

DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



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December 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	13	14 Breakfast with Santa
15	16	17	18	19 Executive Meeting (one week early)	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve- closed	25 Christmas Day - closed	26 closed	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve				

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Euchre (hosted by Lockreys)
26	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
1st Vice President	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
2nd Vice President	
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Secretary	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Treasurer	
Steve Couture	519-668-6257
Directors	
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199
Past Presidents	
John Manvell	519-455-3627
Bill Rodrigues	519-455-7905
Bill Smith	519-434-3799

Committees

Entertainment	
Teresa Couture (Chair)	519-668-6257
Mary Degan	519-438-8104
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Cora Thompson	519-455-6461

House	
Lawrence Lainchbury (Chair)	519-681-7199
Don Colborne	519-686-9559
Gord Spotton	519-439-9450

Grounds	
Howard Pearcey (Chair)	226-224-6605
Joe Crombeen	519-686-7386
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Bob Smale	519-457-6644
Henry Van Eerdewijk	519-432-4239

Ponds	
Stan Gibbs (Chair)	519-668-2609
Ron Dennis	519-668-6430
Brian Ernteman	519-453-3641
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Howard Pearcey	519-685-6044
Bob Smale	519-457-6644

Welfare	
Tom & Shirley McGill	519-652-2875

Boat Rack	
Don Colborne	519-686-9559

Membership	
Valerie Grahl	519-453-0659

Newsletter	
Teresa Couture	519-668-6257

Fundraising	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725
Steve Couture	519-668-6257

Club Merchandise	
Andre Koch	519-685-5725

Website Administrator and Public Relations	
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

Political & Environmental Research	
Steve & Teresa Couture	519-668-6257
Stan Gibbs	519-668-2609
Lawrence Lainchbury	519-681-7199

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

Wow, what an amazing club we all belong to!

I am continually overwhelmed by the volunteer support our membership gives to this club. In all my time supporting different organizations, I have never seen such a commitment. Young and old alike, male or female, everyone pitches in to get the task at hand completed.

This was demonstrated: beyond all expectations a couple of weekends ago when our members tackled the fall cleanup and tree lot setup. This task took most of Saturday with 30 plus volunteers. Later the same week, 50 plus volunteers put their efforts towards the unloading, unwrapping, and stacking on the racks, 850 Christmas trees that we hope to sell this year. As all this was going on another group of volunteers has been busy for a couple of weeks getting the wreath brigade organized and to top it all off we had a snow storm which dumped a lot of snow on and around our trees. Unfortunately, this is just the start of a very busy season for all of us, so when I see the efforts put forward by all, I am truly amazed. Thanks to all who organized and worked on these ventures and also to those who will keep working until the last tree is sold and all is put away until the next time.

In the spirit of the Holiday Season, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

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.

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with Todd Stewart and his children, Alicia and Cody, after the sudden passing of Todd's wife Tracy on Nov. 23rd.

A number of our members have had health issues lately and would appreciate a phone call just to say hello.

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 year 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, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock.

Andre will be present during the Turkey Roll on Thurs. Dec. 12 with a selection of merchandise to take home to wrap for that special someone this Christmas.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 14, 2013 9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa 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.

CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES Sat. Dec. 14, 2013

Donating blood saves lives.

During the holidays, the need for blood donations increases. Canadian Blood Services is currently holding a campaign to increase public awareness of blood donation and to obtain donations of blood from current, previous and new donors.

To assist Canadian blood Services with their campaign, on Saturday, December 14, the WOFGPA tree sale volunteers will be distributing informative flyers and a pre-wrapped cookie to those persons shopping for their Christmas tree.

TURKEY ROLL Thursday, December 12, 2013 At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 10 turkeys weighing between about 5 kgs each. There are also 5 door prizes to be won.

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

Cindy Gibbs, author of "Chin-wag" will be present to sign any copies for members.

SUPERBOWL XLVIII PARTY Sun. February 2, 2014

The club festivities will start at 4:00 pm, although game kickoff is at 6:00 pm. There will be lots of food, raffled items and door prizes throughout the evening.

Please speak with Andre Koch to obtain your ticket for only \$ 25.00 each.

Tickets go on sale at the December General Meeting and Turkey Roll on Dec. 12.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

In co-operation with Salvation Army, WOFGPA is sponsoring two families this Christmas. We hope that you will share with us in making this a memorable Christmas for these two families. If you are able to assist, we have included a summary of the children's ages, clothing size and gift suggestions.

CHILD	AGE	SIZE	IDEAS
Family #1			
Boy	2	3 Toddler (3X) Pull-ups (2T)	Colouring books & crayons, books, learning toys, cars, movie, Lego
Family # 2			
Boy (#2)	2	3 Toddler (3X)	Thomas the trains, trucks, learning yous, cars, movies, books •needs cclothing
Boy (#2)	4	5 Toddler (5X)	Spiderman, games, books, colouring, hot wheels •needs clothing
Boy (#2)	14	Mens medium	Clothing, gift cards, gloves, hat, video games

As well, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the two families. Two boxes are provided at the club. One is located in the trailer and the other is in the main hall.

If you wish to offer a cash donation, the club will purchase the items needed. This donation can be brought to the General Meeting and Turkey Roll on Thurs. Dec. 12

All donations must be received by Friday, December 20.

In advance, we would like to thank you for your generosity for these two families.

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

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are 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!

This year the tree prices are:

\$ 30 – any tree up to 7 feet high
\$ 40 – any tree larger than 7 feet

\$ 12 – small wreath
\$ 30 – large wreath
\$ 5 - swag

On Saturday, November 23, the Tree sales started and will continue until all Christmas trees are sold. If you haven't signed up for a shift or two of selling Christmas trees, you can do so by calling Brian Ernteman at 519-453-3641 or speak to him in the trailer.



EUCHRE

Thank you to Cora Thompson, Andre Koch and Dave Jeffries for hosting the Euchre on Nov. 23. The winners for the evening were:

High Man – Tony Dukic
High Lady – Elenore Von Ruczicki
Most Lone Hands – Ken Lockrey
Mystery Man – Lloyd Thompson
Mystery Lady – Grace Sanders and Sylvia Lewis
50/50 Draw – George Maudsley

The January 25th Euchre will be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey. Hosts are still needed for the February and March Euchre game nights in 2014.

All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). Those who have attended this function do so mainly as card players. 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.

RESIDENT CARETAKERS NEEDED

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.

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, so please spread the word.

DANGER – THIN ICE

December weather means a drop in the daily temperature and we know that ice has started to form on the pond. Currently, the ice is extremely dangerous and will not support weight so please stay on the docks to fish.

Here are just a few reminders about pond ice safety:

A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the front dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration stones. These two areas may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.

Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice. It is the club policy that all dogs be leashed at all times and in control of their owners.

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.

The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice

Always use the "Buddy" system and never venture out alone.

Mark your fishing holes with a flag or small branch – for safety and consideration of others.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice often does not allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.

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

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW & MONTHLY MEETING 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.

The November monthly meeting draw was won by Hermann Szielasko – large box of Russell Stover chocolates and \$ 20 Tim Horton's card and also Stan Gibbs – club hat. Congratulations Hermann and Stan.

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Carefully inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights. New LED lights are much safer than the "old" ones and very energy efficient.

Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.

Keep all real Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible.

Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness as it is a fire hazard.

Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to animals? Keep your pets away from these items. As tempting as it seems, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays.

Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked and get stressed as we enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.

Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.** There are many other options such as abstaining, having a designated driver, staying the night, taking public transit or calling for a ride home.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas and all the best in 2014.

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 membership 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.

FOR SALE

2008 Toyota Tundra DBL Cab TRD

Price is \$ 15,00.00 firm, certified and E-tested

This white truck is nicely equipped with the TRD package and some extras including running boards, Tonneau cover, window visors, weather tech mats and Ziebart rust-proofing. The Michelin tires are new this year and the brakes were recently done. This truck has had regular maintenance and shows well.

Don't let the 220,000 km scare you as the vehicle runs great and the body is sound.

Call Stan Gibbs at 519-521-5501 for more details or to arrange for a test drive of your "new" truck.

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 snow or on 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.

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 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

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

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 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.

Thurs. Dec. 12 General meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 14 Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 19 Executive Meeting (held one week early)

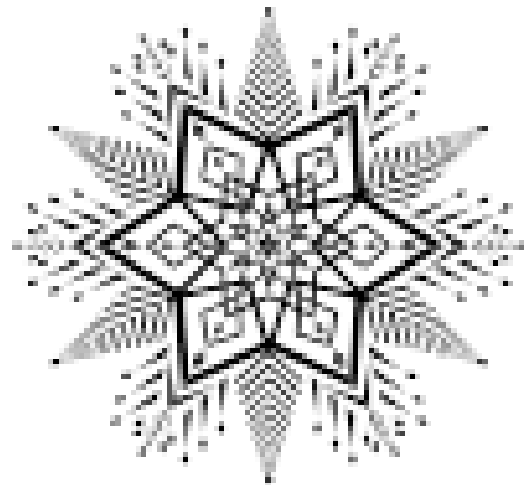
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Thurs. Jan. 9 General Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 23 Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 26 Euchre (hosts: Ken and Pat Lockrey)


Sun. Feb. 2 Superbowl XLVIII Party (tickets on sale now)
Sun. Feb 8 Hockey Day in Canada
Thurs. Feb. 13 General Meeting
Mon. Feb. 17 Family Day
Sat. Feb. 22 Euchre (hosts needed)
Thurs. Feb. 27 Executive Meeting

Thurs. Mar. 13 Elections and General Meeting
Sat. Mar. 22 Euchre (hosts needed)
Thurs. Mar. 27 Executive Meeting

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



WOFGPA Executive and Committee members wish health and happiness in 2014 for all club members and their families.

<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 PAULETTE AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>IMAGINE YOUR BUSINESS ADVERTISED HERE</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
<p>THIS SPACE IS WAITING FOR YOUR BUSINESS AD</p>	<p>JAY'S FLY SHOP 96 Rectory St. @ Hamilton Rd. London</p> <p>Phone John at 519-672-5487</p> <p>Fly tying materials Fly Fish tackle & Rod building supplies</p> <p>Lessons and Guide Services</p>	<p>ANGLING SPORTS</p> <p>681 Highbury Ave North @ Dundas Street</p> <p>519-649-7429</p> <p>Pat DeVincenzo Owner</p> <p><i>"Your full service tackle shop"</i></p>
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