

## APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER



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### April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Good Friday	7 Easter Breakfast
8 Easter Sunday	9 Easter Monday	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14 Spring Clean Up Day & Trout stocking
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Spring Trout Derby	23	24 Fishing League	25	26 Executive meeting	27	28 Pot Luck and Euchre
29	30					

### May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Fishing League	2	3	4	5 Meat Shoot
6	7	8 Fishing League	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Ladies Only Derby
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Fishing League	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day (STAT)	22 Fishing League	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 Fishing League	30	31		

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Our newsletter is available on our website [www.wofgpa.org](http://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**

<b>President</b>	
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<b>1st Vice President</b>	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Directors</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
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**Committees**

<b>Entertainment</b>	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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<b>House</b>	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	519-280-3080
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450
Todd Stewart	519-668-8442
<b>Grounds</b>	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Don Finch	519-438-7742
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Todd Stewart	519-668-8442
Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239
<b>Ponds</b>	
Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-280-3080
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
<b>Welfare</b>	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875
<b>Boat Rack</b>	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
<b>Membership</b>	
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<b>Newsletter</b>	
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**Fundraising**

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**Political & Environmental Research**

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**Firearms Certification / Hunter Safety**

Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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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 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.

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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](http://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

Thank You!!!

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the support I received at the elections. If you have not already heard, I was re-elected as you President for another term. A lot has stayed the same in your Executive body although there were a couple of changes. I guess we must be doing a good job.

This year promises to be another good one for us; we have some new ideas to work with and some old ones that need repeating. Please try to attend a general meeting to meet your new Club Executive and bring forth any ideas or concerns that you might have. Of course, members are encouraged to attend both the General and Executive meetings. Once again, thanks.

On another topic, I will be the Chair for the Ponds Committee, and will be hosting most of our derbies and organizing the Fishing League. To take part in the Fishing League, all that is required is your presence on Tuesday nights starting April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm and goes till dark. The cost is \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. You can also get points from finishing in the top three at most of our derbies.

Hope to see you there.

Stan Gibbs

## WELFARE

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 by phone at 519-652-2875. They will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

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. The winner of the free one-year membership was Bob Smale. Congratulations Bob!

At each General Meeting, held on the second Thursday of the month, we hold monthly meetings draw. The winners in March were:

Steve Couture – cap with light

Lloyd Thompson – Road / Car Safety Kit

Congratulations Steve and Lloyd!

## FIREARMS CERTIFICATION, HUNTER SAFETY AND BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former FAC instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses, which are open to both club members and the public so spread the word. Club members will get a discounted rate.

Emad may be contacted at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com for further details.

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

We need a Grounds Committee Chair for this year. If you are interested in being the new chair and wish more details, please call Steve at home at 519-668-6257 (after 7:00 pm or weekends).



## EASTER BREAKFAST

**Date:** Saturday, April 7, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 am until 11:00 am

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 for adults

\$ 3.00 for ages 2 – 5 years old

No charge for children under 2 years old

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, toast, orange juice and tea or coffee.

The children can enjoy colouring while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Easter Bunny will visit and hand out goody bags to all the children who finished their breakfast. Bring your family and friends for an enjoyable Saturday morning breakfast before everyone goes about their day.

## 3rd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

**Hosts:** Andre Koch and Stan Gibbs

**Date:** Saturday, May 12, 2012

**Registration:** 7:30 am

**Derby Time:** 8:00 am till noon

**Cost:** Members - \$ 12

Non-members - \$ 15

Girls (12 and under) - \$ 5

Meal cost for assistants and volunteers - \$ 5

Chef Andre and his assistants are planning a hearty luncheon which will be served around 12:15 pm. There will be prizes for the top 3 winners. The winner's name will go on the Ladies Only Derby plaque which is displayed in the club hall.

This is the time for the ladies to show the men how angling is really done. Hope to see all the ladies there. Let us make this the biggest tournament yet!

## JIGG'S DINNER THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Jigg's Dinner on March 31. This included the new and old Executive, many committee members and also some spouses. Without all of your assistance, this dinner wouldn't have been as memorable as it was. The tastes and selection of all the food available was truly amazing. Kudos for a job well done!

## GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

If you notice goose poop on the docks, please take a few moments to sweep it away with the brooms located at each dock. Your small effort will make a big difference in the enjoyment of your club. Thank you for your efforts.

### SPRING CLEAN UP & TROUT STOCKING

On Sat, April 14, a crew of volunteers will meet at 8:00 am to clean up the club grounds after the winter. A number of tasks are planned. Please bring your own rake and work gloves. Refreshments will be provided.

Around 10:00 am, a stocking of 1200 lbs. of Trout will arrive. These trout are transferred to the water very quickly to minimize stress. Please come dressed to be splashed. If you choose to come and watch, we ask that you position yourself out of the way of those involved with stocking.

A second stocking of 800 lbs. of Trout will happen on Sat. April 28, probably mid-morning. Assistance will be required and details will be posted on club bulletin boards. If you are able to assist with these stockings, please confirm with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 (evenings).

### SPRING TROUT DERBY

**Host:** Stan Gibbs and Andre Koch  
**Date:** Sun. April 22  
**Registration:** 7:30 am  
**Derby Times:** 8:00 till noon All anglers fishing from the shoreline and all boats will start from the dock.  
**Cost:** Members - \$ 12  
Non-members - \$ 15  
Youth (aged 12 and under - \$ 5

Meal cost for assistants and volunteers - \$ 5

The winner with the overall longest length of trout will have their name put on a plaque at the hall and will also receive a prize. Prizes will also be awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Adult and Youth Divisions. A special prize will be given to the angler who catches the Mystery Fish.

Hope to see you there for a great morning of angling with the gang.

### SPRING MEAT SHOOT

**Date:** Sat. May 5  
**Time:** 9:00 am start  
**Contact:** Howard Pearcey  
**Cost:** \$ 2.00 per game

Another Meat Shoot has been planned due to the popularity of previous events. Five hams will be available to be won this spring. For those who haven't attended a Meat Shoot, it is done in the basement of the club with pellet guns and targets. The cost is \$ 2.00 per game, which will give you 5 shots at the target. If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club. There is no age limit for this event. This is a great opportunity for the young members to learn to shoot while receiving lots of pointers from the adults.

### EUCHRE

**Please note that starting in September, the Euchre games will start at 7:00 pm sharp, instead of 7:30 pm.**

Thank you to Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent for hosting the March Euchre. The selection of food for the luncheon was great.

The winners for the evening were:  
High Man – Howard Pearcey (70)  
High Lady – Arlene (76)  
Most Lone Hands – Steve Couture, Zam Fakira and Gail Gifford (4)  
Mystery Man – George Maudsley  
Mystery Lady – Susan Brown and Grace Sanders

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 and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

**Next Euchre is a Pot Luck & Euchre:** Sat., Apr. 28 hosted by Stan Gibbs & Mary Degan.  
**Time:** The Pot Luck dinner starts at 6:00 pm. Please leave all your serving utensils at home. The club has plenty and it will avoid confusion. Make your containers easily identifiable. Games start at 7:30 pm SHARP!  
**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per player.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to progressive Euchre, as your partners will constantly change throughout the evening. Hope to see you there!

### WREATH MAKING SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Hermann Szielasko thanks everyone who has already donated unwanted Christmas trinkets, ornaments and ribbons to the Wreath Brigade. It is greatly appreciated.

As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside these items. We have also found that garage sales offer an amazing inexpensive selection. If you have any additional items for donation, please label the bag or box with "Hermann – Wreath Brigade". You can leave it with the caretakers or bring it to any meeting or function. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

On a similar note, Hermann is offering his skills to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors for your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payment, he is asking that you make a donation to the Club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting our costs for the next season. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

### **PETS AT WOFGPA**

Recently, an elderly resident raccoon with distemper was removed from the club property by Animal Care and Control. This disease is easily transmissible to dogs, which could come in contact with the feces of infected, wild animals. Please make sure your pet is up to date on all vaccines.

If you choose to bring your dog to the club, it must be leashed and in your control at all times. The City of London has off-leash parks to accommodate those individuals who choose to allow their dog to run freely. Do not allow your pet to run loose in the woods.

### **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, which continues to grow.

All new members are encouraged to attend any and all of our events. Hopefully, we will meet everyone in the near future at one of our many functions and be able to put a face and name together.

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

We have pens, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and 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 at 519-652-2875, or see him at a meeting.

### **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.

Please take a few moments to review your daily catch limits that are set according to your membership type.

### **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.

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

Call the club caretakers, Paulette or Bob Schmidt at the club at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall. The hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties.

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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. There are no General Meetings held in the months of July and August. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Here is an opportunity for you to be involved at your club and offer fresh ideas. Hope to see some new faces there.

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| Fri. April 6    | Good Friday   |
| Sat. April 7    | Easter Breakfast  |
| Mon. April 9    | Easter Monday   |
| Thurs. April 12 | General Meeting – 7:30 pm start                                       |
| Sat. April 14   | Trout stocking – 10:00 am approx.                                     |
|                 | Spring Clean Up Day – 8:00 am start                                   |
| Sun. April 22   | Spring Trout Derby – 8:00 am start                                    |
| Thurs. Apr. 26  | Executive meeting – 7:30 pm start                                     |
| Sat. Apr. 28    | Pot Luck & Euchre – hosts are Stan Gibbs & Mary Degan – 7:30 pm start |
| Sat. May 5      | Meat Shoot – 9:00 am start  |
| Thurs. May 10   | General Meeting – 7:30 pm start                                       |
| Sat. May 12     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Ladies Only Derby – 8:00 am start              |
| Sun. May 13     | Mother's Day  |
| Mon. May 21     | Victoria Day – Statutory holiday                                      |
| Thurs. May 24   | Executive meeting – 7:30 pm start                                     |
| Thurs. June 14  | General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw – 7:30 pm start                       |
| Sat. June 16    | Garage Sale – 7:30 am start (setup earlier)                           |
| Sun. June 17    | Father's Day  |
| Sun. June 24    | Kid's Activity Day – To be announced                                  |
| Thurs. June 28  | Executive Meeting – 7:30 pm start                                     |

Mark your calendars with these events so you don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to contact any committee chair or attend any meeting to offer fresh ideas or perspective. You can sign up for a committee at any time simply by contacting the committee chairperson.

The full event calendar for the 2012 – 2013 season is available on the website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)). Please check this schedule for upcoming events so you don't miss out on the fun.

Your input is what makes WOFGPA truly "your club". All we ask is that you become an involved member.

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