

## February 2017



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### February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Hockey Day at WOFGPA
5 Superbowl Party	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual 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 2016 - 2017**

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**Newsletter**

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**Club Merchandise**

Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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**Club Caretakers**

Ray and Barb Smith	519-681-2370
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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 & 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 and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.



**Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.**

**INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES  
EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2017**

The Executive has decided that a nominal increase in membership dues is warranted due to the rising costs of operating and maintaining WOF & GPA.

An increase of \$ 5.00 will come into effect for all membership types that come due as of March 1, 2017, (even if you pay your dues in February). The Boat Rack fee will increase by \$ 15.00 per year.

The new rates (as of March 1, 2017,) are:

Family Membership	\$ 150.00
Single Membership	\$ 130.00
Senior Membership	\$ 125.00
Boat Rack	\$ 50.00

There will not be any changes in membership dues for Youth or for a Sponsored Child.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

A Call To All Members

Recently your club Executive has decided to expand the total memberships of our Association. This was done after careful considerations concerning the possible effects on the building, grounds and pond. We did this a few years ago, without much effect and will watch in the future for any changes.

Our club membership base will now be 275 memberships up from 250.

Another consideration was the financial boost it would bring the Association. Since the cost is rising in every aspect of our club's operation, it was thought this would be a good way to stay "in the black", without large increases in membership dues. We still have a few large capital projects that would be nice to complete.

If you see some new people around the property, say hi and make them feel welcome.

With March just around the corner, we are near the end of another fiscal year which means that club Elections are coming up. 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.

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 is 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

**ELECTIONS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2017  
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2017-2018 term will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 9, 2017 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2018.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 8, 2017, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
  - Teresa Couture
  - Secretary – WOF&GPARE: 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.

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 club 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.

Our hope for healthier days ahead goes out to Don Turner, Tom McGill, Gary Carew and Howard Pearcey.

**CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION AND  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend the club on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting). 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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee).

WOFGPA cannot be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list.

## ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, 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 winner of the January monthly meeting draw was Lou Liberatore. Congratulations Lou.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” navy golf shirt and “camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

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

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

## SUPERBOWL “LI” PARTY Sun. February 5, 2017

The Superbowl “LI” 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 speak with Andre Koch to obtain your advance ticket for only \$ 25.00 each.

Tickets are on sale now so don’t delay and miss out on the 51st year of Superbowl celebrations.

## 12th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 18, 2017  
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. 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.

If you have anything to donate, please contact Stan as soon as possible.

## GUNS AND AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

## FAMILY DAY ICE FISHING DERBY

Mon. Feb. 20, 2017

(Family Day Statutory holiday)

What better way to spend “Family Day” than entering an Ice Fishing Derby at WOFGPA! This derby is sponsored in conjunction with Angling Sports.

Registration cost of \$ 10.00 per angler includes: ice fishing, hot lunch and prizes. Pre-registration and payment is mandatory and is limited to 100 anglers.

Pre-registration may be done at either:

- Angling Sports in London (located on Highbury Ave, just south of Dundas St) during normal business hours
- or at a WOFGPA function or prior to the start of a meeting.

Don’t delay and miss out on this limited entry event.

## A NIGHT OF EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting the Jan. 28, 2017 Euchre evening for the 28 players in attendance.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Tim Vogel  
High Lady – Bonnie Earle  
Most Lone Hands – Arlene Whiteway (5). Arlene had the highest score of 83 points but could only win in one category.  
Mystery Man – Tony Dukic  
Mystery Lady – Darlene  
50 / 50 – Teresa Couture

The next Euchre will be on Saturday, February 25, 2017. The games are open to both members and non-members.

The games start at 7:00 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:00 pm to allow the card players to socialize before the games begin. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need to have a partner when you arrive. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Hosts for an evening of Euchre are much needed. If you would like more details, please speak with Teresa Couture.

## FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm til dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby.

## 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 caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing. Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.



## JIGG'S DINNER

Date: Saturday, March 18, 2017

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar)  
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult

**ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY BY MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
(General meeting and Election night)

It is a WofGPA 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.

Teresa Couture, club secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your tickets. Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

Do not delay as this function is often sold out and you will miss out on a great dinner with good company, lots of laughter and door prizes.

## DANGER – THIN ICE

If you choose to ice fish, please stay clear by at least 15 metres of the skating rink area, which is between the main and south docks.

Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. (about 4 inches) thick. 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.

A windmill has been installed to aerate the water. If ice forms around the windmill platform, it will be thin. Please keep clear of the windmill platform as the area around it will never be deemed safe to support any 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 on leash and under direct control of their owners.

The ice conditions are checked frequently. As ice conditions can change from day to day, you are asked to use your own judgement regarding ice safety. 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 and on the club website, [www.wofgpa](http://www.wofgpa).

Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

Sat. Feb. 4	Hockey Day at WofGPA
Sun. Feb. 5	Superbowl LI party
Thurs. Feb. 9	General meeting
Sat. Feb. 18	Annual Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 20	Family Day (Statutory holiday)
Thurs. Feb 23	Youth Committee Meeting & Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 25	Euchre
Thurs. Mar. 9	General meeting & Elections
Sat. Mar. 18	Jigg's Dinner
Thurs. Mar. 23	Youth Committee meeting
	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar. 25	Euchre
Sat. Apr. 8	1 <sup>st</sup> stocking – To be confirmed
Thurs. Apr 13	General meeting
Sat. Apr. 15	Eater Breakfast
Sun. Apr. 16	Easter Sunday
Sat. Apr. 22	Spring Clean up
	Pot luck dinner and Euchre
Sun. Apr. 23	Spring Trout derby
Sat. May 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> stocking- to be confirmed
Thurs. May 11	General meeting
Sat. May 13	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 14	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 25	Youth Committee meeting and Executive meeting

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

## 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, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays.

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

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Please contact the club caretakers, Barb at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe party rentals.



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