

FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER



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FEBRUARY

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1 Superbowl XLIX Party	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14 Valentine's Day and Hockey Day in Canada
15	16 Family Day Ice Fishing Derby	17	18	19	20	21 Tackle Swap
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MARCH

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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**

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Emad Hazboun 519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers

Please leave a message on the club phone or 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 Executive meeting and questions are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.

The club website 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 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the second or fourth Thursday (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 7:30 PM (Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2015-2016 term will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 12, 2015 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2016.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 11, 2015, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination OR provide a written acceptance delivered to Teresa Couture (Club Secretary) on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be available for viewing after February 28, 2015.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

All members are encouraged to get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

WELFARE

Many of the club's members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing, might welcome a quick call to say "hello and what have you been up to?" 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is that time of year once again.

Here we are once again, near the end of another fiscal year which means that club Elections are just around the corner. As I have said many times before, this club, our club is blessed with an excellent group of people whose main objective is to bring you, the members, the best possible club around. I think it is safe to say that this has been achieved.

There is one thing that worries me as your President, and that is the availability of informed people to step in and run the club. For whatever the reason if any of our existing Executive body had to vacate their position, there would be some challenges to overcome.

I am not sure of how many of you were around at the time that I took over the President's position. I was not elected, but had to step in for a very special friend of mine that took ill. Luckily, I was the 1st Vice President at the time and had some limited experience of the club's operation.

Looking ahead, it would be nice to have some new people exposed to the operation of our great club so that in the future we can all rest easy knowing there are dedicated members to carry on our club and its endeavors. All the existing Executive members have been in office in one capacity or another for many years, and their knowledge is priceless, so someone wishing to help out and learn the ropes could greatly benefit from their expertise. In short, what I am trying to say is, to prepare our club for the future, we need some new people to get involved.

So come out on Election night and run for a position, get on a committee or at the very least cast your vote.

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING & ELECTIONS Wed., March 25, 2015 7:00 pm

This committee is open to all youth members who are aged 13 to 17 years and who wish to be very active members are invited to come and be a part of WOFGPA Youth Committee.

The benefits of this committee are almost endless and include:

- Lots of volunteer hours
- Committee work looks great on a resume
- You learn how a board operates
- You get to know other members that are your age
- You have a voice at the club
- If you are aged 16 or 17, your \$ 70.00 Youth fee is waived.

Hope to see a good turnout of youth on March 25.

Andre Koch
1st Vice President

**CELEBRATING
BOB SHIELL'S 50 YEARS OF "LIONISM"
Sunday, February 22
2 til 4 pm**

The Lions Club mission statement is .."Our mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs." Bob Shiell has certainly been an outstanding example of what it means to be a Lion for 50 years.

At this time, the Lions Club would like to invite WOF&GPA members to celebrate with Bob, the 50 years of service that he has given to the Lions.

A reception will be held at WOF&GPA hall on Sunday, February 22 from 2 till 4 pm. There will be a cash bar (beer and wine) and snack foods available.

The Lions Club has asked that members write a short note about Bob, informing them of: how you met, what he has done at WOF&GPA and what he means to you. Please send your submissions with the subject line "Bob Shiell" to the Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com by Sat. Feb. 7. These notes will be presented to Bob at the party.

Hope to see a great turnout.



JIGGS DINNER

It is a WOF&GPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests.

This year, the attendees can expect a hearty dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies and roll with butter. There will also be assorted salads, relish and cheese trays. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee.

Door prizes will also be available.

Date: Sat., March 21, 2015
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar)
Dinner at 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult

**ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
NO RESERVED TICKETS**

Your tickets may be purchased at a function, at every meeting or by contacting Teresa Couture, the club Secretary. Do not delay and miss out on a great dinner with good company, lots of laughter and door prizes. This function is often sold out.

PHOTOS NEEDED

It has come to the attention of the Executive that the club website could greatly benefit from photos taken at the many functions that are held. Currently, our website has only a few photos and many are outdated. If you have taken photos and would like to share them on the club website, please contact the website administrator, Lawrence Lainchbury. Please provide a caption or details of the photo to Lawrence.

ICE FISHING DERBY

On January 18th, 47 anglers came out to show off their ice angling skills. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in making this derby so memorable.

The winners were:

1 st place	Tom McGill	46 inches
2 nd place	Peter Welch	44.5 inches
3 rd place	Joe Isenor	36 inches

The draw was won by Mary Degan

**FAMILY DAY ICE FISHING DERBY
Mon. Feb. 16, 2015
(Mandatory pre-registration required)**

The Executive is pleased to announce that one of our enterprising members, Pat Devincenzo, who also owns Angling Sports in London, will host an ice fishing derby for the whole family to enjoy.

This derby will take place on our pond on Family Day, which is Monday, February 16th, 2015 from 9am till 1pm. There will be prizes for big fish in specific different species, and a good hot lunch to fill you up.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 per angler. Due to limited parking and hall capacity, this event will be held to the first 100 people who have pre-registered and paid at Angling Sports, located on Highbury Ave. just south of Dundas St.

As commonly practiced for all our derbies, no fishing is allowed prior to derby time and only the registered participants can fish the pond during the derby.

EUCHRE

Thank you to Ken and Pat Lockrey for the super job of hosting the Jan. 24th Euchre.

The winners of the evening were:
High Man – Tony Dukic (68)
High Lady – Virginia Walker (65)
Most Lone Hands – Jeff Jurasek (5)
Mystery Man – Andre Koch
Mystery Lady – Bonnie Earle
Draw – Fred Sanders

Remember to mark the next Euchre on Sat. Feb. 28th on your calendar. The evening will be hosted by Tom and Shirley McGill. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April, excluding December. 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. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. 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.

HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA
Sat. February 14, 2015

So far, the weather has been cold enough to make a safe ice rink for the junior teams from George Bray Sports Association to hold pond hockey games at the club early in the afternoon on Sat., Feb. 14th.

All ice fishing holes must be kept well away (50 feet) from the ice rink and should be marked with a flag or small branch for safety.

Assistance is needed maintaining the ice on a regular basis and also is in need of volunteers to assist throughout the day. Please contact Stan if you can help. If you are able to assist with refreshments on this day, please contact Steve or Teresa Couture.

After the GBSA teams are finished their pond hockey games, the rink will be open for skating.

10th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 21, 2015
TIME: Doors open at 9:00 am until 1:00 pm
LOCATION: WOFGPA Club hall
COST: No entrance fee

The annual Tackle Swap allows us to shake off those winter blues and enjoy a few hours indoor exploring interesting information on fishing, hunting, and conservation efforts. You may also want to sell some of that old equipment you have lying around. Previous years have been a great success with many different clubs promoting their club's activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to the visitors.

Preregistration for a reserved table is mandatory. There is a nominal registration fee for a table and reservations can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. Tables will be assigned. To help attract the public as the host club, we are asking all participants donate a prize to be used as one of our door prizes.

Stan is asking members for donations of their unwanted items for the WOFGPA table. If you have anything to donate, please contact Stan as soon as possible.

GUNS AND AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” golf shirts in navy with “WOFGPA” embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or is present at club meetings and functions.

There is some merchandise in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. 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.

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

DANGER – THIN ICE

December weather means a drop in the daily temperature and we know that ice has started to form on the pond. Currently, the ice will not support any weight and there is still plenty of open water, so please stay on the docks to fish.

Here are just a few reminders about pond ice safety:

A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the middle dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration stones. These two areas may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they will never be deemed safe to support any person's weight, including your pet's weight.

Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice. It is the club policy that all dogs be leashed at all times and under the direct control of their owners.

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.

The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.

Always use the “Buddy” system and never venture out alone.

Mark your fishing holes with a flag or small branch – for safety and consideration of others. No ice fishing holes within 50 feet of the ice rink are allowed.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice often does not allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609. The ice derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.

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 January monthly meeting draw was won by Bob Planques. Congratulations Bob!

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 maximum seating capacity of 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



The Clubhouse in winter 2015



The clubhouse circa 1949

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. It will also be posted on the club website at www.wofgpa.org

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 or leave it in the Suggestion Box.

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| Sun. Feb 1 | Superbowl XLIX party (tickets on sale now) |
| Thurs. Feb. 12 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Feb. 14 | Valentine's Day
Hockey Day in Canada (Junior teams from GBSA to visit and play pond hockey) |
| Mon. Feb. 16 | Family Day Ice Fishing Derby (mandatory pre-registration required) |
| Sat. Feb. 21 | Tackle Swap |
| Wed. Feb. 25 | Youth Committee meeting |
| Thurs. Feb. 26 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Feb. 28 | Euchre (hosts: Tom and Shirley McGill) |
| Thurs. March 12 | General meeting and Annual Elections |
| Sat. March 21 | Jiggs Dinner (advance ticket sales started Jan. 8 th) |
| Wed. March 25 | Youth Committee meeting & Elections |
| Thurs. March 26 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. March 28 | Euchre |
| Sat., April 4 | Easter Breakfast |
| Thurs. April 9 | General meeting |
| Sat., April 11 | 1 st stocking
Spring Clean-up |
| Sun. April 19 | Spring Trout Derby |
| Wed. April 22 | Youth Committee meeting |
| Thurs., April 24 | Executive meeting |
| Sat., April 25 | Pot Luck dinner & Euchre |

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

Remember to maximize your WOFGPA membership by participating in all the wonderful activities.

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p>Murray Howard, President Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com</p> <p>Serving the Community since 1968</p>	<p>My Handyman Bo</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>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</p>
<p>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>DRUM LESSONS</p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p>Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
<p>THIS SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOUR BUSINESS AD</p>	<p>JOHN'S FLY MATERIALS 384 Hamilton Road London</p> <p>Phone John at 519-645-0932</p> <p>Fly tying materials Fly Fish tackle & Rod building supplies</p> <p>www.johnsflymaterials.com</p>	<p>ANGLING SPORTS</p> <p>681 Highbury Ave North @ Dundas Street</p> <p>519-649-7429</p> <p>Pat DeVincenzo Owner</p> <p><i>"Your full service tackle shop"</i></p>
<p>Custom furniture making and refinishing</p> <p>Mark Steckle 519-474-6848</p> <p>Visit the on-line gallery at www.custom-wood.net</p>	<p>YOUR AD COULD BE HERE</p>	<p>Lambeth Rod & Tackle Ltd.</p> <p>2404 Main Street London, ON N6P 1R2</p> <p>Steve Plaskett 519-652-5598</p> <p>For your license and all other fishing needs</p>