

SEPTEMBER 2016



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SEPTEMBER

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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 Youth Committee Meeting	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30	

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pig Roast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 1 st Stocking
9 Thanksgiving	10	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15 Pond Walk and Clean up
16 Fall Trout Derby	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23/30	24/31	25	26 Youth Committee meeting	27 Executive meeting	28	29

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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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 Executive meeting and questions and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.

WELCOME RAY AND BARB SMITH TO WOFGPA

Our new caretakers, Ray and Barb Smith were formally introduced to many of the club's members at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner in late August. We would like to welcome them to the fishing club, this "Jewel in the heart of London." We hope they will stay with us for many years.

A big "Thank You" to everyone who chipped in to keep the club running smoothly when it was without resident caretakers. Give yourselves a pat for all you have contributed to better the club.

Once Ray and Barb get settled in to their new home, they will assume the caretaker duties. If you are at the club, drop in to say hi to Ray and Barb. They love to meet new people and chat.

Members are asked to remember that the caretakers do not accept any monies for membership, and should only be approached for emergency purposes concerning club matters. Feel free to talk about hall rentals since they will be the key contacts for that purpose.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs, President

VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

Each August, WOFGPA holds an Appreciation Barbeque to thank its many members who have volunteered at one of the many functions or who have assisted the club in some special way.



Some of WOFGPA's many volunteers over the past year and their guests pose for a picture following the Appreciation Day meal. Kudos to all for your contributions.

All members pledged to assist, when possible, in making this "Jewel in the heart of London" really shine. To assist at any function or venture, make contact with any of the Executive, committee chairs or just show up a bit early. Remember to add your name to the record when you volunteer at club events. The little bit you give of yourself will come back to you tenfold.

WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the newest members. Remember to introduce yourself at one of the many functions or projects.

BOAT RACK SPOT

Would the owner of the orange canoe in spot # 23 please contact Don Colborne as soon as possible?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our event calendar for 2016 – 2017 is posted on the club's website at www.wofgpa.org. 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 and on the club website, www.wofgpa.org

If you are interested in joining one of our many committees, please contact the current Chairperson. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee. This summer's events are:

Mon. Sept. 5	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 8	General meeting
Wed. Sept. 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 24	Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)

Sat. Oct. 1	Pig Roast (tickets on sale now)
Sat. Oct. 8	1 st trout stocking
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct. 13	General meeting
Sat. Oct. 15	Pond Walk and Clean up
Sun. Oct. 16	Fall Trout Derby
Sat. Oct. 22	Euchre (hosted by Youth Committee)
Wed. Oct. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 27	Executive meeting

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

WELFARE

Our wish for speedy recovery goes out to Tom McGill and Mrs. Minchinton as they recover at home.

Congrats to the club President, Stan Gibbs, who recently celebrated a birthday, his retirement and then headed out on an Alaskan cruise with his wife, Cindy, all within the same week.

Many club 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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

in order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.



**WEST NILE VIRUS ALERT -
INFECTED MOSQUITOS
FOUND IN SOUTHEAST LONDON**

On Aug. 15, 2016 the London Free Press reported the London Middlesex Health Unit have confirmed mosquitoes infected with the West Nile virus were found in southeast London, specifically in the Pond Mills area

West Nile virus can cause flu like symptoms in its mild form and also can develop into a very serious illness for some people.

A person can reduce their risk of being stung by a mosquito infected with West Nile virus by following simple measures, such as:

- By removing all standing water from their property, you remove the mosquito breeding habitat.
- Wear light coloured, long sleeved shirts and pants
- Use an insect repellent with DEET when venturing outdoors.

The WOFGPA pond is in the immediate area where West Nile has been positively detected. Our members are strongly advised to take precautions when visiting at the club property and pond. The mosquitos are especially active in the early morning and evening, although they are around all day long.

The London Middlesex Health Unit has been monitoring many sites for West Nile infected mosquitos. For more information, visit the London Middlesex Health Unit at www.healthunit.com



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars.

DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2016
TIME: 7:00 pm SHARP (arrive earlier than 6:45 to ensure you get a seat to play).
COST: \$ 5.00 per player

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening.

A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for 2017.

**FALL TROUT STOCKING
Saturday, October 8th**

This date has tentatively been set for the fall Trout stocking. Details will be posted on the bulletin boards as arrangements are finalized and the date confirmed.

Please check the bulletin board for updates.

**PIG ROAST
(A taste of Italy)
Sat. Oct. 1**

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the trimmings and wine supplied with your meal on Sat., Oct. 1 at the club. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:00 pm with dinner served around 6:00 pm. The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring. Hopefully, with good attendance, we can make this great idea from Andre and Lou an annual event.

The limited number of tickets are \$ 20.00 per person and can be purchased from Andre Koch or Lou Liberatore.

Please note that all tickets are by advance purchase only so that an accurate amount of supplies can be purchased for the night. Don't delay as tickets are selling quickly.

**POND WALK AND CLEAN UP
Saturday October 15th**

The Youth Committee and Andre Koch will be hosting a walk around the club pond to pick up any garbage that has been left.

Members will meet in the parking lot before starting out on the walk at 9:00 am.

Garbage bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for the often damp and muddy conditions.

**FALL TROUT DERBY
Sunday, October 16th**

Mark your calendar and tell your friends that 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.

Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 15.00
Non-Members - \$ 18.00
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.
- 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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” navy golf shirt and “camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered “bucket” hats can be purchased for only \$15.00 each.

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

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 and way 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 finished cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

As there is currently an abundance of Black Crappie in the 8 – 10 inch size, please take them but remember to take only enough for one meal.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Always record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area before you leave the club.

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.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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 e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

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 maximum seating capacity of 80 persons (which includes all children), which makes it just the right size for a wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Please contact Barb and Ray Smith at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe party rentals.

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 other member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.



Volunteers gathered for a dinner, with entertainment provided by Truelove Ways (Cathy Truelove & Dale Sewers), a well-known London duo.

<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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