

OCTOBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Pond Walk
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 1 st Fish stocking
13	14 Thanksgiving Monday	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fall Trout Derby	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre (hosts – Toners)
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20 Christmas Tree Delivery	21	22	23 Fall clean up & tree lot set up Euchre (one host needed)
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

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	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
Bill Rodrigues	519-455-7905
Bill Smith	519-434-3799

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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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

Website Administrator and 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
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

For the member that has it all!!!

Believe it or not, Christmas is just around the corner. After many holiday seasons together, my wife and I often find it difficult to select that "special" gift. Although I am still in the same predicament as last year, my wife and I may be able to help you out this year.

This club is a special place for me. My wife recognized this and was inspired to write a story about the history of our club. The book is called "A "chinwag" about the Western Ontario Fish and Game Society. Over a period of several months, she sorted through historical records and documents, scanned pictures old and new, and talked to anyone she could find that might have a tidbit of information concerning our Association.

For 138 years, this club has persevered. We have faltered, but we have survived. There is a lot of history and stories behind the scenes and we have the opportunity to share that story with our members.

Upon the completion of this book, we made the decision to provide an additional copy to WOFGPA. Due to the overwhelming appreciation of this book by our members, it was decided to publish twenty five additional books and offer them to the general membership at a cost of \$20.00 per book. If you wish to purchase a copy, please speak to me directly.

If you would like to view the club's copy, it is available at each meeting and can be signed out through the Secretary, Teresa Couture.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

POND WALK & GARBAGE PICKUP

On Sat. Oct. 5, Andre Koch is organizing another leisurely walk around the pond.

This walk serves two purposes. The first is to enjoy the company of others as you explore an area around the pond where most people don't venture. The second purpose is to pick up garbage that has blown there or been left by others.

Please meet Andre in the club parking lot at 9:00 am. All garbage bags will be supplied. Wear waterproof raingear and footwear and bug spray.

Hope to see you there.

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.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lori Tratnjek and her family after the passing of Frank in late August.

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello. These members include: Tracy Stewart, Gary Carew, Walt Seliski, Neil Moore, Mario Carducci and Bill Rodrigues.

Happy 80th Birthday wishes are sent to Umberto Toso and his twin brother Benito.

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.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Mark your calendar and tell your friends, as our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2013
Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 12.00
Non-Members - \$ 15.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Your paid registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.
- Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

For more details about the derby, contact Stan Gibbs. Please let him know if you can assist in any way.

TROUT STOCKING

Stocking the pond with Trout will be done on Sat. Oct. 12 in the mid-morning. Confirmed details will be posted on the Bulletin Boards and on the website.

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, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

EUCHRE



Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting the first Euchre games of the season. The winners for the evening were:

High Man – Andre Koch
High Lady – Arlene Whiteway
Most Lone Hands – George Maudsley, Archie Graham and Howard Pearcey
Mystery Man – Bill Lewis
Mystery Lady – Grace Sanders
50/50 Draw – Dave Jefferies

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. Oct. 26 and will be hosted by Richard and Barb Toner.

One host is required for the November 23rd Euchre.

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. The club would like to have a two person committee who is willing to act as hosts for the Euchre season. This opportunity would be perfect for the spouse of a card player. 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.

Euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Unfortunately, if hosts are not available throughout the balance of the Euchre season in 2014, the monthly Euchre game nights will be cancelled.

WREATH ORNAMENTS, TRINKETS AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

As your travel around to garage sales this summer, keep an eye open for Christmas trinkets and ribbons that can be used by the Wreath Brigade later this year. They can usually be found very cheap. Mark the bag with "Wreath Brigade" and either leave it with the caretakers or bring them to a meeting where they will be stored till needed. Once again, Hermann Szielasko would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Wreath Brigade that have been received so far.

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 and to arrange dropping off your items for 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 WOFGPA 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.

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 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 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 that 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.

Sat. Oct. 5	Pond Walk & Garbage Pickup (Andre Koch)
Thurs., Oct. 10	General Meeting
Sat. Oct. 12	1 st Fish stocking (Stan Gibbs)
Mon., Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun., Oct. 20	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs., Oct. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 26	Euchre (hosts are Richard and Barb Toner)
Thurs., Nov. 14	General Meeting
Wed. Nov. 20	Christmas Tree delivery
Sat., Nov. 23	Fall Clean up (Howard Pearcey) Tree Lot Set up (Don Colborne) Euchre (one host is needed to assist Dave Jefferies)
Thurs. Nov. 28	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 30	Tree Sales begin
Thurs. Dec. 12	General meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 14	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 19	Executive Meeting (held one week early)

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

<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>
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