

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER



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NOVEMBER

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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting	9	10
11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall Clean-up and Tree lot set-up
18	19	20	21 Christmas Tree Delivery	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Euchre nite, Tree & Wreath sales begin
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DECEMBER

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Breakfast with Santa
9	10	11	12	13 General meeting & Turkey Roll	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Executive meeting (one week early)	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association Executive & Committees for 2012 - 2013

Executive

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Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Committees

Entertainment	
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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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and wildlife, & to obey all fish and 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

Another summer has come and gone and fall is well under way.

When I think of the fall season, the best memories are about Thanksgiving. We normally all enjoy a great turkey dinner and the company of good friends and family. In addition to this there is always a good football, baseball or hockey game to watch.

One other thing that is close to my heart, and I am truly thankful for is our club and all that it has to offer. I cannot count the times that someone new to our grounds has said to me "how lucky you people are to have this in the heart of the city", and when they hear what our dues are, they are quite surprised.

So I hope that when we all give thanks, our club, the grounds, and the pond that is enjoyed by all is in your thoughts.

As President, I am thankful for all the help I receive from your Executive Body, the many volunteers that give freely of their time, and all the great members that complete our extended family.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Stan Gibbs

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.

Our condolences to the Efford family after the passing of Don's daughter in August.

It is good to hear that Fred Sanders and Walt Seliski are recovering well at home after recent hospitalization.

WREATH BRIGADE

It is almost that time of year again. As soon as the Christmas trees arrive in late November, the Wreath Brigade will swing into full speed in the club basement. A few years ago, Hermann Szielasko came up with the idea of making real wreaths from the trimmed branches of the Christmas trees, rather than discard them into the bush. With the assistance of many volunteers and donated Christmas trimmings, the wreaths took shape. Now they are in demand and are hung seasonally on the doors of many homes and businesses.

If you wish to come to the club to assist with making and decorating wreaths, please contact Teresa at 519-868-6257 for details. Wreaths will be made daily in the club basement starting Wed. Nov. 21 in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, the Kids Only Halloween Party scheduled for Sun. Oct. 28 was cancelled.

Visit the club website at wofgpa.org

It contains historical items, current updates, newsletters, event calendar and photos.

DRAW COYOTE IN WINTER Photo on Canvas Thurs. Dec. 13, 2012

Andre Koch is selling tickets for a beautiful picture on canvas of a local coyote in the wintertime. This stunning canvas can be seen at each meeting and club function.

The tickets cost only \$ 2.00 each and are in limited number and will be available for club members only.

The draw date is Thurs., Dec. 13, during the annual Turkey Roll, which follows a shortened General Meeting.



The winner of the framed Great Egret photo, drawn on Oct. 21 was Don Colborne.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 8, 2012 9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. Breakfast is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, hash brown potatoes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea

The cost is very reasonable at:

Adults - \$ 5.00

Children - \$ 3.00 (2 to 5 years)

Children under two years old - no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this event, and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the Tree lot.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond. Now is the time to get involved at your club and join the fun!

Due to overwhelming response from club members, Don Colborne has enough Trout for the tree suppliers. Don would like to thank those members who contributed for their generosity.

Sat. Nov. 17

This is the day set aside to set up the tree lot. If you have a cordless drill, please bring it. At the same time, the club grounds will need some cleanup before winter sets in so bring a rake if you have one. The day will start at 8:30 am, rain or shine.

Wed. Nov. 21

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club before 10 am.

A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. If you are able to assist on that day, come out or let Don Colborne after Nov. 13. Delivery details will also be posted on club bulletin boards.

In the afternoon, the Wreath Brigade will meet to start making and decorating wreaths.

Sat. Nov. 24

Christmas tree and wreath sales begin and continue until all Christmas trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for shifts to sell trees, please see Brian Ernteman at each meeting and function until Nov. 13. After that date, please see Don Colborne. Don't delay as the tree selling shifts tend to fill quickly.

\$ 30 each – any type of tree
\$ 40 – larger trees (7 foot and taller)
Candy canes are free

Volunteers will trim the tree to your specifications and give tips on how to care for the tree over the Christmas holidays. The tree cost includes a bag if you want one.

TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 13, 2012
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Refreshments, snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

KNIFE / SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering 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 Christmas Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs for the next season. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

FALL TROUT DERBY

On Sun. Oct. 21, 45 anglers came out to angle some Trout and enjoy the beautiful fall morning. Thank you to Andre Koch and Brian Ernteman for hosting another successful derby. Thank you to Jeanette Cronkwright for making soup and to all the volunteers who assisted throughout the day. A special thanks to Ann Jurasek and Autumn Ernteman, two of the club's youth volunteers, for all their hard work throughout the derby.

The winners were:

Adult Division

1 st	Wes Giernacki	129 cm
2 nd	A.J. Seong and Deb Freele	122.5 cm
3 rd	Jason Gatt	118 cm



Andre Koch presents the prize to Wes Giernacki, the 1st place winner of the Fall Trout Derby

Youth Division

Two honourable mentions were given to Jason Preece and Spencer Caetano.

Mystery Fish Derrick MacAdam and Don Colborne

Draw winners: Anne Jurasek \$ 98.50
Dan Cutler G. Loomis coat

TROUT STOCKING

A second stocking of Trout will occur later in the fall. Details will be posted on the Bulletin Boards.

GENERAL PAINT

located at
1074 Dearness Drive
London, ON

General paint would like to welcome WOFGPA members to visit their store. General Paint is a local business that is now offering a very generous discount on paint purchases to club members. Please drop into the store soon and let them know that you are a club member.

Other ways to contact them are:
Phone 519 - 686 - 6666
Visit their site www.generalpaint.com

EUCHRE

The second Euchre game of the season was a great success with 41 players coming out for an evening of cards and fun. Thank you Andre Koch, Mary Degan and Cora Thompson for hosting the evening.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man: Steve Couture

High Lady: Patty Larochelle

Mystery Man: Franze deWater

Mystery Lady: Theresa

Most Lone Hands: Lloyd Thompson

The next Euchre is Sat. Nov. 24. The new start time is 7:00 pm. The hall will be open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin. The hosts for the evening will be Andre Koch and Teresa Couture. Hope to see everyone there.

PELLET GUNS AND POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem. Only 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.

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

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

The discharge of firearms, including pellet guns, is prohibited in the City of London.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club has pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crest, key chains available in stock.

Items available by custom order are: lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name.

In stock items and custom ordered merchandise is available by contacting Andre Koch, at most club meetings and functions or by phone at 519-685-5725.

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.

The winners of the monthly meeting draw for October were:
Dan Chatterley Sr. - Power Bait, lure, filet knife and Fish Crisp
Tracy McCaw - \$ 10 Tim Horton card

Congratulations Dan and Tracy!

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION AND BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Instructor 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

FOR SALE



The custom wood sign is made of 1 1/4" pine. The hand carved dog, pheasant and fish are basswood. The gun, reel & fly rod are maple. It is painted and stained wood, with a lacquered finish. This signed and dated carving comes ready to hang. The craftsman is selling it at a reduced price of \$ 500. If interested and would like to view the sign and get additional details, please call Scott at 519-668-3362

FISHING LEAGUE

The 2012 Fishing League is now complete. I would like to commend the many anglers that took part on every Tuesday night, and all the tournaments.

For the most part the fishing was great, but on some nights we had to endure some harsh weather and slow fishing conditions. The competition was intense at times and many anglers were in contention right up to the last week. I would like to thank all that participated and hope to see you at the start of next year's league at the Ice Fishing Derby.

The winner for this year was Stan Gibbs, who was lucky to hold off Howard Pearcey with his late season push.

Stan Gibbs

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. For most events, a contact is named. 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.

Thurs. Nov. 8	General meeting
Sun. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Sat. Nov. 17	Fall Clean-up and Christmas Tree Lot set-up. The date of the tree delivery is yet to be confirmed.
Wed. Nov. 21	Christmas trees will be delivered in the morning. Wreath Brigade swings into action in the club basement.
Thurs. Nov. 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 24	Euchre Christmas Tree Sales begin
Sat. Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 13	General meeting and Annual Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 20	Executive meeting (held a week early due to Christmas holidays)

2013 EVENTS


Thurs. Jan. 10	General meeting
Thurs. Jan. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 26	Euchre (hosts are needed)
Sun. Feb. 3	Superbowl Party
Thurs. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day
Sat. Feb. 16	Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day
Sat. Feb. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Feb. 28	Executive meeting
Sun. in Feb.	Hockey Day in Canada – the exact date is yet to be announced
Thurs. Mar. 14	General meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. Mar. 23	Euchre (hosts are needed)
Thurs. Mar. 28	Executive Meeting
Fri. Mar. 29	Good Friday
Sat. Mar. 30	Easter Breakfast

Mon. Apr. 1	Easter Monday
Thurs. Apr. 11	General meeting
Sat. Apr. 20	Jigg's Dinner
Thurs. Apr. 25	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 27	Pot Luck dinner and Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)

The dates of any ice fishing derbies held this winter will be determined by ice conditions. Often the decision to hold a derby is made at the last minute and members cannot be notified by newsletter. If you wish to be notified of ice derbies; please leave your name, email address and phone number with Stan Gibbs, President and Ponds Committee Chair.

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. Get involved and make your club the best it can be.

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