

SEPTEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



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September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Youth Committee Meeting	21 Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30				

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11 *Pond Walk-about & garbage pickup *Stocking
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Zombie Movie night
19 Fall Trout Derby & Draw for fishing rod	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Euchre (hosts needed)
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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
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
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Bert Smit	519-472-5624

Grounds

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Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Dan Efford	519-474-6488
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Joe Isenor	519-681-4301
Howard Pearcey	226-224-6605
Bert Smit	519-472-5624

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
Brian Allen	519-668-1908
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Jim Graham	519-681-0975
Joe Isenor	519-681-4301
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875
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Boat Rack

Don Colborne	519-686-9559
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Membership

Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
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Newsletter

Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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Fundraising

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Steve Couture	519-668-6257

Youth Committee (Adult Chairs)

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Jeanette Jurasek	519-685-0237
Sue Ann Moyer	226-926-3992

Club Merchandise

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

Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Political & Environmental Research

Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter

Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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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.



**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 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

This past weekend, our Association showed its appreciation to all the volunteers that helped out since September 2013.

We enjoyed a hearty meal on the front lawn in the picturesque setting that is our own. The meal was catered by Belmont Town Restaurant & Catering and not a single empty belly left the property.

I am almost at a loss for words when trying to express my deepest gratitude to all those that make this club tick. Did you know that well over sixty people and their spouses were invited? That means approximately thirty percent of our members volunteered their free time last year, and this number keeps climbing every year. I am sure that you would be hard pressed to find this kind of involvement in most other clubs.

This year has been especially difficult due to the club being without full time caretakers; a lot of people have joined in to keep the club clean on the inside, beautiful on the outside and running smoothly.

So once again I would like to thank you all, a job well done!

For those that would like to attend next year's event, join in. I would not mind in the least inviting a few more of our members to show appreciation for how the volunteer their valuable time to better the club.

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

Our thoughts at this time are with the family of Jack Creed, a former club Director. Jack passed away after a sudden illness in late August. A celebration of Jack's life will be held at WOFGPA on Sun., Sept. 28 beginning at noon. Jack's family welcomes club members to this celebration of Jack's life.

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.

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 a commission on hall rentals.

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

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

The club website is www.wofgpa.org

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!

EUCHRE RESUMES Sat. Sept. 27th

Steve and Teresa Couture will host the first Euchre game of the season on Sat. Sept. 27th. 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). 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 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. If additional hosts are not available throughout the balance of the Euchre season, the monthly Euchre game nights risk being cancelled.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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. While on their walk, they will learn about the ponds area, natural flora and fauna.

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.

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.

TROUT STOCKING

The first stocking this fall will be on Sat. Oct. 11. The details, when finalized, will be posted on the club Bulletin Boards. Please check the board for updates on this and other club activities.

UNOFFICIAL (2nd) SUMMER BASS DERBY

This derby was held on Sun. August 10th. Andre Koch would like to thank all the volunteers who assisted in making this a memorable derby.

The winners of this unofficial derby who hold bragging rights with witnesses present were:

1st place	Stan Gibbs	105 cm
Largest Bass	Robert Palmer	24.5 cm

**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

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.

Mon. Sept. 1	Labour Day – Stat holiday
Thurs, Sept 11	General Meeting
Wed., Sept. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 27	Euchre (hosts – the Coutures)
Thurs. Oct. 9	General meeting
Sat. Oct. 11	Fall stocking (contact is Stan Gibbs)
	Pond Walk-about and clean up (Youth Committee)
Sat. Oct. 18	Zombie Movie Night (Youth Committee)
Sun. Oct. 19	Fall Trout Derby
	Draw for Ultra Lite Travel Spinning Rod (tickets available to members only from the Youth Committee at each function)
Wed. Oct. 22	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 25	Euchre (hosts are needed)
Thurs. Nov. 13	General meeting
Sat. Nov. 22	Euchre (hosts needed)
	Fall Clean up
	Xmas Tree lot set up
	2 nd Trout stocking
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)

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year.

The complete event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website at www.wofgpa.org

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