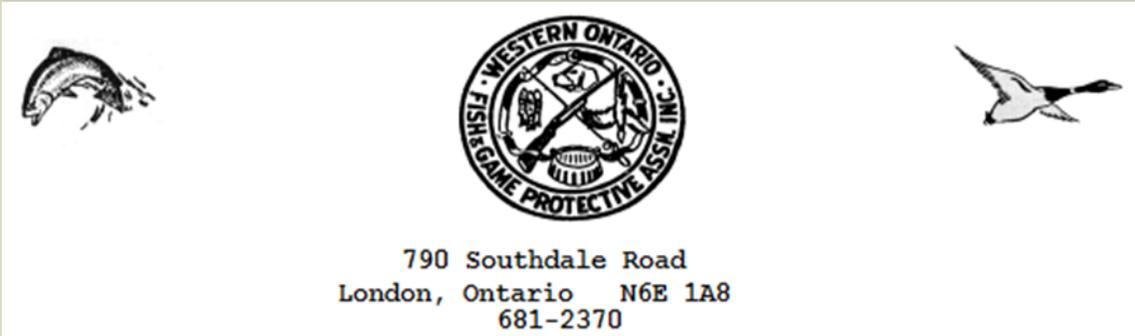


DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



December 2014

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

January 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Youth Committee Meeting	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre (hosted by the Lockreys)
25	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
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Please leave a message on the club phone or 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 and questions are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.

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 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas to one and all!

This message is passed on to family and friends at this time of year. What accompanies this phrase is the selfless act of giving; which is very apparent around our club. As I have commented many times before, this Association has the best volunteers anywhere. To the 60 plus volunteers who showed up to unload 800 trees, the many workers who are helping Hermann with the wreaths, and to the projected 1500 hours that will go into the operation of the tree lot, and let's not forget the many members that will spend countless hours on the different functions that need to be organized and operated, I thank you!

In addition to all the personal hours given at our club, I would like to ask for your help in another venture that our Association does every year. As in the past we will be sponsoring at least two families in need this Christmas. Unfortunately we do not have many particulars on these families as yet, so I am asking all of our members to drop off some non-perishable goods to our club. Along with some donations that have come our way we will purchase some appropriate gifts for them. If I get some information and it's not too late I will notify all of you with an email update.

Come out and enjoy! At our next General meeting, we have quite a night in store. Following a shortened business meeting we will have a presentation for the Angler of the Year, and also the bids will be opened for the Bucket List Fishing Trip, (which need to be in before the start of the meeting) and the winner notified. In addition, we will have our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams available to be won. There will be door prizes, snacks and refreshments.

Hope to see a good crowd.

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

Our condolences to the Colborne family after the passing of Don's sister-in-law.

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with Myra Rodrigues and her family after Bill's sudden passing on Nov. 1. Bill was a Past President of the club and a veteran.

Many of the club's 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"? 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.

WREATH BRIGADE AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is the main contact for the Wreath Brigade which will begin meeting soon in the basement of the club. Under his tutelage, the wreaths are designed and sold at the Christmas Tree Lot. If you are interested in helping out on this venture, please call Hermann for details.

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. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 for more details.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 6, 2014 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: sausage and eggs, pancakes 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. 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! Sign up in the trailer or by contacting Don Colborne.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE Sat. Dec. 13, 2014 10:00 til 4:00 pm

The Youth Group is organizing a Christmas Bazaar and Bake sale to be held in the main hall of the club.

They are asking for donations of home-baked goods and any decorations that can be sold.

If you are a crafty person and are willing to donate some items showcasing your "special talent", it would also be much appreciated. Remember that all proceeds will go to the club.

All donations will be accepted on Dec. 11 at the meeting or Dec. 12 at the club. Special arrangements and pick-ups can be made by contacting Andre Koch at his home in the evenings.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they can also come to the Bazaar and Bake Sale when they come to pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

Thurs., Dec. 11, 2014

At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be door prizes to be won.

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

BUCKET LIST – FISHING TRIP SILENT AUCTION – Dec. 11, 2014

Glen LeGrand, the owner of Camp Bonaventure in Paspéblac, Quebec, located in the Gaspé Peninsula, has generously donated to the club an all-inclusive Atlantic Salmon fly-fishing trip for 2 to Camp Bonaventure.

The package includes lodging, meals, fishing and professional guides. The silent auction winner and their guest will arrive at the camp on July 26, 2015 and leave on July 29th after fishing for the day. The trip does not include transportation costs and gratuities.

The total value of this package is \$ 6, 400.00 with a reserve bid of \$ 3,200.00. Your bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope before the start of the General Meeting on Dec. 11, 2014 addressed to: "Attention Executive – Fly fishing trip bid". Your bid must be rounded to the nearest dollar. The sealed envelopes will be opened during the December 11th General meeting.

The winner must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$ 500.00 to the club within 10 days of the silent auction and payment must be made in full by January 31, 2015 or the trip will be offered to the next highest bidder.

If there is a tie for highest bid, those members will be contacted and asked if they wish to increase their bid within 48 hours.

This silent auction is open to WOFGPA members only. Full details were sent by email to all members earlier this fall. Since the silent auction trip has no redeemable cash value, the winner may transfer it to another person if they choose.

FAMILY DAY ICE FISHING DERBY Mon. Feb. 16, 2015

The Executive is pleased to announce that one of our enterprising members, who also owns Angling Sports will host an ice fishing derby for the whole family to enjoy.

This derby will take place on our pond on Family Day, which is Monday, February 16th, 2015 from 9am till 1pm. There will be prizes for big fish in specific different species, and a good hot lunch to fill you up.

The cost for this event is \$10.00 per angler. Due to limited parking and hall capacity, this event will be held to the first 100 people.

You must pre-register and pay at Angling Sports, on Highbury Ave. south of Dundas St.

As in all of our derbies, the pond will be closed to all other fishing until the derby is over.

SUPERBOWL XLIX PARTY

Sun. February 1, 2015

The 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. 11.

EUCHRE

Cora Thompson and Teresa Couture did an excellent job of hosting the November Euchre games evening.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Tom McGill (73)

High Lady – Lois Tillotson and Sylvia Lewis (63)

Most Lone Hands – Bonnie Earle (5)

Mystery Man – Lloyd Thompson and Ed Brown

Mystery Lady – Grace Sanders

50/50 draw – Shirley McGill

The next Euchre is Sat. Jan. 24, 2015 and will be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). 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. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

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

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone or is present at club meetings and functions.

There is some merchandise in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. Lined jackets with an 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.

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.

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 will not support any 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.

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. It will also be posted on the club website at www.wofgpa.org

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 or leave it in the Suggestion Box.

Sat. Dec. 6	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 11	General meeting & Turkey Roll Silent Auction – Camp Bonaventure Fly-fishing trip
Sat. Dec. 13	Youth Committee Bazaar and Bake Sale
Wed. Dec. 17	Youth Committee (one week early)
Thurs. Dec. 18	Executive meeting (one week early)
Thurs. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Wed. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve

2015

Thurs. Jan 8	General meeting
Wed. Jan 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs Jan 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Jan 24	Euchre (hosts: Ken & Pat Lockrey)
Sun. Feb	Superbowl XLIX party (tickets go on sale on Dec. 11)
Thurs. Feb. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day Hockey Day in Canada (Junior teams from GBSA to visit and play pond hockey)
Mon. Feb. 16	Family Day Ice Fishing Derby (mandatory pre-registration required)
Sat. Feb. 21	Tackle Swap
Wed. Feb. 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Feb. 26	Executive Meeting
Sat. Feb. 28	Euchre (hosts: Tom and Shirley McGill)

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.



The Executive would like to wish all club members and their families a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and all the best in 2015.

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