

AUGUST 2012 NEWSLETTER



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August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 2 nd Bass Derby (unofficial)	6 Civic Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25
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September 2012

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2	3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre (7:00 pm start)
23/30	24	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29 Meat Shoot

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

Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association Executive & Committees for 2012 - 2013

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Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers	
Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

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, showing the accounts are in order. 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 newsletter 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 is www.wofgpa.org. Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE MONTHS OF AUGUST. GENERAL MEETINGS RESUME IN SEPTEMBER.

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE FOR RENEWAL IN AUGUST, YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 23rd TO REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. PAYMENTS MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WITH THE CARETAKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THE EXECUTIVE MEETING, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS ONLY.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you are sitting down to read this newsletter, summer will be in full gear.

Over the past two weeks, we have had some of the hottest weather that I have experienced in a long time. Unfortunately when it gets hot, like it has been the trout seem to go into hiding, but rest assured they are still in the pond. If you are patient enough, they can still be had, just ask John Ritchie as he seems to find them where others can't.

If you are an avid angler, our pond offers a lot of excitement with other species such as bass, crappie and some perch. The large turtles in the pond are getting brave and will proudly eat your catch right off your line or stringer.

Let's not forget the other attractions our club has to offer: the abundance of wild life and an immense population of different birds to observe. We also boast a tiny piece of the Carolinian forest with amazing plants to see. Often my favorite times are spent just sitting on one of the docks with a Timmies, and chillin' out. There are also marked trails and boardwalks throughout the Environmentally Sensitive Areas of Westminster Ponds located around the club property. Access to the trails is gained by: the Tourist Information Centre on Wellington Rd. and also at the intersection of Southdale Rd. and Adelaide St. So just because the fishing has slowed a little, remember at the club, there is still lots to do and see.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours in conservation,

Stan Gibbs

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.

Harvey and Vicky Stirling will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Monday, August 2.

Best wishes for healthier days for Fred Sanders who will hopefully be recuperating at home shortly.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders. Lined jackets with embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a 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. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark. The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. You can join the league at any time.

You can also get points for finishing in the top three in derbies. The standings will be posted weekly on the outside club Bulletin board.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION AND 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

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 clean off the goose poop 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.

KNIFE / SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko 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 Christmas Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs for the next season.

Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

SUMMER BASS DERBY

Sunday, July 8 was a perfect day for the Official Summer Bass Derby as proven by all the anglers who came out for the morning.

The winners were:

Adult Division

1st	Andre Koch	155 cm
2nd	Alex Duffitt	143 cm
3rd	Todd Stewart	141 cm

Youth Division

1st	Carter Medeiros	129.5 cm
2nd	Connor Mitchell	120 cm
3rd	Jazzlyn Palmer	116.5 cm

Largest Bass Jennifer Johnston 38 cm

50 / 50 Draw Bert Smit

Thanks to everyone who assisted in making this derby so memorable.



President Stan Gibbs presents the trophy for the largest bass (38.0 cm) of 2012 to Jennifer Johnston. Jennifer thought that she had snagged another large clump of weeds. The trophy will be on display in the main hall.

2ND BASS DERBY (UNOFFICIAL)

Date: Sunday, August 5

Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am
Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Costs: Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
Member	\$ 12
Non-member	\$ 15

This "unofficial" bass derby is open to both members and non-members. The rules will be provided on the morning of the derby. Andre Koch will be the host of this derby. If you can assist him, please let him know.



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 22, 2012
HOSTS: Steve and Teresa Couture
TIME: New start time is 7:00 pm SHARP!
Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.
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. In progressive Euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

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 and the new start time on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

If you are interested in hosting an evening of Euchre, please speak to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. It is still enjoyable to host an evening and at least one Executive is present should any questions arise

MEAT SHOOT FOR TURKEYS

Sat. Sept 29
9:00 am start time

Come out and try your luck and bring home a "bird" to feed your family. Five birds will be available to be won.

Howard Pearcey will host a Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets. The prizes awarded for this Meat Shoot will be Turkeys, just in time for Thanksgiving.

The cost is \$ 2.00 per round, which will give you 5 shots at the target. The winner will be determined for each game. All ages are welcome. Inexperienced "shooters" will be given ample instruction and supervision.

If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

For more details contact Howard at 519-280-3080. Mark your calendar and we hope to see everyone there.

Please visit our website for newsletters, club history, pictures from the various events and event calendar.

www.wofgpa.org

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. For most events, a contact person is named, if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club, contact them. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

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 committee chairperson or Executive. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.

Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs.

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| Sun. Aug. 5 | Summer Bass Derby (unofficial) |
| Thurs. Aug 23 | Executive meeting |
| Thurs. Sept 13 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 22 | Euchre resumes at 7:00 pm (New start time)
(Hosts: Steve and Teresa Couture) |
| Thurs. Sept. 27 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 29 | Meat Shoot for Turkeys (Host: Howard Pearcey) |
| Thurs. Oct. 11 | General meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 13 | 1st Trout stocking – details to follow in further newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Board at the club
The date of the second Trout stocking will be announced at a time |
| Sat. Oct. 20 | Euchre – held one week early this month |
| Sun. Oct. 21 | Fall Trout derby |
| Thurs. Oct 25 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. Oct. 28 | Kids Halloween Party – pre-registration required although there is no cost for the children |

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed receptacles provided for your cigarette butts. Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. I am 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.

Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use.

A table with hose has been provided for anglers to clean their catch before heading home. Our friendly resident raccoons will gladly feast on the fish remnants. Please rinse the table when done. The water from the fish cleaning table is taken from the pond and is not municipal drinking water.

When out on your boat or canoe, please remember that Ontario laws require an appropriately sized life jacket for each person in the watercraft. These pfd's work best when worn and done up. In the event of a boat tipping, it is almost impossible to get your jacket on while trying to stay afloat and gather your gear and check on others that are swimming with you. Be boat smart!

Please leave your pet at home while you fish. All dogs must be on leash at all times on club property and never left in your vehicle. A barking dog is not appreciated by anglers.

If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as sometimes children 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. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

GENERAL PAINT

1074 Dearness Drive
London, ON
Phone 519 – 686 – 6666

General Paint staff would like to welcome the members to visit their store. This local business is offering a very generous discount on paint purchases to WOFGPA club members.

Please drop in the store soon and let them know that you are a club member.

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.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I am looking for someone who has some experience in fundraising and with completing the permits that are required. If anyone has this knowledge and can help, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725.

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