

SEPTEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day - STAT	3	4	5	6	7
8 Last day to get Fish Fry tickets	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Fish Fry
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre
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October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12 1 st Fish stocking (tentative)
13	14 Thanks-giving Monday	15	16	17	18	19
20 Fall Trout Derby	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre (hosts needed)
27	28	29	30	31		

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2013 – 2014**

Executive Body

President	
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
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Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Treasurer	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
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Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Past Presidents	
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Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

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Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

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Don Colborne	519-686-9559

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Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Fundraising	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
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Club Merchandise	
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Website Administrator and Public Relations	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

Political & Environmental Research	
Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
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Firearms Certification / Safe Hunter	
Emad Hazboun	519-317-4132

On-Site Caretakers
Please contact the any of the Executive for assistance

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**

The club website 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, information about functions; links to other groups and a photo library. The monthly newsletter is sent electronically to members and is available on the website.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to express concerns I have regarding a few situations that have been occurring at the club and may have disturbing consequences.

The concerns are regarding the feeding of wild life.

In the last newsletter, members were asked not to feed bread to our ducks and geese. My original concern was that the birds would become dependent on the food and when the feedings stopped during the cooler months, the birds would not be able to survive.

Since that time, another concern was raised by one of our members about a condition that could develop amongst the water fowl due to their consumption of the bread. This condition is known as "Angel Wing" or "Slip Wing". This condition deteriorates the wings, therefore restricting flight.

The feeding of live pan fish to our snapping turtles raises two issues. First, using a live game fish for bait (pan fish) is against the laws of Ontario. The second issue is regarding the safety of our members and young children. If a large predatory creature finds food in the same places on a regular basis, it stands to reason that they will continue to frequent that area and become accustomed to humans coaxing and taunting them with food. I wonder what might happen if a person was to accidentally fall into the water, or worse yet, children tangling their feet or hands in the water. This could be devastating to say the least.

I know we are all well intentioned and want to help. Please remember, if an animal or creature is in distress we should help, but otherwise let nature take its course.

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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

On August 2, Donna Lainchbury, the wife of one of the club's Directors, Lawrence, passed away after a battle with cancer. Donna was a librarian at Monsignor Morrison in St Thomas for 24 years and was an active, long time member with the Sweet Adelines in Burlington and London. At this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with Lawrence and his family. ***(NOTE added by Lawrence: Thank you all for your support. For me it's one day at a time and it is very difficult. You will likely see me more at the Club.)***

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello. These members include: Tracy Stewart, Andre Koch, Gary Carew, Walt Seliske, Neil Moore and Bill Rodrigues

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED

The club's caretakers, Bob and Paulette Schmidt are no longer at the club. They did an outstanding job in the two short years as caretakers of WOFGPA and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretakers for the club.

The resident caretaker position is best suited to a retired or semi-retired couple with experience as one of them will be 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, telephone, cable and internet service plus a commission on rentals. The caretakers will receive two weeks' vacation annually and all statutory holidays off.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com. Resumes will be accepted from the general public. Only potential candidates will be selected for interview.

1st ANNUAL WOFGPA FISH FRY Sat. Sept. 14, 2013

Social time	5:00 pm
Fish Fry	6:00 pm
Ticket price	\$ 15.00

A club member, Lloyd Thompson recently suggested that the club host a fish fry. Thank you for your input for a new function idea for WOFGPA. The club is very excited about this and anticipates that it will be an annual event.

To obtain your advance tickets, contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or couture.house@hotmail.com. Tickets are limited to 60 and will be available for sale until Sunday, September 8th. Don't delay and miss out.

SUMMER 2nd BASS DERBY

Sunday, August 11 proved to be a beautiful day for the anglers who came out for a morning of fishing in the second bass derby of the summer. This was an unofficial derby so the winners only get bragging rights, with witnesses present.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to assist Andre Koch with the event. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The winners were:

1st place	Dan Chatterley Jr.	151 cm
2nd place	Terry Fegan	141.5 cm
3rd place	Alex Duffitt	124.5 cm
Largest Fish	Joe Isenor	36 cm

Mark your calendars. A trout stocking has tentatively been scheduled for Sat. Oct. 12, a week before the Fall Trout Derby on Oct. 20. Once the arrangements are finalized, the details will be posted on the club bulletin boards and in the October newsletter.

APPRECIATION DAY BBQ

There are not enough times and enough ways for WOFGPA to thank its many volunteers for their tireless efforts in keeping the club operating as it does. Each year, WOFGPA hosts a catered BBQ as a small token of thanking these individuals.



Many thanks to club member, Neil Moore and his assistant Melissa for all the great food at this year's BBQ.



Howard Jaeger was the proud winner of the portable propane BBQ and gift certificate to Kohn's Meat Market. Thank you to Neil Moore for donating the prize which was presented by club President, Stan Gibbs.

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

Andre Koch can be reached at 519-685-5725 or at most club meetings and functions. He has some merchandise in stock and can also place custom orders.

JUST IN – Andre has a selection of larger sized of hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

New for this summer are embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00.

Lined jackets with embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock.

EUCHRE

Progressive Euchre is held monthly at the club from September through April. Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. The club needs a two person committee who is willing to act as hosts for the Euchre season. This opportunity would be perfect for the spouse of a card player.

If you are a card player and are willing to host at least one evening of Euchre, please contact to Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257, who can address any questions you might have as to what is involved with hosting. A member of the Executive will always be present at each card night, should you need their help or to answer any question.

Unfortunately, if hosts are not available throughout the balance of the Euchre season, the monthly Euchre game nights will be cancelled.

WREATH ORNAMENTS, TRINKETS AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

As your travel around to garage sales this summer, keep an eye open for Christmas trinkets and ribbons that can be used by the Wreath Brigade later this year. They can usually be found very cheap. Mark the bag with "Wreath Brigade" and either leave it with the caretakers or bring them to a meeting where they will be stored till needed. Once again, Hermann Szielasko would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Wreath Brigade that have been received so far.

Hermann is offering to sharpen your knives, tools, scissors and lawn mower blades to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 for more details and to arrange dropping off your items for sharpening.

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, Stan Gibbs will be relocating the Suggestion Box into the hall by the washrooms from its current location in the Fish Registry Room. A lock will be put on it. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and constructive criticisms. This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern or if the matter is urgent or sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home 519-668-2609 in the evenings

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely on the property and docks. They leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to clean off the goose poop with the brooms that are located at each dock. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club.

Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.

Each membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.

There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.

Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted and will be returned. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership Chair) at 519-453-0659 or with Stan Gibbs (President) at 519-668-2609.

SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

PETS AND CHILDREN

All dogs must be on leash on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.

A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.

The police will be notified if you leave your dog in a vehicle during the summer.

If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

GEESE AND DUCKS AND TURTLES

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks that are on club property any human food, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but bread is not part of their normal diet and can easily cause them illness and stress. They are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

Feeding any birds later in the season could also disrupt their natural migration. Feeding wild seed in a feeder should only be done during winter months for those birds that remain during the cold winter months.

The turtles in the pond have ample food supply in the water. Please respect any turtles and any nests you might find on the property by leaving them alone.

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.

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. The targeted species of fish changes each week. You can join the league at any time. You are also awarded points if you finish in the top three in derbies.

The standings are posted weekly on the outside Club Bulletin Board.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

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

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that club members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

Occasionally, an angler stops fishing for a short time or makes a trip to Tim Horton's and leaves his rod or tackle on the dock. His equipment should not be considered as "found treasure" by you. If you realize that the owner does not return within a reasonable amount of time or may have gone home, take their equipment to the caretakers, Bob and Paulette, for safe keeping until it is returned to the rightful owner.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem.

Only club 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. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretakers or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

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.

The hall has a seating capacity of up to 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 telephone the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or leave a message on the club answering machine 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. WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

**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.

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 any Executive or Entertainment Committee members. It is your club so please be an involved member and help make WOFGPA the very best it can be.

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| Mon., Sept. 2 | Labour Day (STAT holiday) |
| Thurs., Sept. 12 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 14 | Fish Fry (advance tickets available til Sept.8th) |
| Thurs., Sept. 26 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat., Sept. 28 | Euchre (hosts are Steve & Teresa Couture) |
| Thurs., Oct. 10 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 12 | 1 st Fish stocking (Stan Gibbs – tentative) |
| Mon., Oct. 14 | Thanksgiving Monday |
| Sun., Oct. 20 | Fall Trout Derby |
| Thurs., Oct. 24 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 26 | Euchre (hosts needed) |
| Thurs., Nov. 14 | General Meeting |
| Sat., Nov. 23 | Fall Clean up (Howard Pearcey)
Tree Lot Set up (Don Colborne)
Euchre (hosts needed) |
| Thurs. Nov. 28 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 30 | Tree Sales begin |
| Thurs. Dec. 12 | General meeting & Turkey Roll |
| Sat. Dec. 14 | Breakfast with Santa |
| Thurs. Dec. 19 | Executive Meeting (held one week early) |

Hopefully, we will see you at some of these throughout the year. It is your club so get involved and enjoy it more.

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