

## OCTOBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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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**

<b>President</b>	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
<b>1st Vice President</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
<b>Secretary</b>	
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**Committees**

<b>Entertainment</b>	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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<b>House</b>	
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<b>Welfare</b>	
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<b>Fundraising</b>	
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<b>Youth Committee (Adult Chairs)</b>	
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<b>Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter</b>	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

**On-Site Caretakers**  
Please leave a message on the club phone or 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.

**The club website is available at  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://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 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within  
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It seems that the summer has come and gone once again. It is sad to think that the days are getting shorter and a bit cooler. It is a reminder that winter is only a short time away.

There will be many things to do at the club before the cold weather sets in and the snow begins to fall.

On Sat., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, Andre Koch and the Youth Committee will lead a group for a walk around the pond to pick up garbage and enjoy the other side of the water.

The first stocking of the fall is Fri., Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Fall Trout derby is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 19. This is also the date of the draw for the Ultra lite spinning rod so remember to get your tickets before they are gone.

The Xmas tree lot will be set up on Sat., Nov. 22 in preparation for tree sales, which is also the day set aside for the annual fall clean-up. Xmas tree sales begin on Nov. 29 and continue until all trees are sold.

Euchre will each be held monthly from September through April.

Watch your newsletter for details of these upcoming activities and give some time to your club.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, hope to see you around at the club polishing your "jewel" in the heart of the city

Yours in Conservation,  
Stan Gibbs

**WELFARE**

The club sends its condolences at this difficult time to the many members and their families who have had a loved one pass in the past few weeks. The members are: John Findlay who lost his brother; Brian and Terry Allen who lost a sister-in-law; Bert Smit who lost a mother-in-law and Wes and Wendy Lovell who lost a cousin.

Many of the club's members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing, might welcome a quick call to say "hello and what have you been up to?"

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.

**TROUT STOCKING**

The first stocking this fall will be on Fri Oct. 10. The details, when finalized, will be posted on the club Bulletin Boards. Please check the board for updates on this and other club activities.

**RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED**

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretaker(s) for the club. To date, the Executive have addressed the duties as suitable caretaker(s) have not been found.

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person or couple as one person 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 building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work.

Compensation includes a one bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)

Resumes which highlight your experience will be accepted from the general public.

**EUCHRE**

Steve and Teresa Couture hosted the first Euchre game of the season on Sat. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Andre Koch – 70  
High Lady – Marion Hall – 72  
Most Lone Hands – Jerry – 5  
Mystery Man – Dave Jeffries  
Mystery Lady – Cathy Tolsma and Lois D.  
50/50 draw – Teresa Couture

The next Euchre is Sat. Oct. 25. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The door will open at 6:00 pm.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). 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.

Thank you to Cora Thompson for contacting persons to host an evening of Euchre. If you are able to host an evening or would like more information, please contact Teresa Couture.

**POND WALK-ABOUT AND GARBAGE PICKUP**

**Sat. Oct. 11  
9:00 am**

The Youth Committee and adult mentors invite all to meet in the club parking lot at 8:45 am on Oct. 11. Their goal is to take a leisurely walk around the pond to pick up garbage and to keep this sensitive area in pristine condition.

The club will supply garbage bags to everyone on the walk. Please dress warm and wear appropriate footwear as the area tends to get muddy in the fall.

**ZOMBIE MOVIE NIGHT  
Sat. Oct. 18th**

The Youth Committee is hosting a Zombie Movie Night at the club. The movie will begin playing at 7:15 pm and will be shown outside for added "scary" effect.

Dress warm and bring your own lawn chairs and blanket. Come dressed in your Halloween costume for added fun.

There will be food sold at a nominal cost and candy bags for all. There will also be a visit from "special" guests. Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count to purchase the refreshments and supplies.

Please register by contacting Andre Koch at home or by email at softkoch@hotmail.com.

In the event of rain or very cold weather, the festivities will be moved inside the main hall and will not be postponed.

Hope to see you there. Your attendance will encourage the Youth Group as they become more active in club functions.

**ULTRA-LIGHT TRAVEL SPINNING ROD  
DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 19, 2014  
(during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)**

Paul Noble has made an ultra-light, moderate-fast action, travel spinning rod. It is 6 feet long and comes in 4 pieces. This rod is ideal for Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Walleye.

The 300 available tickets cost \$ 2.00 each.

Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours.

Don't delay as tickets soon will be gone! Ticket sales have been very popular and a small number are still available.

**FALL TROUT DERBY**

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

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby.

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2014  
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.

**NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE**

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or is present at club meetings and functions.

There is some merchandise in stock and custom orders can be easily placed.

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.

**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.

**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

**SUGGESTION BOX**

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box is located in the Fish Registry Room. 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 may be sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home in the evenings.

**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 often 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 away from other anglers.

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 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 resident raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

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 in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

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.

### **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 to you. 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.

#### **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. The turtles in the club pond have been reported to be quite aggressive. Watch the fish on your stringer that they don't get bitten by the turtles.

### **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 or leave it in the Suggestion Box.

Thurs. Oct. 9	General meeting
Fri. Oct. 10	Fall stocking (contact is Stan Gibbs)
Sat. Oct. 11	Pond Walk-about (Youth Committee)
Sat. Oct. 18	Zombie Movie Night (Youth Committee)
Sun. Oct. 19	Fall Trout Derby Draw for Ultra Lite Travel Spinning Rod
Wed. Oct. 22	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 25	Euchre (hosts are Jeanette Jurasek and the Youth Committee)
Thurs. Nov. 13	General meeting
Sat. Nov. 22	Euchre Fall Clean up Xmas Tree lot set up 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trout stocking
Wed. Nov. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Nov. 27	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 29	Xmas Tree sales begin and continue until all trees are sold out
Sat. Dec. 6	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 11	General meeting & Turkey Roll
Wed. Dec. 17	Youth Committee (one week early)
Thurs. Dec. 18	Executive meeting (one week early)

Hope to see you at some of the many functions.

<p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b> Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p>	<p><b>My Handyman Bo</b></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><b>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</b></p>
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