

## August Newsletter



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### August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7 Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
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 Night
25	26	27	28	29	30	Oct 1 – Meat shoot for Turkeys

**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](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**

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Valerie Grahl

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Todd Stewart

Henry Van Eerdewijk

**Ponds**

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Ron Dennis

Brian Ernteman

Andre Koch

Howard Pearcey

Bob Smale

**Welfare**

Tom & Shirley McGill

**Boat Rack**

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**Membership**

Valerie Grahl

**Newsletter**

Teresa Couture

**Worm Machine (seasonal)**

Steve Couture

**Fundraising**

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**Political & Environmental Research**

Steve & Teresa Couture

Stan Gibbs

Lawrence Lainchbury

**Firearms / Hunter Safety**

Emad Hazboun

**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**

I like it when things come together!

Over the past few months, many volunteers at our club have come together in an effort to completely renovate the apartment, which will be the new home to our recently acquired club custodians. The Executive has gone through an extensive interview process, with many applicants that applied for the position.

I think that the couple that we hired will be a very good fit in our association. Robert and Paulette Schmidt are quite anxious to get settled in to their new home and they hope to be all moved in by August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Their extensive background in property management, building superintendents, and self-employment make for a good fit for our need. As with our past custodians, the Fralicks, Robert and Paulette will be available for most on-site concerns and hall rentals. They will not be there to take membership dues or to accept membership applications.

In closing, I would like to thank all the members that put in many hours on this project. I am sure that Robert and Paulette will be happy in their new home.

On behalf of all club members I would like to welcome them to our little piece of heaven and I look forward to working with them. So if you see a couple of new faces around the club, stop and say "Hi". I am sure they will appreciate the welcome.

Yours in Conservation - Stan Gibbs, President

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS - RENEWALS**

You must be present at a meeting to renew your membership and receive new badge sticker. If you cannot make it to a meeting to pay your renewal, you may contact Stan Gibbs and make special arrangements to meet. Reminder, do not mail your renewal payment as this is unacceptable,

**WELFARE**

Our condolences are Steve and Teresa Couture after the sudden passing of Steve's mother, Janet Couture, on July 11.

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.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> SUMMER BASS DERBY**
**Sun. August 7, 2011**

A second, but unofficial bass derby will be held on Sun. August 7. The winners will have bragging rights only, with witnesses present, as no names will be on the plaque in the main hall.

Derby Registration: 7:00 am – 9:00 am
Derby times: 7:30 am til 12 noon

Registration fee, paid by 9:30 am latest, will include a barbeque lunch and the chance to win a door prize. An accurate head count is needed to purchase food for lunch.

Members: \$ 12.00
Non-members \$ 15.00
Junior (12 & under) \$ 5.00

**Mark your calendars**
**so you don't miss this event.**

Thirty three anglers came out to try their skill at angling Bass at the official Bass Derby on July 10. The winners were:

Adult Division
1st Bob Smale 175.5 cm
2nd Henry VanEerdewijk 165.0 cm
3rd Dave McGlynn 160.5 cm
Youth Division
1st Jazz Lynn Palmer 86 cm
2nd Jordan Ennis 72 cm
3rd Emily Jurasek 66 cm

Mystery Fish Howard Pearcey 50 cm
50/50 draw Cody Stewart

Thanks to Brian Ernteman and Mike Harb for their assistance with registration and BBQ lunch. Thanks to all others who assisted in making the Summer Bass Derby such a success.

**TIRED OF AVOIDING  
GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS**

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. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

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**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.

**NEW MEMBERSHIPS**

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list. We currently have a waiting list of 18 months to 2 years.

**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.

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**POACHING**

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. 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.

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

**BADGES & BOAT RACKS**

Badges Reminder - 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.



**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! Try to arrive by 7:15 to avoid confusion at registration.

**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

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.

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 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.

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Did you know that WOFGPA can rent the hall for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? A number of people have already rented the hall for their gathering rather than have it at their home and be left with a huge mess to clean afterward.

The hall has a seating capacity of 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small wedding reception, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunion, office Christmas party and birthdays. No Stag and Doe parties please.

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

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**SUMMERTIME SUN AND HEAT SAFETY TIPS**

- When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing sunscreen with a minimum SPF 45. Read the manufacturer's directions and apply sunscreen accordingly.
- Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Sunburns and heat stresses can also occur on cloudy, overcast days.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and fruit juices. Carry a refillable water bottle.
- Protect your eyes, and your children's eyes, by wearing sunglasses that have a UV protective coating.
- Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. This does not mean that a strong, healthy person is safe. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing. If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room IMMEDIATELY. If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, err on the side of caution at once. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

Enjoy the remaining half of the summer.



**CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE**

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of identical air-pellet guns for the meat-shoots in the fall, to ensure fair competition. Club members with some spare C-T "loyalty rewards" that you are willing to donate, please see Howard Pearcey at the next club meeting. The next meat shoot will on Sat. Oct 1 and the meat will be turkeys. Watch September newsletter for details. Come out and try your luck and bring home a "bird" to your family.

**FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES**

Ed Connor, our Safe Firearm and Hunter Safety course instructor will not be offering any further course instruction at WOFGPA. He has decided to relocate to another city to further his education.

WOFGPA would like to thank Ed for his offering these courses at the club and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses again. Please watch the 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.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

- Sun. Aug. 7 2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Bass Derby (unofficial – no name on plaque)
- Thurs. Aug. 25 Executive Meeting
- Thurs. Sept. 8 General Meeting
- Thurs. Sept. 22 Executive meeting
- Sat. Sept. 24 Euchre
- Sat. Oct. 1 Meat Shoot (for turkeys)
- Thurs. Oct. 13 General Meeting
- Sat. Oct. 15 Trout stocking (tentative)
- Sat. Oct. 22 Euchre
- Sun. Oct. 23 Fall Trout Derby
- Thurs. Oct. 27 Executive Meeting
- Sun. Oct. 30 Kids Halloween Party

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