

APRIL 2021



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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Membership dues increase effective today	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Breakfast (cancelled)
4 Easter Sunday	5	6	7	8 General Meeting & Annual Elections (delayed one month)	9	10 Jigg's Dinner (cancelled)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Spring Cleanup
18 Spring Trout derby (cancelled)	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Euchre (cancelled)
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Ladies Only Derby
9	10	11	12	13 General meeting & Annual Elections	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 Victoria Day / 31	25	26	27 Executive meeting	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 2020- 2021

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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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and wildlife, and 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.



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fishing League Start up - April 20 to October 12/2021

If you are looking to go fishing once a week with a great bunch of anglers, why not join us at the club pond on Tuesday nights any time after 5:00pm till dark, to compete for bragging rights, some pocket change, and maybe your name on a trophy at the end of the year.

Each week you accumulate points by catching the largest of the targeted fish, and each week the targeted fish are different. The buy in each time you fish is \$2.00, with half of the money going to the top score for that night. The other half is put aside to buy a nice gift for the "Angler of the Year".

This is a very good way to learn how to fish for the different kinds of fish in our pond. First place finishes in any of our Derbies also gets points towards your total for the year. See you on the water!

The Executive has delayed to Annual Elections which are typically by one month at a time. They strongly feel that input from members is a necessity for running the club and its operations. The new date is May 13 at the General Meeting. Hopefully by that time, members will be permitted to gather inside the club to vote. If you wish to join a committee or would like more details, please contact the committee chairperson.

Another note to members: Our meetings will be for the Executive body only until further notice as London is currently in Red Zone designation. Membership renewals will be done on meeting nights between 7pm and 7:30pm.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Beginning Thurs., April 1st, there will be a \$ 10.00 increase in membership dues. This is NOT an April Fool's Day prank. There is no increase to Youth and Sponsor Child memberships or Boat Rack spot.

The new rates are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

Those members whose membership is due should come to the club on a scheduled meeting night (2nd or 4th Thursday) between 6:30 and 7:30 pm to pay your dues.

If your renewal date on your notice is May 1, 2021. Your membership will lapse at the end of May, which is the one-

month grace period permitted and your name removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4 year wait time.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on file.

All membership renewal notices are sent electronically, and mailed only to those persons without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues. The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you.

ELECTIONS (NEW DATE) THURSDAY, May 13 at 7:30 PM

Due to the current Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework and gathering limits, the Executive of WOFGPA has decided to delay our Annual Elections one month at a time. They realize the importance of club members' input and welcome it.

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2021 - 2022 term will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm.

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering May 13, 2021 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2022.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, May 12, 2021, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
- Teresa Couture - Secretary – WOF&GPA
- RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination OR provide a written acceptance delivered to Teresa Couture (Secretary) on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members. If you would like to be on a committee for the upcoming year, please speak with the current committee chairperson.

All members are encouraged to get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

WELFARE

Many club 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?" This is especially important during the pandemic as many of our members venture outside or visit friends and family infrequently and would likely welcome a call.

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

SPRING CLEANUP **Sat. April 17 starting at 8:30 am**

On Sat, April 17, a crew of volunteers will meet at 8:30 am to clean up the club grounds after the winter. A number of tasks are planned. Please bring your own rake and work gloves. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Henry Van Eerdewijk if needed for more details

SPRING TROUT DERBY **Sunday, April 18**

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 Red Zone restrictions, it has been decided to cancel our Spring Trout Derby. If you have already paid please come to the hall on April 8th, between 6:30 and 7:30 pm to be refunded.

Fishing at the club is still permitted with covid measures in place.

TROUT STOCKING

Tentatively, there will be 2 Trout stockings in April. One will be early in the month and the other will be closer to the end of the month. Dates will be posted when finalized.

If you can assist, please let Stan Gibbs know.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. This item is in limited supply. Please contact Stan Gibbs about mask purchases.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone. Stan Gibbs is present at meetings.

LADIES ONLY DERBY

Date: Sat., May 8
Time: 8:00 til noon. Lunch is served by the men around 12:15
Cost: \$ 17 members
\$ 20 non-members
\$ 10 girls (age 12 and under)
\$ 10 volunteers and helpers

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting their fish, boat driving and making "Timmies runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

It is necessary that anglers pre-register between April 7 and April 30 by calling Andre at 519-685-5725 or email at softkoch@hotmail.com

Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the morning and at lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Andre Koch as soon as possible. Participation has been low in the past few years. I would like to hear from 20 or more participants. If the numbers are not there, this derby may have to be cancelled. Let's make this derby a success.

Andre Koch

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Event Calendar for 2021 – 2022 is available on the club website. Please be advised that all functions listed in this newsletter may be cancelled due to the government regulations. If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email.

Sat. Apr. 3 Easter Breakfast (cancelled)
Thurs. Apr. 8 General meeting and Annual Elections (delayed one month)
Sat. Apr. 10 Jigg's Dinner (cancelled)
Sat. Apr. 17 Spring Clean up
Sun. Apr. 18 Spring Trout Derby
Thurs. Apr. 22 Executive Meeting
Sat. Apr. 24 Pot Luck and Euchre (cancelled)

Sat. May 8 Ladies Only Derby
Thurs. May 13 General Meeting and Elections (new date)
Mon. May 24 Victoria Day
Thurs. May 27 Executive Meeting

Sat. June 5 Tackle Swap
Thurs. June 10 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 19 Crappie Derby
Thurs. June 24 Executive Meeting
Sun. June 27 Youth Activity Day



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