

NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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November 2013

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10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 Fall clean-up & tree lot set up & Trout stocking
17	18	19	20 Christmas Tree Delivery	21	22	23 Euchre & Tree Sales begin
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Breakfast with Santa
15	16	17	18	19 Executive Meeting	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

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

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Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Don Colborne	519-686-9559
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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
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, 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 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 must say that over the years that I have been involved with this association, it has impressed me immensely how well everybody gets along.

From time to time situations arise that puts a bee in someone's bonnet and friction is developed. I think that for the most part the individuals involved sort things out and we carry on.

Recently I have heard some grumblings concerning some not very sportsman like behavior at our club and have been asked to intervene. Since this was not of a physical nature and more of an attitude concern, I strongly recommend that the concerned parties work it out or at the very least avoid each other. I realize that this sounds like I am avoiding the situation, but if the Executive had to address every little situation that arose our time would not be well spent.

When all of you joined this association, all were informed of "Our Purpose", which the first line states "...we are here to promote true sportsmanship", so with this in mind I would like to quote a line I heard recently that said "Put on your big boy pants and suck it up".

There is one other concern that I need to address and this is directed at the person who seems to think that we stock the washrooms with soap so that they can take it home for their own use. If this person is in such dire need to steal a bottle of liquid soap, come and see me, and I will give you the dollar it cost and you can go to the Dollar Store and get your own!

Please let me remind you all that any actions contrary to our Rules and Regulations at the club can result in termination of your membership or refusal to renew.

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.

On Oct. 12, Umberto and Claudette Toso celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with Luisa Carducci and her family after the passing of Mario on Oct. 5.

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

TROUT STOCKING

The final stocking of the pond with Trout will be done on Sat. Nov. 16 in the mid-morning. Confirmed time will be posted on the Bulletin Boards and on the website.

RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretakers for the club.

The resident caretaker position is best suited to a retired or semi-retired couple with experience as one of them will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor maintenance and grounds keeping.

Compensation includes one bedroom apartment, telephone, cable and internet service plus a commission on rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com. Resumes will be accepted from the general public, so please spread the word.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

On Sat. Nov. 16, starting at 8:30 am, Howard Pearcy will oversee the cleaning up the club grounds before the winter sets in. A few tasks need to be done. The main task is leaf raking. Please bring your rake from home. Howard may be contacted at 226-224-6605 for more details.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Sunday, Oct 20 was a beautiful day for angling at WOFGPA. Unfortunately, the Trout seemed to find the perfect place to hide from the anglers present, leaving many for the right season.

The winners were:

1 st place	Gord Spotton	118.5 cm
2 nd place	A. J. Seong	78 cm
3 rd place	Stan Gibbs	43 cm
Mystery Fish	Keith Landry	31 cm
50/50 Draw	Franz deWater	

Details will follow for ice fishing derbies once the pond freezes and has been deemed safe to venture out on. Ice fishing derbies are often held at the last minute and time does not allow notifying everyone by newsletter. If you want to be notified by phone or email of upcoming derbies, please leave your contact info with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609.

NEW ITEMS - 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.

JUST IN – Andre has a selection of larger sized of hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). New for this summer are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

Lined jackets with 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.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 14, 2013
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, hash brown potatoes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

Adults - \$ 5.00

Children - \$ 3.00 (2 to 5 years)

Children under two years old – no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa.

After this event, and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot.

TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 12, 2013
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each.

Refreshments, snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

Cindy Gibbs, author of "Chin-wag" will be present to sign any copies for members.



EUCHRE

Thank you to Richard and Barb Toner for hosting the Euchre on Oct. 26. The winners for the evening were:

High Man – Bill Lewis

High Lady – Sylvia Lewis

Most Lone Hands – Peter Tolsma

Mystery Man – Tony Dukic

Mystery Lady – Dee and Zam

50/50 Draw – Dave Jeffries

The November 23rd Euchre will be hosted by Dave Jeffries, Andre Koch and Cora Thompson.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. If you are a card player and are willing to host at least one evening of Euchre, please contact to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257, who can address any questions you might have as to what is involved with hosting. A member of the Executive will always be present at each card night, should you need their help or to answer any question.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond. Now is the time to get involved at your club and hoin the fun!

Don will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar on Sat. Nov. 16 at the tree lot set up and fall clean up.

Sat. Nov. 16

This is the day set aside to set up the tree lot. If you have a cordless drill, please bring it. The day will start at 8:30 am, rain or shine.

Wed. Nov. 20

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club before 10 am. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The large trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out. Delivery details will be posted on the club Bulletin Board once finalized.

Sat. Nov. 23

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for a shift to sell trees, please speak with Don Colborne after Nov. 16. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices are:

\$ 30 – any tree up to 7 feet high

\$ 40 – any tree larger than 7 feet

\$ 12 – small wreath

\$ 30 – large wreath

\$ 5 - swag

On Saturday, November 23, the Tree Sales start and continue until all Christmas trees are sold. If you haven't signed up for a shift or two of selling Christmas trees, you can do so by calling Don Colborne at 519-686-9559.

**WREATH BRIGADE
AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING**

Hermann Szielasko is the main contact for the Wreath Brigade which should begin meeting soon in the basement of the club. Under his tutelage, the wreaths are designed and sold at the Christmas Tree Lot. If you are interested in helping out on this venture, please call Hermann for details.

Hermann is offering to sharpen your knives, tools, scissors and lawn mower blades 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 contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 for more details about the Wreath Brigade and knife sharpening.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA**

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, Stan Gibbs will be relocating the Suggestion Box 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 519-668-2609 in the evenings

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

We all are tired of having to watch where we step. 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 clean off 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 WOF&GPA enjoyable for everyone.

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.

The October monthly meeting draw was won by Dan Chatterley Sr. – club hat and a copy of the “Chin-Wag” book. The other winner was Larry Holtzman – Fillet knife and Trout Bait. Congratulations Dan and Larry.

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 WOF&GPA 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.

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.

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 and will be returned. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership Chair) at 519-453-0659 or with Stan Gibbs (President) at 519-668-2609.

SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

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.

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 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.

GEESE AND DUCKS AND TURTLES

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

The turtles in the pond have ample food supply in the water. Please respect any turtles and any nests you might find on the property by leaving them alone.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that club members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily dinner delicacy" by raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait trout currently find attractive.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

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 at 519-668-6257 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. WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

**THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR
STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL.**

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.

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| Thurs., Nov. 14 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 16 | Fall Clean up (Howard Pearcey)
Tree Lot Set up (Don Colborne)
Trout stocking (Stan Gibbs) |
| Wed. Nov. 20 | Christmas Tree delivery |
| Sat., Nov. 23 | Euchre (hosts: Dave Jeffries, Cora Thompson & Andre Koch)
Tree Sales begin |
| Thurs. Nov. 28 | Executive meeting |
| Thurs. Dec. 12 | General meeting & Turkey Roll |
| Sat. Dec. 14 | Breakfast with Santa |
| Thurs. Dec. 19 | Executive Meeting (held one week early) |

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| Thurs. Jan. 9 | General Meeting |
| Thurs. Jan. 23 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Jan. 26 | Euchre (hosts: Ken and Pat Lockrey) |
| Sun. Feb. 2 | Superbowl Party |
| Sun. Feb 8 | Hockey Day in Canada |
| Thurs. Feb. 13 | General Meeting |
| Mon. Feb. 17 | Family Day |
| Sat. Feb. 22 | Euchre (hosts needed) |
| Thurs. Feb. 27 | Executive Meeting |

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year. It is your club, so get involved and enjoy it more.

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