

## MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



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### March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General meeting & Elections	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Jiggs Dinner
22	23	24	25 Youth Committee meeting & Elections	26 Executive meeting	27	28 Euchre
29	30	31				

### April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Easter Breakfast
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Stocking & Spring Clean up
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Spring Trout Derby	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Pot Luck & Euchre
26	27	28	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

**President**

Stan Gibbs 519-668-2609

**1st Vice President**

Andre Koch 519-685-5725

**2nd Vice President**

Brian Ernteman 519-453-3641

**Secretary**

Teresa Couture 519-668-6257

**Treasurer**

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**Directors**

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**Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter**

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](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 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

Our thoughts and condolences at this difficult time are with Terry Robinson and his family after the passing of his wife Diane.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Shirley Finch.

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

Wow, what an eventful month!

I realize that you have heard me say what a great club we have, and the volunteer support to operate it many times, but I can't say thanks enough for the dedication that is given to promote our association and its efforts. In February alone we hosted a Superbowl Party, a Hockey Day in Canada, a Family Day Ice Fishing Derby (sponsored by Angling Sports of London), our Annual Tackle Swap and a Euchre Card night. In addition to all that we had hall rentals that needed organizing. All of this takes many hours of volunteer services to put together, and we could not have done it without the support of our many members that give freely of their time. Thank you all very much.

This year we have had the pleasure of working with a Youth Committee. These young folks have come up with some great ideas to help promote our club, and have pitched in to implement them. They are all great volunteers, and some day could be the leaders of our association. Autumn Ernteman is one of our young volunteers that I have worked with on many occasions deserves an extra pat on the back. Not only has she maintained an "A" average in grade eleven, she is also quite an athlete. So far this year she has gone undefeated in wrestling for her school in the 77 kilo class, she won a gold medal at the city conference and another gold medal at the Wossa meet. Her next event will be for the Ossa meet in Windsor. Good luck Autumn!

Remember that March is Elections, 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## 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.

**CELEBRATING  
BOB SHIELL'S 50 YEARS OF "LIONISM"**

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.



Long time WOF&GPA member, Bob Shiell receives the Helen Keller award for his 50 years of service as a Lion during a celebration at the club on Feb. 22



**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. The main door prize this year is a men's Italian suede jacket.

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**

Thurs., March 12, which is the Election Night is the last date to obtain your tickets from Teresa Couture, 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.

**HOCKEY DAY IN CANADA (Sat. Feb. 14th)  
and  
FAMILY DAY ICE FISHING DERBY (Mon. Feb. 16th)**

Thank you to all who assisted with preparing the ice rink and those who came to assist with food preparation for the very cold GBSA hockey players, their families and the ice derby anglers.

**EUCHRE**

Thank you to Tom and Shirley McGill for the super job of hosting the February 28<sup>th</sup> Euchre night.

The winners of the evening were:  
High Man – Archie Graham  
High Lady – Pat Lockrey  
Most Lone Hands – Carmen Dale  
Mystery Man – Jerry Manx  
Mystery Lady – Cora Thompson  
Draw – Pat Lockrey

Remember to mark the next Euchre on Sat. March 28<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the club will have its final Euchre of the season. The evening will start with a Pot Luck Dinner followed by an evening of cards.

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.

**EASTER BREAKFAST**

Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to everyone.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:  
\$ 5.00 Adults  
\$ 3.00 Children (2 to 5 years)  
No charge for children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart).

**SPRING TROUT DERBY**

**DATE:** Sun., April 19  
**TIME:** Register at 7:30  
Derby 8:00 till noon  
**COST:** Members \$ 15.00  
Non-Members \$ 18.00  
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

**1st TROUT STOCKING  
Sat. April 11th**

Details regarding the time will be posted on the bulletin boards once they are finalized. If you want to come help, please dress accordingly. If you wish to come and watch the stocking, we ask that you stand clear of the volunteers. It happens quite quickly to minimize the stress on the Trout.

The second stocking is scheduled for Sat. May 2.

**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.

**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 Sue Moyer-Clarke. Congratulations Sue!

**DANGER – THIN ICE**

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.

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.

**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**

**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](http://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.

Thurs. March 12	General meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. March 21	Jiggs Dinner
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 <sup>st</sup> 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><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/NW_percussion">www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</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</b>      <b>519-452-3511</b></p>
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