

## APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Vintage Camera Sale
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 1st Trout stocking Grounds mtg
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Easter Breakfast (New menu)
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Pot Luck & Euchre Spring Clean up
27 Spring Trout Derby	28	29	30			

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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
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
<b>Secretary</b>	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Directors</b>	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

**Past Presidents**

John Manvell	519-455-3627
Bill Rodrigues	519-455-7905
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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

**Grounds (Chair needed)**

Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
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Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239

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Brian Allen	519-668-1908
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Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Jim Graham	519-681-0975

**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
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**Youth Committee**

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Jeanette Jurasek	519-685-0237

**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
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**Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter**

Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132
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**On-Site Caretakers**

Please 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](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 is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Our site 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

If it ain't broke don't fix it!!!

That seems to be the consensus of the General Membership at our annual Elections night.

I like to think that all of the re-elected Officers and Directors who did such a great job last year, just had to be put back in office for another term. In my opinion that is correct!

I truly am honoured and privileged to have worked with such a great group of people. In the last year, your Executive has kept our club running smoothly and we are financially sound, but let's not forget all the people that worked with us on all the various committees, without their help the Executive's efforts would not amount to much.

So I am looking forward to another year working with old friends and I expect to make many new ones. We have many new projects to accomplish this year, including many successful events we know that the members look forward to attending.

We will do our best to make you proud to belong to "The Best Kept Secret In London". So once again thank you all for your continued support.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## WELFARE

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.

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

After a long, courageous battle with cancer, one of our members, Peter Tolsma passed away on Wed., March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are prayers are with his family during this difficult time. Peter is survived by his wife Cathy, and their family: Michael, Nikki (David and their daughter Noel), Ryan and Kyle.

## VINTAGE CAMERA SALE

On Sat. April 5 from 11:00 till 3:00 pm, the club is host to a vintage camera sale. There is no admission cost.

This event is an excellent chance to pick up accessories for your older favorite camera, or browse around for a new favourite hobby or ask advice of several well-informed camera hobbyists.

If you are interested in renting a table to sell your "old" camera and accessories, please call Teresa Couture who can provide you with details. The cost of table rental will be split equally by all participants.

## CLUB CHAIRS

**The club is selling off the "old" club chairs at a cost of \$ 5.00 each. There are only 30 remaining and will be sold off on a first come basis. If interested, please contact Lawrence Lainchbury to arrange to pick them up.**

## EASTER BREAKFAST

(NEW MENU)

Sat. April 19, 2014

9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to everyone.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

\$ 5.00	Adults
\$ 3.00	Children (2 to 5 years)
No charge	Children (under 2 years)

There will be craft table hosted by the club's new Youth Committee and also colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart).

## EUCHRE

The March Euchre games were hosted by Dave Jeffries, Cora Thompson and Teresa Couture. Thanks for doing such a super job.

The winners were:

High Man – George Maudsley (79)  
High Lady – Cora Thompson (69)  
Most Lone Hands – Andre Koch (6)  
Mystery Man – Lloyd Thompson and Bob Powers  
Mystery Lady – Bonnie Earle  
50/50 Draw – Teresa Couture

On April 26th, we will host the Pot Luck and Euchre. The meal will start at 5:30 pm with the doors opening at 5:00 pm. Please leave all your serving utensils at home to avoid confusion. If you are bringing a hot dish, please bring a hot pad to protect the tables.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The cost is \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need a partner to start the night off. The games are open to members and non-members.

## NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders.

Andre has a selection of larger sized of hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). New for this year are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

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.

## ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW & MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. The one year free membership was won by Ron Dennis.

The March monthly meeting draw was a 50/50 and won by Larry Holtzman.

## **1<sup>st</sup> TROUT STOCKING**

**Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup>**

The trout should arrive mid-morning. Details regarding the time will be posted on the bulletin boards once they are finalized. If you want to come help, please dress accordingly.

The second stocking is scheduled for Sat. May 3.

## **GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Sat. April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am**

Anyone interested in being part of the Grounds Committee is invited to the first meeting. The first order of business will be to determine a new chair, who will co-ordinate the works of the volunteers.

The main duties of the committee are grass cutting, garbage collection and clearing sidewalks of snow, including some other tasks. A weekly schedule will be set for accomplishing routine tasks.

The club needs a strong commitment from its volunteers and quite often more than one committee will be involved with maintaining the grounds for all members to use. Many hands make light work.

If you wish to join the Executive in the future, you must first be an active part of a committee. The Grounds Committee is an excellent first step. If you have an idea to improve the club, let one of the committee chairs or the Executive know.

Do you have a trade, skill or hobby that might benefit the club? As Canada's oldest volunteer-based conservation club, it is the efforts of its members that fulfill the club's mandate and keep dues as low as possible.

Remember, many hands make light work.

Howard Pearcey (former Grounds Chair)

## **SPRING CLEAN UP**

**Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am**

As with every spring, there is always a list of things that must be done after the winter to keep WOFGPA looking presentable for the members and their guests. A lot of help is needed this spring as the list is fairly long.

A few of the tasks that are scheduled for this cleanup day include: raking the lawns and garbage pickup, regrading parking lot and general clean up around the club grounds. The picnic tables will need to be checked and repaired. Bring your own rake, hoes, lawn and hand tools. An extra wheel barrow or two will come in handy.

The new Grounds committee Chairman will be determined on April 12th.

## **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.

## **SPRING TROUT DERBY**

**DATE:** Sun., April 27  
**TIME:** Register at 7:30  
**Derby:** 8:00 till noon  
**COST:** Members \$ 12.00  
Non-Members \$ 15.00  
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)  
**HOST:** Stan Gibbs

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

## **5TH ANNUAL LADIES' ONLY DERBY**

**DATE:** Sat., May 10  
**TIME:** Register at 7:30  
Derby 8:00 till noon  
**COST:** Members \$ 12.00  
Non-Members \$ 15.00  
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

**Assistant's meal** \$5.00

**HOST:** Andre Koch

The format will be as follows:

Only ladies may angle trout using one rod at a time but an assistant may accompany them. The assistant cannot directly cast or handle rod to land the fish. Either of these actions will disqualify the catch as it is not caught by the lady. Their help is restricted to baiting hooks, netting fish, operating the boat (if you have one), and securing lunch. Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's.

At noon all trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the men folk and served as a side at lunch. After the meal, prizes will be awarded to the three (3) top ladies with the longest Trout length in both adult and youth divisions. Members will be allowed to fish after 12:00 pm and daily catch limits will apply after that time.

## **SUGGESTION BOX**

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box will be relocated into the hall by the washrooms from its current location in the Fish Registry Room. A lock will be put on it. 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 sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home in the evenings

**PLEASE PATRONIZE  
THE BUSINESSES  
THAT ADVERTISE  
IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER**

## 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

### 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.

Payments mailed to the club will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership)

#### 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 snow or on 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 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

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.

## 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.

It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be by attending many of these club events.

Sat. April 5	Vintage Camera Sale
Thurs. April 10	General Meeting
Sat. April 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Trout stocking
	Grounds Committee meeting
Sat. April 19	Easter Breakfast (New Menu)
Wed. April 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. April 24	Executive Meeting
Sat., April 26	Spring Clean up
	Pot Luck Euchre
Sun. April 27	Spring Trout Derby
Sat., May 3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trout stocking
Thurs. May 8	General Meeting
Sat. May 10	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 11	Mother's Day
Wed. May 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. May 22	Executive meeting
Thurs. June 12	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 14	Yard Sale
Sun. June 15	Father's Day
Wed. June 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. June 26	Executive meeting
Sun. June 29	Youth Activity Day

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

The event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website.

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

Please telephone the club Secretary, Teresa Couture or leave a message on the club answering machine at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

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.

**THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR  
STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL.**

<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>
<p><b>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</b></p>	<p><b>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</b></p>	<p><b>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</b></p> <p>All Major &amp; Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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