

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER



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JUNE 2014

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8	9	10	11	12 General meeting & BBQ Meat draw	13	14 Yard Sale
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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
Executive & Committees for 2014 – 2015

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
1st Vice President	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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Steve Couture	519-668-6257
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Past Presidents	
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Committees

Entertainment	
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Fundraising	
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Club Merchandise

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Website Administrator and Public Relations

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Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter

Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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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 and questions are always welcome. 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think Spring has sprung!!

If you haven't noticed, 99.9% of the snow has disappeared and the sun actually feels warm. Another sign of Spring that I have noticed is the renewed life around our club property. The geese and ducks are making nests, the Ospreys are back, the raccoons are out. I've seen turtles sunning themselves on logs and the very truest sign is the Trout surfacing on an ice-free body of water chasing bugs.

After we finished stocking the pond, it was like watching young children at Christmas time. A bunch of members ran to their vehicles, grabbed their fishing gear and headed to the water. It wasn't long before you heard the famous line spoken by many a fisherman, "Fish on!!", and the new season officially started. I had the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the water last week, and I must say that most memories of the very long and cold winter that we experienced vacated my memory.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our club will have brought in some new members to replace a few that left. So if you see someone new and maybe a little lost, welcome them and show them some of our famous hospitality.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

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.

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

2nd TROUT STOCKING Monday, May 5th (NEW DATE)

The trout should arrive sometime after 9:30 am., rain or shine, with 2nd delivery around 11:00 am – 600 lbs per load. Details regarding the time will be posted on the bulletin boards once they are finalized. If you want to come help, please dress accordingly.

EASTER BREAKFAST Sat. April 19, 2014

The menu for the club breakfast was changed this year thanks to an idea brought forth by Andre Koch. The hot and fresh breakfast consisted of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help that morning. A special thank you to the Youth Committee members for all their work with planning a craft area for the children.

Congratulations to Myah Harding for guessing the correct number of jelly beans in the jar.

EUCHRE

The final Euchre and Pot Luck Dinner was hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture. Thanks from the hosts to everyone for the great variety of dishes and desserts that were shared for all to enjoy.

The winners were:

High Man – Bob Powers (72)

High Lady – Zam Fakira (66)

Most Lone Hands – Dave Jeffries and Archie Graham (4)

Mystery Man – Fred Sanders

Mystery Lady – Darlene

50/50 Draw – Leigh

Have a safe and happy summer. See everyone on the 4th Saturday in September.

5TH ANNUAL LADIES' ONLY DERBY

DATE: Sat., May 10 TIME: Register at 7:30

Derby time: 8:00am until noon, lunch & awards to follow

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:

No member fishing is allowed on Ladies' Only Derby day until derby starts. During derby time, only ladies may angle Trout using one rod at a time. An assistant, who being a member of the menfolk, may accompany the lady. The assistant cannot directly cast or handle the lady's rod to land the fish; either of these actions will disqualify the lady's catch as it is not caught by the lady. The assistant's help is restricted to carrying equipment, baiting hooks, netting fish, operating the boat (if you have one), in-boat entertainment and securing refreshments and lunch. Also included, if the lady so desires, but which cannot be sanctioned by this derby, will be the assistant's frequent Timmy runs. Culling and use of corn is prohibited. At noon all Trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the assistants and served as a side dish 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. All members will be allowed to fish after 12:00 pm and daily catch limits will apply after that time.

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. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. Lined jackets with an 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.

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 April monthly meeting draw was won by Don Colborne.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Sunday, April 27th turned out to be a beautiful day for the first weekend that Trout season opened.

Thanks to all the volunteers who came out to register anglers, prepare the meal and to measure fish.

The winners were:

Adult Division

- 1st A. J. Seong
- 2nd Steve Couture
- 3rd Howard Pearcey

Youth Division

- 1st Remi Palmer (pictured below)

The biggest fish was caught by Jazz-Lyn Palmer
The 50/50 draw was won by Don Colborne



Hey look!!! I got my first trout.

PFD's AND SAFETY

During the Spring Trout derby, one of the club's members had the bad luck of tipping his canoe into the freezing cold water.

Thank you to all the anglers in nearby boats who rushed in to assist. The cold, wet angler was helped into another boat and brought to shore very quickly so he could go home to change and warm up. Other anglers assisted by getting the tipped canoe and gear back to the boat rack and locked up. Kudos to all who came to the rescue.

It is the law that each person in a watercraft wear a properly sized PFD. You may be a great boater and swimmer and feel that you would never end up in the water, but consider if you were suddenly tipped into the freezing cold water and you had a head injury or were disoriented slightly.

For a club that stresses safety to its members – please **wear** your pfd's. It could save your life. So, be safe out there.

Teresa Couture
Secretary

POND WALK AROUND

Sat. May 31

9:00 til noon

The Youth Committee would like to invite all members for a walk around the pond to help clean up some of the garbage that has been left there and learn a few things about the Westminster Ponds.

Make sure that you bring rubber boots as it can be quite muddy.

All garbage bags will be supplied by the club.

Please meet in the parking lot at 8:45 am.

FISHING LEAGUE

If you are looking to go fishing once a week with a great bunch of anglers, why not join us at the club pond each Tuesday night any time after 5:30 pm til dark, to compete for bragging rights, some pocket change, and maybe get your name on a trophy at the end of the year.

Each week you accumulate points by catching the largest of the targeted fish in each of 5 classes. Each week the priority of the targeted fish are different.

The buy in each time you fish is \$ 2.00, with half of the money going to the angler with top score for that night. The other half is put aside to buy a nice gift for the "Angler of the Year".

The fishing league is a very good way to learn how to fish for the different kinds of fish in our pond.

See you on the water.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 14

Rain or Shine

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.

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".

BBQ MEAT DRAW

Thurs., June 12

On Thursday, June 12th, 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 10 Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons (or two meals for an individual).

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

CLUB CHAIRS

The club is selling off the "old" club chairs at a cost of \$ 5.00 each. There are only 20 remaining and will be sold off on a first come basis. If interested, please contact Lawrence Lainchbury to arrange to pick them up. See Last Page for PIC.

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 receptacles provided for your cigarette butts. Please do not toss them in the grass 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 bring children to the club and they grow 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.

GEESE, DUCKS and WILDLIFE

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, any food, especially breads. The Deer and Coyotes and Turkeys are all wildlife that fend for themselves and do not require human assistance to survive. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild animals and their natural food supply is readily available.

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

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.

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 by attending many of these club events.

Mon., May 5	2 nd Trout stocking
Thurs. May 8	General Meeting
Sat. May 10	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 11	Mother's Day
Wed. May 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. May 22	Executive meeting
Sat. May 31	Pond Walk Around

Thurs. June 12	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 14	Yard Sale (Rain or shine)
Sun. June 15	Father's Day
Wed. June 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. June 26	Executive meeting
Sun. June 29	Youth Activity Day

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year. The event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website.

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 and members get a discount 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>

For Sale



The Club has for Sale 15 chairs as shown above \$5.00 each
All in good condition
Give Lawrence a call @ 519+-681-7199 -- if interested