

## **MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER**



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### **May 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Meat Shoot
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 Ladies Trout Derby
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day (STAT)	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### **June 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	15	16 Garage Sale
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 Kids Activity Day (24 <sup>th</sup> )	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

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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 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.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Being a parent is hard. I know when I was raising my son, it was always challenging to find things to keep him interested and motivated for different activities.

Did you know that the club offers exciting day of activities in June that are specifically for children? The day consists of a fishing derby, casting contests, target shooting, canoe races and hopefully, this year, bird house construction. In addition to all this, lunch is provided and at no cost to the children. At least one guardian is required to accompany the child and their lunch is available for a nominal cost.

I would think that an adult that has children or grandchildren, would want to expose them to something as great as our club and what it has to offer. Let us remember with the present trend of smaller families, memberships at our club in the future may dwindle. So let us show our children why we love this club and ensure the future with their presence.

Yours in conservation,

*Stan Gibbs*

Our thoughts are with the following members at this time: Shirley McGill, who is recovering from surgery, Joyce Baker, who is recuperating from a broken ankle and John Wilton, who is awaiting surgery. If you get a few moments, why not call these persons, just to say "Hi".

On a brighter note, Donna Lainchbury is doing much better and is resuming some of her favorite activities.

## ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY AND BOWHUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun is offering to teach these courses for a very reasonable cost. WOFGPA members will receive a discount.

A bow hunting course will be offered at the end of June. All courses will be offered at Western Ontario Fish & Game, 790 Southdale Road East, London.

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](mailto:emadhaz@heafs.com) or visit his website [www.heafs.com](http://www.heafs.com)

## 3rd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY DERBY

**Date:** Saturday, May 12  
**Registration:** 7:30 am  
**Derby Times:** 8:00 am til noon  
**Cost:** Members - \$ 12.00  
Non-members \$ 15.00  
Girls (12 and under) - \$ 5.00

There will be a \$ 5.00 cost for lunch for the assistants, which must be paid before 10:00 am to ensure an accurate head count.

Prizes will be awarded for the longest length of trout (3 maximum) in both the adult and youth division. The first place winner will also have their name placed on a plaque which was crafted by Hermann Szielasko.

Chef Andre is planning another amazing lunch for the ladies and their helpers. Lunch will be served around 12:15 pm.

This is the time for the ladies to show the men just how to angle that "big one".

## EUCHRE April 28, 2012

Many thanks to Mary Degan, Stan Gibbs and Andre Koch for hosting the final Euchre of the season. Before the games began, the 34 players enjoyed a Pot Luck dinner which was nothing short of superb. The selection of food would have put most holiday dinners to shame.

A special thank you to "Punch" Bob Shiell for all his assistance over the past season. Without him, who would punch the lone hands. Thank you.

The winners of the evening were:  
High Man – Lloyd Thompson - 73  
High Lady – Zam Fakira - 67  
Mystery Man- Franz DeWater and Carmen LaRocque  
Mystery Lady – Teresa Couture, Patty LaRocque and Elenore Von Ruczicki  
Most Lone Hands- Sylvia Lewis - 5  
50 /50 Draw- Patty LaRocque

Starting in September, the Euchre games will begin at 7:00 pm, instead of 7:30 pm.

The next games will be held on September 22 so remember to mark your calendar.

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The club newsletter 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, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I am looking for someone who has some experience in fundraising and with completing the permits that are required. If anyone has this knowledge and can help, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725.

Thank you to everyone who came out on such a miserable morning to assist with the spring cleanup. The grounds now look good and are almost ready for the summer.

### SPRING MEAT SHOOT

**Date:** Sat. May 5  
**Time:** 9:00 am start  
**Cost:** \$ 2.00 per game  
**Contact:** Howard Pearcey

Another Meat Shoot has been planned due to the popularity of previous events. Five hams will be available to be won this spring.

For those who haven't attended a Meat Shoot, it is done in the basement of the club with pellet guns and targets. The cost is \$ 2.00 per game, which will give you 5 shots at the target. The club has two pellet guns available for use, so you can leave your at home. There is no age limit for this event.

This is a great opportunity for the young members to learn to shoot while receiving lots of pointers from the adults.

### SPRING TROUT DERBY



**Adult division 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Judy Sanders proudly shows her two Trout.**

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Spring Trout Derby and also to all the anglers who attended. Without you, this day would not have been the success that it was.

The winners of the derby were:

#### Adult Division

1st place Judy Sanders  
2nd place Mike Lemanski  
3rd place John Findlay

#### Youth Division

1<sup>st</sup> place Emily Jurasek  
2<sup>nd</sup> place Peyton Lemanski

**Fly rod** – Travis Brown



**1<sup>st</sup> Place Youth winner, Emily Jurasek proudly displays her two Trout.**

### GARAGE SALE

On Sat. June 16, the club will be hosting its annual Garage Sale. The sale will start very early in the morning, rain or shine. Tables can be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa at 519-668-6257. Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money. Remember the old saying "one man's junk is another man's treasure".

The club will also be selling cedar bird houses, bird feeders and planters for a very reasonable cost.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER.**

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a 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. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

A monthly meeting draw is held at each General meeting. The winners for April were: Todd Stewart (set of Stanley Tools) and Mary Degan (club hat and Tim Horton's card). Congratulations Todd and Mary.

### **KNIFE / SCISSOR SHARPENING**

Hermann Szielasko is offering his skills to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors for your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payment, he is asking that you make a donation to the Club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs for the next season. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

### **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. You can also get points from finishing in the top three at most of our derbies. You can join the league at any time. The standings will be posted weekly on the outside club Bulletin board. Hope to see you there!

### **FOR SALE**

Transom mount for a canoe. Asking only \$ 20. Please contact Howard at 519-685-5848 for more details.

### **POACHING**

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone ice fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

If you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be told by the caretakers or any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately.

Non-members caught fishing on club property is subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Easter Breakfast

### **WREATH MAKING SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

Hermann Szielasko thanks everyone who has donated unwanted Christmas trinkets, ornaments and ribbons to the Wreath Brigade. It is greatly appreciated. As you begin your spring cleaning, please set aside these

items. We have also found that garage sales offer an amazing inexpensive selection. If you have any additional items for donation, please label the bag or box with "Hermann – Wreath Brigade".

You can leave it with the caretakers or bring it to any meeting or function. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA**

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club. 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.

|                 |                                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sat. May 5      | Meat Shoot                               |
| Thurs. May 10   | General meeting                          |
| Sat., May 12    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Ladies Only Derby |
| Sun. May 13     | Mother's Day                             |
| Mon. May 21     | Victoria Day (STAT)                      |
| Thurs., May 24  | Executive meeting                        |
| Thurs. June 14  | General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw          |
| Sat. June 16    | Garage Sale                              |
| Sun. June 17    | Father's Day                             |
| Sun. June 24    | Kid's Activity Day                       |
| Thurs. June 28  | Executive meeting                        |
| Sun. July 8     | Summer Bass Derby (official)             |
| Thurs., July 26 | Executive meeting                        |
| Sun. Aug. 5     | Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)           |
| Thurs. Aug 23   | Executive meeting                        |

Watch your newsletter and check the club Bulletin board for details of upcoming events.

Please contact an Executive member or a Committee Chairperson or attend a meeting to offer some new and fresh ideas.

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