

MARCH 2024



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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 150 th Anniversary meeting	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General meeting & Annual Elections	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29 Good Friday	30 Easter Breakfast

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Post Election Dinner
7	8 150 th Anniversary meeting	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Spring Cleanup
14 Spring Trout Derby	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
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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 2023 - 2024**

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Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

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Club Caretakers

Ray and Barb Smith 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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air, and wildlife, and 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our next General Meeting, the members of this association will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights and elect a new Executive body to represent our club.

I realize that some of you joined this club for the sole purpose of having a place to drop a line, and enjoy the quiet serenity of the lake and grounds. This sounds nice, but this kind of thinking could become a trend, and then very few people would get involved.

Our association needs good people to run the club and more good people to help them. If you are not interested in running for an elected position, please do not pass on the Election night, which follows a shortened General Meeting in March. At the very least come out and support the people that are willing to do the job and cast a vote, or maybe sign up for one of the many committees that we have, they all need help.

“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.” Abraham Lincoln

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our heartfelt condolences are with Dave Harris and his family after the passing of his mother.

Our heartfelt condolences are with Vito LoRusso and his family after the passing of his father-in-law, Ralph Battaglini.

We wish for healthier days ahead for Mary Degan and Randy Keating.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

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ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2024 - 2025 term will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 14, 2024 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2025.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Jeanette Jurasek - 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 Jeanette Jurasek (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.

In 2025, the club will be celebrating its 150th anniversary.

APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND SCRAP METAL PICKUP

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside.

I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere
519-520-0767

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is March 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from March 1, 2023 through Feb. 29, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of March 2024, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

ANNUAL POST ELECTION DINNER Sat., April 6

It is a WOFGPA annual tradition that the new Executive and Directors serve dinner to the members present.

Ticket Cost: \$ 30.00 each

- 65 tickets are available
- Contact for tickets: Jeanette Jurasek, Secretary

Cutoff date for ticket purchase is Thurs. March 14.

Advance ticket purchase is needed so that the caterer can have an accurate head count to purchase supplies.

The meal this year is: stuffed roast pork, lemon chicken, tossed salad, Greek pasta salad, bread / rolls with butter. Dessert, tea and coffee. Wine will be served with your meal.

Arrive by 5:30 pm
Dinner served 6:00 pm

Door prize: Twin Bridge Charter has donated a June fishing charter for 4 adults or 4 adults and 2 children. The draw will be done from purchased tickets. There is no monetary / cash value if the winner chooses not to take the charter.

Don't delay in getting your advanced tickets from Jeanette Jurasek at any event or function before March 14th.

EASTER BREAKFAST Sat. March 30th 9 – 11 am

Come out on March 30th for a great club cooked breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Cost:

Adults \$ 10

Children \$ 6 (ages 5 to 10)

No charge for children aged 4 and under

150th ANNIVERSARY MEEETINGS

In 2025, the club will be celebrating its 150th anniversary, making it Canada's oldest conservation club.

There are many functions to plan for as the club celebrates this milestone.

Planning meetings will be held on March 4 and April 8 at 7:00 pm at the club for anyone wishing to become involved with the planning.

SPRING CLEANUP Sat. April 13th

As winter melts away, there is always cleaning to do in order to prepare the club grounds for the warmer weather.

Details will follow in the next newsletter.

Come prepared with work gloves and a rake if you have one.

SPRING TROUT DERBY Sun. April 14

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

DATE:	Sun., April 14
TIME:	Register at 7:30
DERBY:	8:00 till noon
COST:	Members & non-members \$ 25 Youth (12 and under) \$ 15 Gentleman's lunch \$ 8

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

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. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

SINKING OF THE S.S. HERMANN

After a long anticipated wait, the S.S. Hermann sank to the pond depths on Feb. 9 at 11:54 am.

Thanks to everyone who entered the pool for its sinking. The winner of \$ 90 was Henry Van Eerdegijk.

Hopefully next year the winter will be colder and the ice a bit thicker to build the pot up a bit higher.

Congratulations Henry.

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 night only. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these locations frequently.

Mon. March 4
Thurs. Mar 14

150th anniversary Meeting
General Meeting & Annual Elections

Thurs. Mar. 28
Fri. Mar. 29
Sat. Mar. 30
Sun. Mar 31

Executive Meeting
Good Friday
Easter Breakfast
Easter Sunday

Sat. April 6
Mon. April 8
Thurs. April 11

Post Election Dinner
150th Anniversary Meeting
General Meeting

Sat. April 13
Sun. April 14
Thurs. April 25

Spring cleanup
Spring Trout Derby
Executive Meeting

Thurs. May 9
Sat. May 11
Sun. May 12
Mon. May 20
Thurs. May 23

General Meeting
Ladies Only Derby
Mother's Day
Victoria Day
Executive Meeting

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

Watch for details of upcoming event in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.

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