

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



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December 2011

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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Turkey Roll	9	10 Breakfast with Santa
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18	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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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
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**

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Newsletter
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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.

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



**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

Happy Holiday's!!!

As in years past, the month of December is a very special and busy time around our club.

Recently we received our first load of Christmas trees to be sold on our lot. This event is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the one that uses the most volunteers. I would like to thank Don Colborne and all his helpers who have given and dedicated their time to this endeavor.

In addition to our tree lot, our Christmas Breakfast is coming on December 10th. Breakfast will be served from 9am till 11am with a visit from Santa around 10:30 am. He will be spreading good cheer and surprises for all the good little boys & girls.

One final function of our busy December is our annual "Turkey Roll". This event takes place on the eve of our General Meeting (Dec 8th). We have 15 Birds to raffle off at one dollar per draw. This evening can be a lot of fun; there will be card games and a hockey game on the tube if there is one on. Come out, bring a friend and possibly take a Christmas Turkey home, or one of 10 door prizes. Please come out and support some of our members that will be getting some much deserved recognition for Club related activities.

Please take some time to enjoy some of the functions that your club puts on. It makes it all worthwhile in the eyes of the volunteers that do the work to have a well-attended function.

As a last note my Family and I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

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 achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Congrats to Lloyd and Cora Thompson as they celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary.

Bert Smit and Don Turner have been under the weather and would probably welcome a phone call, just to say "Hello".

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.

The winners of the monthly meeting draw for November were: Brian Ernteman (\$25 Tim Horton's card and Fish Crisp) and also to Bob Hughes (WOFGPA hat).



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 10, 2011 9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. Breakfast is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, hash brown potatoes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea

The cost is very reasonable at:
Adults - \$ 3.00
Children - \$ 1.50 (2 to 5 years)
Children under two years old – no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this event, and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the Tree lot.

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Carefully Inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights. New LED lights are much safer than the "old" ones and very energy efficient.

Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.

Keep all real Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible.

Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness.

Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals? As tempting as it seems in the holiday season, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food.

Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked during the holidays as we enjoy the festivities.

Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.

Have fun with family and friends and remember
– DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE
OR
ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012.



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

\$ 30 each – any type of tree

\$ 40 – larger trees (7 foot and taller)

Candy canes are free

It is that time of year again! Our volunteers will trim your tree to your specifications and give you tips on how to care for the tree over the Christmas holidays.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond. Join the fun!

Saturday, November 26 Tree Sales start and continue until all Christmas trees are sold. If you haven't signed up for a shift or two of selling Christmas trees, you can do so by calling Don Colborne at 519-686-9559.

WREATH BRIGADE

Hermann will once again be heading the Wreath Brigade venture for the club. All wreath making will happen in the club basement and is ongoing, so feel free to come by anytime. It is anticipated that the work will occur most afternoons and occasional mornings and evenings. Please enter the club through the side door. For more details, you can call Hermann at 519-681-6507

TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 8, 2011
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Refreshments, snacks and 10 door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

MEAT SHOOT

The winners of the Meat Shoot held on October 1st were: Andre Koch, Howard Pearcey and Peter Welch.

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.

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.



EUCHRE

Euchre is open to members as well as non-members so remember to spread the word that euchre has started.

Thank you to Andre Koch and Teresa Couture for hosting the November Euchre.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the November Euchre games. Unfortunately the paper with the names was lost so the names cannot be published. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the prize table. The selection and quantity of prizes was outstanding.

Next Euchre: Sat., Jan.28, 2012 and to be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey. There will not be Euchre games held in the month of December.

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

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 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.

The February 25, 2012 Euchre game is still in need of hosts. If you are interested and unsure but would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY & BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses. These courses will be offered to both club members and the public so spread the word.

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

SUPERBOWL XLVI TICKETS

WOFGPA is hosting a Superbowl XLVI party on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

The festivities will start at 4:00 pm, although game kickoff is at 6:00 pm. There will be lots of food, raffled items and door prizes throughout the evening.

Please see Andre Koch, Alex Duffitt or Stan Gibbs to obtain your ticket for only \$ 25.00 each. Tickets are available by advance purchase until January 31st so that we can purchase food accordingly.

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 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 hall has full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. No Stag and Doe parties please.

Call Paulette or Bob at the club 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.

HELP WANTED

A lot of assistance will be needed as the basement undergoes extensive renovation to relocate storage areas and convert the main area into a classroom. Although the list sounds short, there are so many things to be done. The anticipated completion date of this renovation is January 1, 2012.

Now that the basement is completely dry, interior renovations have begun. Lawrence Lainchbury reports that the new storage room for the caretakers is almost done. The work in the new class room area has started.

Howard Pearcey is the contact for this reno project. Help is always welcome and much needed in order to complete the work by the January 1 deadline. If you can assist at all, please call Howard at 519-280-3080.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, 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, either at a meeting or by telephone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Ongoing throughout the month of December will be Christmas Tree sales and the Wreath Brigade. Drop by any afternoon to offer your assistance.

Thurs. Dec. 8	General meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 10	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 22	Executive meeting

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Thurs. Jan. 12	General meeting
Thurs. Jan. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 28	Euchre- hosted by Pat & Ken Lockrey

Sun, Feb. 5	Superbowl XLVI party
Thurs. Feb 9	General meeting
Sat. Feb. 18	Tackle Swap
Thurs. Feb. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 25	Euchre – 2 hosts are needed

Thurs. March 8	General meeting and Elections
Thurs. March 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar. 24	Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent
Sat. Mar. 31	Jiggs' Dinner

Sat. April 7	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 12	General Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck & Euchre – 2 hosts are needed

Mark your calendars with these events so you don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to contact any committee chair to offer fresh ideas or to offer your assistance.

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