

JUNE 2013 NEWSLETTER



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June 2013

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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 2013 – 2014**

Executive Body

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Secretary	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
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Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Directors	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
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Committees

Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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House	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

Grounds	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	519-280-3080
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
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Bob Smale	519-457-6644

Welfare	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

Boat Rack	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Fundraising	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Club Merchandise	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

Public Relations	
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Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers	
Bob and Paulette Schmidt	519-681-2370

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, showing the accounts are in order. 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 newsletter 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 is www.wofgpa.org. Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Littering

What does this word mean to you?

To most, I am sure there is a vision of paper food wrappers, coffee cups and plastic garbage bags tangled in amongst our wild flowers and plants, or floating on the water. I would say the majority of our members are very conscious of what they do with their garbage while at the Club.

However, it was brought to the Executive that another form of littering is happening at our Club that needs to be addressed. It seems that some smokers feel that it is quite alright to dispose of their cigarette butts wherever they wish to. This has become quite a mess around our property and on our pond. We try to accommodate the members by putting but cans on the docks and around the grounds, but I think the attitude of some is, the butts are small so who will notice.

Let me say that: Yes, we notice! So do the fish! There have been too many reports of fish bellies containing cigarette butts that have been caught in our waters. This does not seem very appetizing to me.

The Executive has been given the task of coming up with a set of rules to be applied to anyone littering on our property. A set of rules is already in place. Our Conservation Pledge states this quite clearly. Most of our rules are accepted as being on the honour system, therefore, it is up to each and every one of us to obey and enforce our Club rules. If you were to see someone breaking our rules it would be expected that you approach that person, and in a polite manner express your concerns. If that person is not receptive to your concerns, please get a name and the Executive will deal with that person. If this behavior becomes a pattern for this person their membership will be revoked! In the near future there will be better containers for cigarette butts around the Club, but let us be clear, it is not the responsibility of the members to pick up after other members, so as you were instructed at your initiation "treat this Club and its grounds as you would if it were your home".

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.

Jeffrey Greenwell passed away suddenly in early May and our thoughts are with Leonard Greenwell and his family at this difficult time.

Bill Rodrigues celebrated his 90th birthday and Harvey Stirling celebrated his 91st birthday in May.

Neal Moore, Walt Seliski, Gary Carew and Donna Lainchbury have been under the weather. Our wish is for healthier days for these persons as they recover.

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 25th OR AUGUST 22ND IN ORDER TO REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. ANY PAYMENTS THAT ARE MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WITH THE CARETAKERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND ON EITHER OF THESE DATES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS ONLY.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP 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.

MONTHLY MEETING DRAW

The winners of the monthly meeting draws for May were: Dayton Clarke – rod and Joe Ruscio – Lanyard and hat. Congrats Dayton and Joe.

GARAGE SALE

The Garage Sale scheduled for Sat. June 15 has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

4TH ANNUAL LADIES' ONLY DERBY

Sat., May 4

Mother Nature gave us yet another beautiful day for all the lady anglers of WOFGPA to come out and try their luck. A total of 25 trout were caught by ladies.

The winners were:

1 st place	121.5 cm	Crystal Cutler
2 nd place	98.5 cm	Tammy Peterson Cora Thompson

50/50 draw Dan Culter

A very special thank you to Jeanette Jurasek for her talents of making such a beautiful cake for this event. The cake depicted a large 3 dimensional trout jumping out of the water.

Kudos to all the assistants who came to help the ladies and assisted with making the 4th Annual Ladies Only Derby such a success.

FOR SALE

One of the club members is selling a barely used VCR and a collection of VHS tapes at an extremely low price. If you are interested, please speak with John at 519-681-3695.

John realizes that VCR are not in demand as most people own DVDs or Blu-Ray. At the same time, many of us still have VHS tapes that we would like to see.

**Kids Activity Day
Sat. June 23**

We will once again be hosting our Kids Activity Day.

If you are looking for a great way to start your summer holidays, bring your children (or grandchildren) out and together we will expose them to a morning of fishing, casting contests, target shooting, bird house building, BBQ lunch and prizes.

If you plan to attend could you please call Stan in the evenings at 519-668-2609 and let me know how many participants and their ages so that we can have enough supplies on hand for everyone.

Registration for the derby will be at 8:00 am with fishing lasting till 11:00 am. Following the derby will be a BBQ lunch before everyone tries the each of the afternoon events which are casting, target practice with pellet guns and bird house building. All events should wrap up by mid afternoon.

There is no cost for the children taking part in the day but there is a nominal \$ 5.00 charge for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch. Cool drinks will be available all day.

Let us show our future members and club leaders what this club is all about.

POND CLEAN-UP WALK

On Sat., May 25, a group of 10 went for a walk around our lake. During this walk, 2 ½ large garbage bags full of garbage was picked up from around the pond.

On this trip, we saw a lot of deer tracks. Mary Degan taught us a lot about plant and birds in the area and we got an appreciation of keeping our lake clean.

I would like to thank everybody who took part. We will have another clean-up and educational quest in the fall.

Kudos for a job well done.

On another note, I am looking for the help of at least 3 strong volunteers to help dismatle a home-made dock in the back northeast corner of the pond. Please speak to me asap if you are able to help.

Andre Koch

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark.

The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. The targeted species of fish changes each week. You can join the league at any time. You are also awarded points if you finish in the top three in derbies.

The standings are posted weekly on the outside Club Bulletin Board.

**SUMMER BASS DERBY
(OFFICIAL)**

Date: Sunday, July 7
Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am
Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Costs: Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
Member	\$ 12
Non-member	\$ 15

This "official" 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 on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 11. This derby is unofficial so the winner's name will not go on the trophy. Details will follow in the July newsletter. Mark your calendars

**BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thursday, June 13**

On Thursday, June 13th, immediately following our General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw.

The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that the club hosts each December. The 10 Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons (or two meals for an individual).

Remember that nothing tastes better than free meat from the barbeque.

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, a suggestion box has been placed in the Fish Registry Room (located on the east side of the building). The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and 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 519-668-2609 in the evenings.

KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs. Please leave your items to be sharpened and your contact information with the caretakers.

**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

The full WOFGPA Event Calendar for 2013 – 2014 is available on the club website at www.wofgpa.org. Visit the website often and keep informed of upcoming events. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

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. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

Thurs June 13	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw (Stan Gibbs)
Sun. June 16	Father's Day
Sun. June 23	Kids Activity Day (Stan Gibbs)
Thurs. June 27	Executive Meeting
Sun. July 7	Official Bass Derby (Stan Gibbs)
Thurs. July 25	Executive meeting
Sun. Aug. 11	Unofficial Bass Derby (Andre Koch)
Sun. Aug. 22	Executive meeting
Mon., Sept. 2	Labour Day (STAT)
Thurs., Sept. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 14	Fish Fry (details to follow)
Thurs., Sept. 26	Executive Meeting
Sat., Sept. 28	Euchre (hosts are Steve & Teresa Couture)

Please note that General meetings are not held in the months of July and August. If your membership comes due during this time, you will need to renew at 7:00 pm on the 4th Thursday of the month (Executive meeting night).

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these throughout the year. It is your club so get involved and enjoy it more.

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.

Call the club caretakers, Paulette or Bob Schmidt 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.

NO STAG AND DOE PARTIES

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders.

Lined jackets with embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

- You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club.
- Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.
- Each member is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.
- There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.
- Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 (evenings).

SMOKING

- If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts.
- Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

- Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.


PETS AND CHILDREN

- All dogs must be on leash on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.
- A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.
- If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.
- All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

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 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 caretakers or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

<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 519-282-5128</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 PAULETTE AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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