

MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



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May

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10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 General meeting with guest Jared Zaifman	15	16
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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 2015 – 2016

Executive

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Entertainment	
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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 Executive meeting and questions and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.



**Smoking is not permitted within
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Etiquette

Recently, it has been brought to my attention that some anglers have started the practice of crimping the barbs on their hooks and playing with the trout they catch until eventually they shake off the hook. I also use this practice to minimize the damage to the fish if they happen to get off. This practice is respected in the wild but not such a good idea in our pond. In the wild, the fish are much more adapt to survive, given the lack of predators and a less confined area to move. In our pond, there are large turtles, blue herons and a resident osprey that would not hesitate to consume a tired trout. When I hear that someone has hooked up to fifteen trout in one day but has not landed one leads me to believe that this person is abusing our fishery. We should all remember that we have a fish and take policy in our club and every effort should be made to land a hooked trout.

Another area of concern is the presence of members on our property well after dark. When we all took our orientation the rule "fishing hours are from dawn till dusk every day" is quite clear. We have added one half hour before and after sunset unless you are attending a function. If people are seen on our property during restricted times the police will be called to address trespassing issues.

On a lighter note I would like to thank Autumn Ernteman for her outstanding effort in selling tickets on our custom made cooler that was given away at the Spring Trout Derby. Through her efforts we made a profit which was looking doubtful for a while. She also initiated a very good response to our petition on the 'Decommission of the Springbank Dam'. Great work Autumn!

At the May General Meeting, around 8:30 pm, our ward councilor, Jared Zaifman, will be coming to speak to members about the Springbank Dam project. There has been a lot of discussion and controversy about whether the dam should be repaired or decommissioned. Please come out and get informed about the issues.

**Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs**

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.

WELFARE

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.

**POND WALK ABOUT AND CLEAN UP
Sat., May 23**

On Sat., May 23, rain or shine, the Youth Committee will hold another pond walkabout and clean-up.

Everyone is asked to meet in the parking lot at 9:00 am. The club will supply garbage bags and there will be refreshments after the walk.

The walk should take about 2 hours. Please wear proper clothing and boots and it is quite muddy in the spring.

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The Executive had thought that the ideal candidate for resident caretakers had been found but unfortunately things did not work out. We are now resuming our search for resident caretaker(s) for the club.

The resident caretaker position is best suited to a single person (with supplemental income source) or a retired / semi-retired couple with some experience as they are required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor maintenance and grounds keeping.

Compensation includes one bedroom apartment with additional storage, all utilities, basic telephone, cable and internet service plus a generous commission on rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at **couture.house @ hotmail.com**. Resumes will be accepted until May 15th from the general public, so please spread the word.

LADIES' ONLY DERBY

Date: Saturday, May 9th
 Registration: 7:30 am and the derby runs from 8:00 am till noon
 Cost: Adult members \$ 15.00
 Non-members \$ 18.00
 Age 12 & under \$ 5.00
 Assistant's meal cost is \$ 7.00
 Contact: Andre Koch

The format will be as follows:

As with all derbies, no regular fishing is permitted on derby day until the derby is over at noon.

Only ladies may angle trout but an assistant, for help only, may accompany them. This help will include baiting hooks, netting fish, driving the boat if you have one, and cooking lunch.

Also included but not sanctioned by this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's (Ladies, you will have to convince your assistants to do this one for you).

At noon all trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the men folk and served as a side at lunch.

After "Chef Andre's" specially prepared lunch, prizes will be awarded to the three top ladies with the combined longest length of fish. There will also be prizes for girls aged twelve and under.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thurs., June 11**

On Thursday, June 11th, immediately following our shortened 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). Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one per family per draw unless additional tickets are available.

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

**GARAGE SALE
Sat. June 13
Rain or Shine**

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am.

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa Couture.

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 person's junk is another person's treasure".

SPRING TROUT DERBY

This derby, held on Sun., April 19 was well attended by 72 anglers but unfortunately, most of the newly stocked trout decided not to bite the lures and bait that were offered.



1st place winner Jeremy Beaton with President Stan Gibbs

The winners were:

1st place Jeremy Beaton 130 cm
2nd place Janice Colborne 119 cm
3rd place Peter Welch 86 cm

Mystery Fish Janice Colborne

Draw Joe Isenor

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with this successful event.

EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for the great job of hosting the Pot Luck Dinner and the final Euchre of the season.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Ken Lockrey (73)
High Lady – Arlene Whiteway (65)
Most Lone Hands – Detlef von Rusczicki (5)
Mystery Man – Dave Jeffries
Mystery Lady – Sue Brown
Draw – Jerry Manx

Have a fun filled summer and hope to see everyone in September at the next Euchre night.

**PHOTOS NEEDED
The club website is www.wofgpa.org**

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.

If you visit our website, let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. 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 published on the website.

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.

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 and is present at club meetings and functions.

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 can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. 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.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 28

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day and not just "dropped off".

Registration for the derby will be at 8:00 am with fishing lasting till 11:00 am. In this derby, children will get points for each fish species that they catch.

Following the derby will be a BBQ lunch before everyone tries each of the afternoon events which include casting, target practice with pellet guns and bird house building. All events should wrap up by midafternoon.

The winner with the overall highest score for the day will receive a trophy to take home. Their name will also go on the Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day plaque which will hang in the main hall.

If you are looking for a great way to start your summer holidays, bring your children, grandchildren or neighbour's children out and together we will expose them to a variety of activities.

If you plan to attend could you please call Stan in the evenings at home and let him know how many participants and their ages so enough supplies will be on hand for everyone.

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.

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 contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture or leave a message at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

You will be pleasantly pleased to find out that the club still has the cheapest rates in town with a reduced rate for members.

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 and on the club website, 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 the Executive or Entertainment Committee members or leave it in the Suggestion Box, which is located in the Fish Registry Room.

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| Sat. May 9 | Ladies Only Derby |
| Sun. May 10 | Mother's Day |
| Thurs. May 14 | General Meeting with guest Ward Councillor Jared Zaifman |
| Mon. May 18 | Victoria Day (STAT) |
| Sat. May 23 | Pond Walk-about and Cleanup (contact Andre Koch) |
| Wed. May 27 | Youth Committee Meeting |
| Wed. May 28 | Executive Meeting |
| Thurs. June 11 | General Meeting
BBQ Meat Draw |
| Sat. June 13 | Yard Sale (contact Teresa Couture) |
| Sun. June 21 | Father's Day |
| Wed. June 24 | Youth Committee meeting |
| Thurs. June 25 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. June 28 | Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day
(contact Stan Gibbs) |
| Sun. July 5 | Bass Derby (official) |
| Wed. July 29 | Youth Committee meeting |
| Thurs. July 30 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. Aug. 9 | Bass Derby (unofficial) |
| Wed. Aug. 26 | Youth Committee meeting |
| Thurs. Aug. 27 | Executive meeting |

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>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 519-453-0659</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 THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>DRUM LESSONS</p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p>Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</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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