

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



October 2011

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9	10 Thanksgiving	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15 Trout stocking
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23 Trout Derby 30 Kids Halloween Party	24/31 Halloween	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

NOVEMBER 2011

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6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11 Remembrance Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall cleanup / tree lot set up
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Christmas tree sales begin
27	28	29	30			

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

Our newsletter is available on our website www.wofgpa.org
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2011 - 2012**

Executive

President
Stan Gibbs
1st Vice President
Lawrence Lainchbury
2nd Vice President
Don Colborne
Secretary
Teresa Couture
Treasurer
Steve Couture
Directors
Brian Ernteman
Howard Pearcey
Past Presidents
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John Manvell

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Bob and Paulette Schmidt 519-681-2370

Committees

Entertainment
Teresa Couture (Chair)
Mary Degan
Brian Ernteman
Valerie Grahl
Andre Koch
Kim Sims
House
Howard Pearcey (Chair)
Don Colborne
Lawrence Lainchbury
Gord Spotton
Todd Stewart
Grounds
Steve Couture (Chair)
Don Finch
Howard Pearcey
Bob Smale
Todd Stewart
Henry Van Eerdewijk
Ponds
Stan Gibbs (Chair)
Ron Dennis
Brian Ernteman
Andre Koch
Howard Pearcey
Bob Smale
Welfare
Tom & Shirley McGill
Boat Rack
Don Colborne
Membership
Valerie Grahl
Newsletter
Teresa Couture

Worm Machine (seasonal)
Steve Couture
Fundraising
Andre Koch
Steve. Couture
Public Relations
Lawrence Lainchbury
Political & Environmental Research
Steve & Teresa Couture
Stan Gibbs
Lawrence Lainchbury
Firearms / Hunter Safety
Emad Hazboun

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 & 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, can attend any of the 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.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB; SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fishing League Update

As in most new ventures, things start off slow, and if the idea is good, popularity grows and an annual event is started. I hope that this is the path our Fishing League is taking.

We started out with good interest, and at one point fifteen or so members, unfortunately our numbers dropped somewhat, and we now have seven or eight dedicated anglers. The people we now have will tell you that the concept of the Fishing League that meets once a week to do what most of us joined the Club for in the first place is great. We all have learned different ways of angling for specific species of fish, and weird and wonderful baits that should not catch anything, but does. We also enjoy the bragging rights that come with being the weekly winner, and the hope of being the Angler of the Year for our League.

The League has been a lot of fun for me personally, and I plan to run it again next year, so if you like to fish and you can come out once a week, we hope to see you there.

After the official Ice Fishing Derby, sometime in February, the Angler of the Year Award will be presented.

Yours in Conservation, Stan Gibbs

DO YOU NEED A RIDE??

If any of WOFGPA longstanding or senior members would like to attend one of our meetings or functions but haven't been able due to health or transportation issues, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. She may possibly be able to match you with someone who lives near you and would be able to pick you up and drive you home afterwards.

WELFARE

Our sincere condolences to Val Grahl and her family after the passing of Val's mother, Marie House, at the end of September. Although Marie was not a club member, she was a very lively volunteer at some of our functions throughout the years. Our thoughts are with the family at this difficult time.

Wishes for better health go to Donna Lainchbury as she undergoes testing.

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY



Date: Sunday, October 30, 2011
Time: 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm
Cost: No charge for children ages 11 and under
\$ 3.00 per adult guest to offset their food costs

A fun filled afternoon Halloween party is planned for the ghosts, goblins and other scary creatures. This party is open to the children and grandchildren of WOFGPA members, their families and guests. There will be games and prizes throughout the afternoon, lunch and a goody bag for each child.

Come join us for a "hauntingly" scary time.

To keep in the "spirit" of Halloween, we are asking that volunteers for this party be in costume. Suggestions for game ideas and volunteer assistance is appreciated and welcomed.

In 2010, the children formed teams and dressed up like Mummies (with toilet paper) and painted their own pumpkins, and bobbed for apples. Even lunch had a Halloween theme.



"Brain food"

Mark your calendar so you don't miss this afternoon of fun.

In order to have an accurate head count for food and games, it is mandatory to pre-register with Teresa at 519-668-6257 by Mon., Oct. 24th at the latest.

ANNUAL DRAW for FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting that you, as a club member, attend, one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

The winners of the monthly meeting draw for September were: Cora Thompson (filet knife and glove) and Chuck Silverthorne (\$ 10 Tim Horton's Card).

FALL TROUT DERBY

Mark your calendar and tell your friends, as our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2011
Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 12.00
Non-Members - \$ 15.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Your paid registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.
- Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

For more details about the derby, contact Stan Gibbs.

TROUT STOCKING

A trout stocking has been planned for Sat. Oct. 15 at approximately 10:00 am. It is very fascinating to watch. A lot of assistance is needed to transfer the trout to the pond as quickly as possible to minimize stress. If you are able to help, please come dressed to get splashed with water.

A second trout stocking is planned for Nov. 19th with details pending.

Please check these boards on a regular basis for details of all upcoming events.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY & BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses. These courses will be offered to both club members and the public so spread the word.

Emad may be contacted at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com for further details.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.



Calling all Euchre players

Euchre is open to members as well as non-members so remember to spread the word that euchre has started. Thank you to Cora Thompson and Andre Koch for hosting the first Euchre of the season. Great job!

The results of the September 24th Euchre games were:
High Man – George Maudsley (67)
High Lady – Sylvia Lewis (70)
Most Lone Hands – Lloyd Thompson (5)
Mystery Man – Howard Pearcey
Mystery Lady – Sue Brown
50/50 Draw – Teresa Couture

Next Euchre: Sat., October 22

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

Progressive 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. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

The February 25th Euchre game is still in need of hosts. If you are interested and unsure but would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. At each euchre, at least one member of the Executive will be present to assist you should the need arise.

MEAT SHOOT FOR TURKEY Saturday, October 1 9:00 am

Come out and try your luck and bring home a "bird" to your family.

Howard Pearcey and Steve Couture will host a Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets. The 5 prizes awarded for this Meat Shoot will be Turkeys, just in time for Thanksgiving.

The cost is \$ 2.00 per round, which will give you 5 shots at the target. The winner will be determined for each game. All ages are welcome. Inexperienced "shooters" will be given ample instruction and supervision.

If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

For more details contact Howard at 519-280-3080 or Steve at 519-668-6257. Hope to see everyone there.

HELP WANTED

A lot of assistance will be needed as the basement undergoes extensive renovation to relocate storage areas and convert the main area into a classroom. Although the list sounds short, there are so many things to be done. It is anticipated that this renovation be complete before Jan. 1st, 2012.

Currently, the exterior walls of the club have been dug out in order to waterproof the walls and stop basement leaks. Once the basement is dry, the interior work can begin.

Howard Pearcey is the main contact for this reno. If you can assist at all, please call Howard at 519-280-3080.



CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE

Club members with some spare C-T "loyalty rewards" that you are willing to donate, please see Howard Pearcey at the next club meeting or one of the many functions. Thank you to those who have contributed spare C-T money so far.

All proceeds will go toward the purchase of identical air-pellet guns to ensure fair competition for upcoming meat-shoots.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? A number of people have already rented the hall for their function rather than hold it at their home and be left with a huge mess to clean afterward.

WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

The hall has a 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. The club hall has new, full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. No Stag and Doe parties please.

Call Paulette or Bob at the club 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.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President, Stan Gibbs, so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list.

FISH REGISTRY

Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.

POACHING

While we welcome visitors to this site, the use of the club facilities (including the docks) is for members and their guests only. Remember that even as a member, if you are fishing and do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should **NOT** be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

All non-members caught fishing on club property is subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

Aren't we all! We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely and they leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to sweep goose poop off the dock and into the water with the brooms that are located at each dock. The job is much easier if it is done regularly. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

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| Sat. Oct. 1 | Meat Shoot (for turkeys – 5 to be won) |
| Thurs. Oct. 13 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 15 | Trout stocking |
| Sat. Oct. 22 | Euchre (hosted by Steve & Teresa Couture) |
| Sun. Oct. 23 | Fall Trout Derby |
| Thurs. Oct. 27 | Executive Meeting |
| Sun. Oct. 30 | Kids Halloween Party- pre-registration required – contact Teresa Couture |
| Tues. Nov. 1 | Volunteer list for Christmas tree sales will begin. DO NOT contact Don prior to this date. |
| Thurs. Nov. 10 | General meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 19 | Christmas Tree Lot set up
Fall Clean up – contact Stan Gibbs – (details to follow in November)
2 nd Trout stocking (tentative) |
| Thurs. Nov. 24 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 26 | Euchre (hosted by Teresa Couture & Andre Koch)
Christmas tree sales begin |
| Thurs. Dec. 8 | General meeting and Turkey Roll |
| Sat. Dec. 10 | Breakfast with Santa |
| Thurs. Dec. 22 | Executive meeting |