

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8 General meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23 First day of autumn	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Meat Shoot for Turkeys
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Thanksgiving	10	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15 Trout stocking (tentative)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23 Trout Derby 30 Kids Halloween Party	24/31	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

Our newsletter is available on our website www.wofgpa.org
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2011 - 2012**

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

Committees

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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
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Todd Stewart	519-668-8442

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Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Todd Stewart	519-668-8442
Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239

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Bob Smale	519-457-6644

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Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

Boat Rack	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

Membership	
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Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Worm Machine (seasonal)	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Fundraising	
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Public Relations	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Political & Environmental Research	
Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Firearms / Hunter Safety	
Emad Hazboun	(starting in 2012)

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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and 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, can attend any of the 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.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB; SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our new caretakers, Bob and Paulette Schmidt, are settling in to their new home and position. They are already doing a great job making improvements and beautifying the grounds of the club. If you are at the club, you should expect them to wander over to say "hi" and introduce themselves. They are very eager to meet the members and be able to match names with faces. At that time, they will also be checking for valid badges so remember to wear yours. Please go out of your way to introduce yourselves to them.

As summer starts to wind down, the activities at WOF&GPA are winding up.

The General meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. Executive meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend and add input to all meetings. This is your club so make the most of it.

Membership renewal and boat rack payment can be made starting at 7:00 pm on a meeting night. You must make your payment at a meeting in order to receive a valid badge sticker. Remember to bring the renewal form with you. If you are unable to make your payment at a meeting, special arrangements can be made through me.

Progressive Euchre is held on the fourth Saturday of most months. Some of the other functions scheduled so far this fall are Fall Trout derby, a Meat Shoot and a Kids Halloween party.

With Christmas less than 4 months away, plans are coming together for Christmas Tree Sales, a Turkey Roll and a Breakfast with Santa.

There is a lot to do at WOFGPA, so come out and enjoy the fun. Hope to see everyone out at one of our many functions.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs, President

DO YOU NEED A RIDE??

If any of WOFGPA longstanding or senior members would like to attend one of our meetings or functions but haven't been able due to health or transportation issues, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. She may possibly be able to match you with someone who lives near you and would be able to pick you up and drive you home afterwards. No promises at this time.

WELFARE

Our condolences are sent to the Smale family after the passing of Bob's sister.

Shirley McGill and Elwin Minchinton's wife are both recovering at home from surgery. Here's to a speedy recovery to both ladies.

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

2nd SUMMER BASS DERBY

A second, but unofficial bass derby was held on Sun. August 7 with 12 anglers coming out for a morning of fishing and camaraderie.

The winner was a Youth Angler, Carter Medeiros, who managed to catch a whopping 156 cm of bass. In addition to a cash prize, this budding young angler gets bragging rights over his older brother.



Carter Medeiros – 2nd Bass Derby Winner

The next derby will be the Fall Trout derby which is scheduled for Sun. Oct. 23. Mark your calendar and watch next month's newsletter for more details.

Trout stockings must be done when the water has cooled enough not to stress the fish. Tentative dates are Oct. 15 and Nov. 19. The stocking is done very quickly and is quite interesting to watch. When the date is finalized, the details will be posted on the bulletin boards at the club.

Please check these boards on a regular basis for details of upcoming events.

ANNUAL DRAW for FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting that you, as a club member, attend, one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.



EUCHRE RESUMES

Calling all Euchre players to the first progressive Euchre game of the season so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members so remember to spread the word that euchre is starting again.

- DATE:** Saturday, September 24, 2011
- HOSTS:** Andre Koch and Cora Thompson
- TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.
- COST:** \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

Progressive 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.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

The January 28, 2012 and March 24, 2012 Euchre games are still in need of hosts. If you are interested and unsure but would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. At each euchre, at least one member of the Executive will be present to assist you should the need arise.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.

POACHING

While we welcome visitors to this site, the use of the club facilities (including the docks) is for members and their guests only. Remember that even as a member, if you are fishing and do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately.

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. All non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY Saturday, October 30

A Halloween party is planned for the afternoon of Saturday, October 30th for "Trick or Treaters" and other scary creatures aged 11 and under. Kids will love the idea of getting to dress up two days in a row.

In order to plan appropriately, an advance registration is mandatory. This party is open to WOF&GPA members, their families and guests (as long as the member is present).

More details will follow in the October newsletter as details are finalized. To keep in the "spirit" of Halloween, we are asking that all volunteers and most parents come dressed in their Halloween costume.

If you would to pre-register, can volunteer, have any game ideas or suggestions for this party, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this afternoon of fun.

MEAT SHOOT FOR TURKEY Saturday, October 1 9:00 am

Come out and try your luck and bring home a "bird" to your family.

Howard Pearcey and Steve Couture will host a Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets. The prizes awarded for this Meat Shoot will be Turkeys, just in time for Thanksgiving.

The cost is \$ 2.00 per round, which will give you 5 shots at the target. The winner will be determined for each game. All ages are welcome. Inexperienced "shooters" will be given ample instruction and supervision.

If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

For more details contact Howard at 519-280-3080 or Steve at 519-668-6257. Hope to see everyone there.



CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE

Club members with some spare C-T "loyalty rewards" that you are willing to donate, please see Howard Pearcey at the next club meeting or one of the many functions. Thank you to those who have contributed spare C-T money so far.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of identical air-pellet guns for the meat-shoots in the fall, to ensure fair competition.

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

Aren't we all! 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 sweep goose poop off the dock and into the water with the brooms that are located at each dock. The job is much easier if it is done regularly. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

FISH REGISTRY

Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.

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.

WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

The hall has a seating capacity of 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 new, full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. No Stag and Doe parties please.

Call Paulette or Bob at the club at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall. You will be pleasantly surprised.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses again starting in 2012. Please watch the club website and check the bulletin boards for further details about upcoming courses and the contact information for Emad.

These courses will be offered to both club members and the public so spread the word.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President, Stan Gibbs, so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

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| Thurs. Sept. 8 | General Meeting |
| Thurs. Sept. 22 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 24 | Euchre (hosted by Cora Thompson & Andre Koch) |
| Sat. Oct. 1 | Meat Shoot (for turkeys) |
| Thurs. Oct. 13 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 15 | Trout stocking (tentative) |
| Sat. Oct. 22 | Euchre (hosted by Steve & Teresa Couture) |
| Sun. Oct. 23 | Fall Trout Derby |
| Thurs. Oct. 27 | Executive Meeting |
| Sun. Oct. 30 | Kids Halloween Party- pre-registration required – contact Teresa Couture |
| Thurs. Nov. 10 | General meeting |
| Sat. Nov, 19 | Christmas Tree Lot set up
Fall Clean up – contact Stan Gibbs
2 nd Trout stocking (tentative) |
| Thurs. Nov. 24 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 26 | Euchre (hosted by Teresa Couture & Andre Koch)
Christmas tree sales begin |
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**Call Paulette or Bob at the club
519-681-2370 for details.**