

FEBRUARY 2018



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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Tackle Swap
18	19 Family Day Ice Fishing Derby	20	21	22 Youth Committee and Executive meeting	23	24 Pond Hockey with GBSA Euchre
25	26	27	28			

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Annual elections	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Spring Fling – Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction
18	19	20	21	22 Youth Committee & Executive meetings	23	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30 Good Friday	31 Easter Breakfast

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

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Yes, it is still winter. However, there are many opportunities to shake off those winter blues this month at our club.

The ice conditions are favorable for ice fishing and pond hockey at this time, however if you are not sure about the conditions do not venture on the ice.

On February 17th, we will be hosting our annual Tackle Swap. This is a great opportunity to pick up some great deals on new and used equipment. There will also be representatives from different clubs that you can talk to. This event runs from 9am to 1pm.

On February 19th, together with Angling Sports we will be hosting our Annual Family Day Ice Fishing Derby. This is a great time to bring the children out fishing. Last year we had 100 participants and proved to be an excellent fund raiser for our club.

On Feb 24th, ice conditions dependent, we will be hosting our Pond Hockey Day with the George Bray Sports Assoc. This day is quite entertaining and the children have a good time. This event is always looking for volunteers to assist.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2018-2019 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 8, 2018 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2019.

Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 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.

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.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Bob Shiell (aka "Punch – Bob") on Jan. 25th. Our condolences to his family at this difficult time.

Our condolences to the Poshva family after the passing of Viatcheslav. To most members, he was simply known as Poshva.

Our condolences are with the Graham family after the passing of Archie on Jan. 15.

Our wish for healthier days ahead are with Tom McGill.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting 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.

ICE FISHING DERBY Sun. Jan. 7, 2018

This derby was very well attended with 75 anglers catching 35 Trout.

The winners of the day were

Adult Division

1 st	Stan Gibbs	102.5 cm
2 nd	Mackenzie Domouilch	101.5 cm
3 rd	Don Wilson & Matt Berister	100 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Owen Huber	32.5 cm
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Mystery fish	Ken Allen	39 cm
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50/50	Nick Demelo	\$ 116.00
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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this derby so successful and so much fun.

FLY FISHING ROD DRAW Sun. April 15

Once the winners of the Spring Trout Derby have been announced, WOFGPA will draw for a fly fishing reel and rod.

The 3.5-inch fly reel is wood carved, engraved and is in a brass housing. The rod is 4 piece, 9 feet long and 8 weight.

Tickets are limited to 250 at \$ 5.00 each. Please see Andre Koch to get yours before they sell out.

EUCHRE

The Jan. 27 evening of Euchre was hosted by Steve & Teresa Couture. Twenty-eight players came out to enjoy the fun evening of cards.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Tony Dukic (75)

High Lady – Lois Davis (68)

Most lone hands – Dave Jeffries (4). Tony Dukic also had 4 lone hands but could only win in one category

Mystery Man – Fred Sanders and Ed Brown

Mystery Lady – Darlene Dawes

50/50 – Joanne Feere

Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre which is Sat. Feb. 24th. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with the games beginning at 7:00 pm SHARP.

Progressive euchre is a fun filled 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 at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome. If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture.

FAMILY DAY ICE DERBY

Mon. Feb. 19

WOFGPA in conjunction with Angling Sports will host an ice fishing derby on Family Day which is Mon. Feb. 19

The cost of the derby is only \$ 10 and is limited to 100 anglers. Pre-registration before Feb. 19 must be done at Angling Sports which is located at 681 Highbury Ave, just south of Dundas St.

Your registration includes angling (for a total of 3 trout) from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. You will have a hot lunch along with refreshments all morning. Following lunch, prizes will be awarded.

Don't delay in pre-registering for this derby at Angling Sports.



Pat Devincenzo (left) of Angling Sports and Dave (right) are the sponsors for the upcoming Family Day Ice Fishing Derby.

JIGG'S DINNER

Date: Saturday, Sat. April 7

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

Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY BY SAT, MARCH 31.

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.

Tickets are available now for purchase. Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

13th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

DATE: Sat. Feb. 17, 2018

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 of \$ 10.00 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

SPRING FLING DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION Sat., March 17, 2018

WOFGPA will host a Spring Fling on St. Patrick's Day in conjunction with Cathy Truelove.

The evening will begin with a dinner catered by Belmont Catering. After dinner, guests will enjoy dancing to the musical talents of Truelove Ways with special guest appearance by Fine Wine. When taking a moment away from the festivities and dancing the night away, a selection of Silent Auction items will be available for bidding.

This fundraiser was inspired by Cathy Truelove who wished to do something for the club in memory of her late husband Peter Tolsma.

A limited number of advance tickets are available now at only \$ 25 each. You may obtain your tickets by contacting either Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Cathy Truelove at 519-494-9463.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also “Camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA”.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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

DANGER – THIN ICE

A skating rink will soon be formed just off the main docks. If you choose to go ice fishing, we ask that this area is avoided.

As usual, our Canadian winters are composed of many freezing cold days followed by warmer ones. Please use caution on the pond ice at all times. Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. thick.

A windmill 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 will have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they 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 leashed at all times and in 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 monitored regularly although the conditions are not posted. 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.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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 e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

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.

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 is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply. Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening

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

Please contact the club caretaker, 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season should be available soon. It will be posted on the website once the details are finalized.

Thurs. Feb. 8	General meeting
Wed. Feb. 14	Valentine’s Day
Sat. Feb. 17	Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 19	Family Day (Stat holiday)
Thurs. Feb. 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 24	Euchre

Thurs. March 8	General meeting and annual Elections
Sat. March 17	Spring Fling Dinner and Dance
Thurs. March 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. March 24	Euchre
Sat. March 31	Easter Breakfast

Sat. April 7	Jigg’s Dinner 1 st stocking (tentative date)
Thurs. Apr. 12	General Meeting
Sun. Apr. 15	Spring Trout Derby Fly fishing rod draw
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck dinner and Euchre

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.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a “name” on a committee.



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