

# **JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER**



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## **July 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5
6 Official Bass Derby	7	8	9	10	11	12 Movie Night
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee Meeting	24 Executive Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## **August 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Civic Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10 Unofficial Bass Derby	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

**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

Executive

<b>President</b>	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
<b>1st Vice President</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
<b>Secretary</b>	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Treasurer</b>	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
<b>Directors</b>	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
<b>Past Presidents</b>	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
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Committees

<b>Entertainment</b>	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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<b>House</b>	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Bert Smit	519-472-5626

<b>Grounds</b>	
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Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Dan Eford	519-474-6488
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Joe Isenor	519-681-4301
Howard Pearcey	226-224-6605
Bert Smit	519-472-5626

<b>Ponds</b>	
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Brian Allen	519-668-1908
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Jim Graham	519-681-0975
Joe Isenor	519-681-4301
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

<b>Welfare</b>	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

<b>Boat Rack</b>	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

<b>Membership</b>	
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

<b>Newsletter</b>	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

<b>Fundraising</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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<b>Youth Committee (Adult Chairs)</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Jeanette Jurasek	519-685-0237
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<b>Club Merchandise</b>	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

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Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

<b>Political &amp; Environmental Research</b>	
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<b>Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter</b>	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

**On-Site Caretakers**  
Please 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 General and Executive meetings and questions are always welcome. 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 website is available at  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://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](http://www.wofgpa.org). Our site 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.

## VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

During the Executive Meeting on June 26, the following CODE OF CONDUCT was adopted as Appendix F in our Rules and Regulations.

### APPENDIX F – CODE OF CONDUCT

In keeping with the Association's Constitution Section 2 (Purpose) and to further promote the interests of the Association and its members, it is deemed appropriate to adopt a Code of Conduct that applies to all members.

#### 1.0 Member's Rights and Responsibilities

The privilege of holding a membership in the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association, Inc., includes rights and responsibilities to yourself, your peers and the Association in general.

#### 1.1 Members have a right to:

- Be treated fairly, equally and with respect by the Executive, committees and other members
- Fish and socialize in an environment free from all forms of harassment and discrimination
- Privacy and confidentiality concerning records, documents and any other communication that contains their personal information
- Be informed and have the opportunity to be actively involved in Association events and activities
- Voice their opinions regarding the Association and its activities through democratic procedure at any General Meeting

#### 1.2 Members have a responsibility to:

- Behave responsibly and treat other Association members fairly, equally and with respect;
- Follow any reasonable direction or requirement given by the Executive body, a committee chair or authorized member of the Association;
- Not physically or verbally harass other Association members and guests; (not fight, argue, ridicule, threaten, stalk, etc.);
- Not to discriminate against any fellow Association member or their guests;
- Not to damage, steal, misuse Association equipment / assets or another member's personal property while on the Association property;
- Not to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs;
- Not to use offensive language or suggestions (i.e. swearing, gestures, etc.);
- Follow all club safety practices and requirements;
- Refrain from behavior that could offend or embarrass others;
- Maintain the harmony and good name of the Association and its members, when attending the Association and outside in the community;
- Maximize the benefits of Association membership by not only involving themselves in Association events but also contributing to its activities and its future;
- Abide by and uphold the Association's Constitution and its Rules and Regulations.

#### 2.0 Breach of the Association's Code of Conduct

- Conflict(s) brought about by any breach of the Association's "Code of Conduct" by any club member(s) will need to be resolved calmly and with honesty, dignity and confidentiality. When deemed necessary, the Association Executive reserves the right to make decisions and enforce fair and appropriate measures to resolve a dispute within these areas of discipline or conflict.

- Any observed or reported breach of the Association's "Code of Conduct" by any member(s) that requires an investigation by the Executive may result in wither a reprimand / probation, suspension or the revoking of Association membership, in accordance with Section 11.7 of the Constitution.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August.**

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 24 or Thursday, August 28 in order to remain a valid member. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks a bunch!

On Sunday, June 29, our Association hosted its Annual Youth Activity Day. This year was very special as it was held in recognition of Peter Tolsma, a member who recently passed away at the end of March 2014.

Peter Tolsma, which the Activity Day is now named after, was a very kind and giving man who was taken from us too soon. He will be remembered every year as we continue to teach our young members the important aspects of our club.

We had 18 participants, just as many parents, and most important of all, 20 volunteers who gave their time to help out.

Our Association also enjoys great sponsorship three very important businesses: Lambeth Rod and Tackle, Angling Sports and Sanders Pro Shop. The proprietors help out with great prizes and materials to assist us in these events. Some of our own members also pitched in with donations of different kinds to make it all work.

Our newly formed Youth Committee also acquired a party pass for a bowling alley that was used as a fund raiser, and they supervised a lot of the events that were held.

I do not have the space needed to thank all the different people that helped out. Since a heck of a lot of time and effort is put into the functions around the club, the next time you hear about someone who helped out an event, take the time to thank them as I'm sure it will be appreciated.

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

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

### MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

The winner of the June Monthly Meeting Draw was L. Thompson.

At each General Meeting that you attend, you will get one ballot per membership for a free one year membership. This draw takes place following the Elections at the March General Meeting each year.

### BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 12

On Thursday, June 12th, immediately following our General meeting, we held our annual barbeque meat BBQ Meat draw. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that the club hosts each December. The winners of the BBQ Meat packages were: Julie Thursby, Jim Graham, Teresa Couture, Larry Holtzman, Jeremy Beaton, Geoff Bradley, George Maudsley, Tom McGill, Steve Couture and Bert Smit.

The winner of the stemless wine glasses was Val Grahl. This door prize was donated by Terry Robinson.

Thank you to Steve Couture and Jeff Jurasek for handling the cash. Thank you to Mary Degan and Stan Gibbs for ticket sales.

### 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. Please note that the cost of \$ 25.00 which was posted in the June newsletter was incorrect, with apologies to all.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders. 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.

### ULTRA-LIGHT TRAVEL SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 19, 2014 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made an ultra-light, moderate-fast action, travel spinning rod. It is 6 feet long and comes in 4 pieces. This rod is ideal for Trout, Smallmouth Bass and Walleye. Tickets cost \$ 2.00 each and are limited to 300 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

### SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box will be relocated into the hall by the washrooms from its current location in the Fish Registry Room. A lock will be put on it. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and constructive criticisms. This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern or if the matter is urgent or sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home in the evenings

### PETER TOLSMA ANNUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY



President Stan Gibbs displays the new Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day Plaque. From left to right are: Cathy Truelove-Tolsma, Nikki Tolsma, Stan Gibbs and Michael Tolsma. Each year, a winner with the highest overall score will have their name displayed on the plaque which will hang in the club. The winner will have a smaller trophy to take home.



Braden Ernteman is the first winner of the Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day.

Event winners were:

#### Derby

- 1<sup>st</sup> Connor Mitchel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Braden Ernteman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Remi Rexer-Palmer

#### Target Casting

- 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Clarke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Braden Ernteman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Remi Rexer-Palmer

#### Target Shooting

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Radko
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Connor Mitchel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Braden Ernteman

**Bowling Party Draw** Don Colborne

### MOVIE NIGHT “FINDING NEMO” Sat. July 12 7:00 pm (movie start time)

The Youth Committee has arranged for a movie night to be held at the club. This night is open to club members and their guests. For a very nominal cost, food may be purchased. Please arrive early enough to get comfortable before the movie begins.

## SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS

The Executive hopes that everyone has a safe and happy, fun-filled summer. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

Although WOFGPA does not discourage pet owners from bringing their pets to the club, please be aware that all pets must be on leash and under their owner's control at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. The police will be notified if your pet is left in your vehicle. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. Your barking dog on the dock is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate sunscreen, according to the label directions. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV. Sunburns and heat exposure issues can even occur on an overcast day. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water or fruit juices or eat fresh fruit.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of: dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing.

If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room immediately.

If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

### OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY

**Sun. July 6**

**Registration:** 7:00 – 9:00 am

**Derby Time:** 7:30 am till noon

<b>Cost:</b>	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 12
	Non-member	\$ 15

Members will not be allowed to fish prior to the start of the derby. During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

This bass derby is open to both members and non-members. Confirmation of the winner's bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall. The rules will be provided to each angler on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 10. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support bragging rights. Mark your calendars.

## FISHING LEAGUE

If you are looking to go fishing once a week with a great bunch of anglers, why not join us each Tuesday night any time after 5:30 pm til dark, to compete for bragging rights, some pocket change, and maybe get your name on a trophy at the end of the year.

Each week you accumulate points by catching the largest of the targeted fish in each of 5 classes and the priority of the targeted fish changes. The buy in each time you fish is \$ 2.00, with half of the money going to the angler with top score for that night. The other half is put aside to buy a nice gift for the "Angler of the Year".

The fishing league is a very good way to learn how to fish for the different kinds of fish in our pond.

See you on the water.

### 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

### 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.

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.

**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID AT 7:00 PM ON THE EVENINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETINGS IN ORDER TO REMAIN A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.**

Sun. July 6	Official Bass Derby (host-Stan Gibbs)
Sat. July 12	Movie Night – "Finding Nemo"
Wed., July 23	Youth Committee Meeting
Thurs, July 24	Executive meeting

Sun, Aug 10	Unofficial Bass Derby (host-Andre Koch)
Wed, Aug 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs, Aug. 28	Executive Meeting

Thurs, Sept 11	General Meeting
Wed., Sept. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 27	Euchre (hosts – the Coutures)

It is our hope that a small group of Senior residents from Dearness Home will be able to fish for a few hours in the first half of September. Teresa Couture will keep all updated as details are confirmed.

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these events throughout the year.

The complete event calendar for 2014 – 2015 is available on the website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

<p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b> Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p>	<p><b>My Handyman Bo</b></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><b>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</b></p>
<p><b>THE CLUB HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR REASONABLY PRICED AFTERNOON OR EVENING RENTALS. FOR DETAILS, CALL THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</b></p>	<p><b>DRUM LESSONS</b></p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p><a href="mailto:Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com">Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.facebook.com/NWpercussion">www.facebook.com/NWpercussion</a></p>	<p><b>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</b></p> <p><b>All Major &amp; Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</b></p>  <p><b>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</b></p>
<p><b>THIS SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOUR BUSINESS AD</b></p>	<p><b>JAY'S FLY SHOP</b> 96 Rectory St. @ Hamilton Rd. London</p> <p>Phone John at 519-672-5487</p> <p>Fly tying materials Fly Fish tackle &amp; Rod building supplies</p> <p>Lessons and Guide Services</p>	<p><b>ANGLING SPORTS</b></p> <p>681 Highbury Ave North @ Dundas Street</p> <p><b>519-649-7429</b></p> <p><b>Pat DeVincenzo</b> Owner</p> <p><i>"Your full service tackle shop"</i></p>
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