 points) - Don Colborne, Stan Gibbs, Howard Pearcey and Gord Spotton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (15 points) - Alex Duffitt
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (10 points) - Carlos Correia

The league meets each Wednesday night at 5:30 pm at the club. You can join the league at any time. There is a weekly prize. For more information, please call Stan Gibbs.

Every member must display a valid membership card, observe your fishing limits and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

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The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, contact Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com) or by telephone listed at the front of this newsletter.



**BBQ MEAT DRAW**

After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 9, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw.

There are 10 Barbeque meat packs to be won, two of which are larger meat packs.

Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. The meat packs contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

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**KIDS ACTIVITY DAY  
Sun. June 26**

Last year, the tradition of WOFGPA Family Day was broken and a Kids Activity Day was held instead. It was very well received by those in attendance. The details are being finalized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Activity Day and will follow in the next newsletter. The day will start with a kid's only derby in the morning. Mark the date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun. Hope to see everyone there.

**YARD SALE**

Sat. June 18  
(Rain or shine)  
7:30 set up time

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the yard sale. You can get a few extra dollars for all those items that just are not used any longer.

At the same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting (no guns allowed) or camping items that you might have

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to reserve a table for only \$ 15.00. Don't delay, as there is a limited number of tables.

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**CLUB MERCHANDISE**

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, 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, either at a meeting or by telephone.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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|-------------------|---|
| Sat. May 7        | Meat Shoot                                      |
| Thurs. May 12     | General Meeting                                 |
| Sat. May 14 or 21 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trout stocking (tentative date) |
| Thurs. May 26     | Executive Meeting                               |
| Sun. May 29       | Ladies Only Derby                               |
| Thurs. Jun. 9     | General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw                 |
| Sat. Jun. 18      | Yard Sale (Rain or Shine)                       |
| Thurs. Jun. 23    | Executive Meeting                               |
| Sun. Jun. 26      | Kids Activity Day                               |
| Sun. Jul. 10      | 1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Bass Derby (official)    |
| Thurs. July 28    | Executive Meeting                               |
| Sun. Aug. 7       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)  |
| Thurs. Aug. 25    | Executive Meeting                               |

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