

MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER



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May 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 4TH Annual Ladies Only Trout Derby
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day (Stat)	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Conservation clean up walk
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June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting & BBQ Meat draw	14	15 Garage Sale
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30 Annual Kids Activity Day (23rd)	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

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	
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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)	519-280-3080
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
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Ponds	
Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
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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
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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
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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 <http://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.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Conservation starts now!

As WOFGPA members at every meeting, we swear by the club's Conservation Pledge "... to defend from waste the Natural Resources of my Country, its Soils & Minerals, its Waters, Forests, Air & Wildlife".

On Saturday, May 25, we will be walking around the pond on the deer trail to pick up garbage. This garbage has been left by other hikers, local teens or has been blown into this area. I estimate that it will be a 1.5 to 2 hour event, which will include a little history of the animals and the pond.

If you would like to bring your dog for a walk, please bring your "little or big buddy". Remember that all dogs must be on leash and be able to get along well with other dogs. Bring your own bags for disposing of your pet wastes, should it occur.

Proper footwear should be worn as it could be muddy. Insect repellent will be needed. Garbage bags will be supplied by the club.

DATE: Sat. May 25
(raindate is Sun. May 26)
TIME: 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. at the club parking lot

Andre Koch
1st Vice President

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.

Bill Rodrigues, a longtime member and Past President of WOFGPA will celebrate his 90th birthday on May 5. Another member, Harvey Stirling will be celebrating his 91st birthday in May.

Our condolences were sent to the Remillard family after the passing of Lisa's Mother in law in April.

Donna Lainchbury, Walt Seliski, Neal Moore, Frank Tratjnek and Gary Carew have had health concerns lately.

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.

MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

The winners of the monthly meeting draws for April were: Phil McKenzie - \$ 20 Tim Horton card and t-shirt and also Bert Smit – Pocket knife and hat.

Congratulations Phil and Bert.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 15
Rain or Shine

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money. Remember the old saying "one person's junk is another person's treasure".

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am.

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa at 519-668-6257. The tables are available to WOFGPA members and their families.

4TH ANNUAL LADIES' ONLY DERBY

DATE: Sat., May 4
TIME: Register at 7:30
Derby 8:00 til noon
COST: Members \$ 12.00
Non-Members \$ 15.00
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)
Assistant's meal \$5.00
HOST: Andre Koch

The format will be as follows:

Only ladies may angle trout using one rod at a time but an assistant may accompany them. The assistant cannot directly cast or handle rod to land the fish. Either of these actions will disqualify the catch as it is not caught by the lady. Their help is restricted to baiting hooks, netting fish, operating the boat (if you have one), and securing lunch. Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's.

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. After the meal, prizes will be awarded to the three (3) top ladies with the longest Trout length in both adult and youth divisions

Members will be allowed to fish after 12:00 pm and daily catch limits will apply after that time.

TICKET DRAW – NHL GAME ISLANDERS VS. LEAFS (Gold seats)

Congratulations to Phil McKenzie who won the Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, even though the New York Islanders won the game. We hope that you enjoyed yourself at the game.

I would like to thank Teresa Couture, Cora Thompson, Jeff and Jeanette Jurasek, Tony Dukic, Kim Koch and Stan Gibbs for their help on ticket sales and creations.

Thanks so much!
Andre Koch

Thanks to Andre Koch for taking on fundraising ventures for the club. It is efforts such as this which help to keep the membership costs low. Kudos for yet another job done well Andre.

Keep your new ideas coming.

Teresa Couture



EUCHRE

The final Euchre of the season was hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture. The evening began with a Pot Luck Dinner. Once again, everyone outdid themselves and the selection of dishes for the main course and desserts was outstanding.

The winners of the evening were:
High Man – Rob Carpenter and Carmen Dale (69)
High Lady – Janice Colborne (73)
Most Lone Hands – Fred Sanders and Pete Welch (4)
Mystery Man – Pete Tolsma
Mystery Lady – Darlene
50 / 50 draw – Bob Powers

Euchre will begin again on the 4th Saturday in September. Until then, have a fun-filled summer.

TROUT STOCKING AND SPRING CLEAN UP

Thank you to everyone who came out to assist with either of the two April Trout stockings and the Spring Clean up. Fortunately, we had beautiful weather on both of these days and a great turnout. Of course, clean up is ongoing at the club and any assistance that you offer will be welcomed.

No one likes to have to watch where they step to avoid stepping in goose poop. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely on the property and docks. They leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to sweep away the goose poop with the brooms that are located at each dock. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark.

The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. You can join the league at any time. You can also get points for finishing in the top three in derbies.

The standings should be posted weekly on the outside club Bulletin board.

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 or if the matter is urgent in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home 519-668-2609 in the evenings.

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.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

The derby was held on April 21 and hosted by Stan Gibbs. A total of 40 Trout were caught at this derby. Thank you to everyone who came out to help.

The winners were:

Adult Division

1st place Ted Sanders 126 cm
2nd place Andy Turnbull 123.5 cm
3rd place Judy Sanders & Janice Colborne 122.5 cm

Youth Division

1st place Austin Clark

50/50 draw - Rewa Alipeah

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thursday, June 13

On Thursday, June 13th, immediately following our General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that the club hosts each December. The Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free meat from the barbeque.

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

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, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

Kids Activity Day Sat. June 23

Details will follow in the June newsletter once they have become finalized.

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 member to immediately stop fishing.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

The full WOFGPA Event Calendar for 2013 – 2014 is available on the club website at <http://www.wofgpa.org>. Visit the website often and keep informed of upcoming events. 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. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

Sat. May 4	4th Annual Ladies Only Derby (Andre Koch)
Thurs. May 9	General Meeting
Sun. May 12	Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. May 25	Conservation Clean up walk (Andre Koch) (Raindate is Sun. May 26)
Thurs June 13 (Stan Gibbs)	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 15	Garage Sale (Teresa Couture)
Sun. June 16	Father's Day
Sun. June 23	Kids Activity Day (Stan Gibbs)
Thurs. June 27	Executive Meeting
Sun. July 7	Official Bass Derby (Stan Gibbs)
Thurs. July 25	Executive meeting
Sun. Aug. 11	Unofficial Bass Derby (Andre Koch)
Sun. Aug. 22	Executive meeting

Please note that General meetings are not held in the months of July and August. If your membership comes due during this time, you will need to renew at 7:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (Executive meeting night).

The details about contact person and start times will be posted on the Bulletin Boards and in the newsletter, so please check often. Hopefully, we will see you at some of them throughout the year.

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

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 any 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 (evenings).

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 on club property and under the control of their owners 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 and boaters 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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

<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 519-282-5128</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 AND FAMILIES 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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