

MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER



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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10 General meeting & Elections	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive meeting	25 Good Friday	26 Easter Breakfast Euchre
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31		

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Wrestle-Mania 32	4	5	6	7	8	9 1 st stocking Jigg's Dinner
10	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16 Spring Cleanup
17 Spring Trout Derby	18	19	20	21	22	23 Pot Luck dinner & Euchre
24	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive meeting	29	30 2 nd stocking

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2015 – 2016**

Executive

President

Stan Gibbs 519-668-2609

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Andre Koch 519-685-5725

2nd Vice President

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Steve Couture 519-668-6257

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Hall Rentals

519-681-2370

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 Executive meeting and questions and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At our next General Meeting, the members of this association will have the opportunity to exercise their democratic rights and elect a new executive body to represent our club.

I realize that some of you joined this club for the sole purpose of having a place to drop a line, and enjoy the quiet serenity of the lake and grounds. This sounds nice, but this kind of thinking could become a trend and then very few people would get involved.

Our association needs good people to run the club and more good people to help them.

If you are not interested in running for an elected position, please do not pass on the annual Election night. At the very least come out and support the people that are willing to do the job and cast a vote, or maybe sign up for one of the many committees that we have, they all need help.

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters." *Abraham Lincoln*

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP DUES

After many years of no changes to membership fees, the Executive has decided that a nominal increase in membership dues is warranted. An increase of \$ 10.00 will come into effect for all membership types that come due as of March 1, 2016 (even if you pay your dues in February).

The new rates are:

Family Membership	\$ 145.00
Single Membership	\$ 125.00
Senior Membership	\$ 120.00
Boat Rack	\$ 35.00

There will not be any changes in membership dues for Youth or for a Sponsored Child.

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?" 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 heartfelt condolences at this difficult time goes out to the DeVincenzo family after the passing of Pat's father.

DANGER – THIN ICE !!

Due to the unseasonably warm winter, the ice is unsafe to venture out on. Any ice fishing should be done from the docks.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM
(Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2016-2017 term will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 7:30 pm. Notes:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 10, 2016 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2017.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 9, 2016, 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 must provide a written acceptance delivered to Teresa Couture (Club 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.

An updated membership list will be available for viewing after February 29, 2016.

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.

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.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the February monthly meeting draw was Bert Smit.

ATTENTION YOUTH MEMBERS!!

On Wed., March 23rd at 7:00 pm at WOF&GPA, we will be starting the Youth Committee for the 2016 – 2017 term. This Youth Committee comes up with their own ideas and activities that are of interest to the youth club members.

The benefit of being a member of the Youth Committee are:

- If you are aged 16 – 18, your Youth fee of \$ 70.00 is waived with your involvement in the committee
- You will receive a hat and t-shirt and an ID tag

- You will be chosen first for your community school hours
- When you turn 18 years old, you will automatically become a paying member of the club and do not have to be placed on the long waiting list for membership

If you are interested and want to learn more about this group, you only need to be 13 to 17 years old and show up at 7:00 pm on March 23rd. The Committee meetings are monthly on the third Wednesday of each month in the main hall of the club.

If you have any questions, please call Youth Committee Mentor, Andre Koch, at 519-685-5725 in the evenings.

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 and on the club website, www.wofgpa.org

Thurs. Mar 10	General Meeting and Elections
Wed. Mar. 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Mar 24	Executive meeting
Fri., Mar. 25	Good Friday
Sat. Mar 26	Easter Breakfast (am) and Euchre (pm)
Sun. Mar. 27	Easter Sunday

Sun. April 3	WrestleMania 32
Sat. April 9	Jigg's Dinner
Thurs. April 14	General meeting
Sat. April 16	Spring Cleanup
Sun. April 17	Spring Trout Derby
Sat. April 23	Pot luck Euchre
Wed. April 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. April 28	Executive meeting

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. It is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. March 26, 2016
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to members and guests.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

\$ 5.00 Adults

\$ 3.00 Children (2 to 5 years)

No charge for children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart).

EUCHRE

Steve & Teresa Couture hosted the Euchre night on Feb. 27th.

The results of the evening were:

High Man – Dave Jeffries

High Lady – Arlene Whiteway

Mystery Man – Adrian

Mystery Lady – Shirley McGill

Most Lone Hands – Cora Thompson & Detlef Von Ruczicki

50/50 – Bob Shiell (who donated the proceeds to the Club).

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. March 26th, which happens to be the same day as the Easter Breakfast.

Our final Euchre of the season will be held on Sat. April 23. This evening begins with a Pot Luck Dinner, starting at 5:30 pm. The games will start at 7:00 pm sharp.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month and is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to everyone. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. A light snack is 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.



JIGG'S DINNER

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar)

Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult

ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY BY MARCH 28TH
NO RESERVED TICKETS

It is a WOFGPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests.

This year, the attendees can expect a hearty dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies and roll with butter. There will also be assorted salads, relish and cheese trays. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee. Door prizes will also be available.

Teresa Couture, club secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your tickets. Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

Do not delay as this function is often sold out and you will miss out on a great dinner with good company, lots of laughter and door prizes.



WRESTLEMANIA 32

Sunday, April 3, 2016
Doors open at 6:30 pm
with the events starting at 7:00 pm

The admission cost for this BIG-screen event is a donation of canned goods for the Food Bank. This family friendly event is for all ages and is open to club members and their families only. Homburgs, hot dogs, chips and pop will be sold at a nominal cost. NO alcohol is available during this family event.

Hope to see a good turnout and many new faces.

Hosts: Andre Koch & Steve Couture

SPRING TROUT DERBY

DATE: Sun., April 17
TIME: Register at 7:30
Derby 8:00 till noon
COST: Members \$ 15.00
Non-Members \$ 18.00
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

The dates set out to stock the pond are Sat. April 9th and 30th. These are tentative dates and once confirmed, the correct dates will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club.

SPRING CLEAN UP Sat. April 16

The Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee cleaning up the grounds after a very long cold winter.

Many projects are planned for the day. The main project will be removing invasive buckthorn. Please bring your own rake, shovel or pruning shears as the club has a limited number.

An unlimited supply of coffee and hot chocolate will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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 e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person 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 building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work. Compensation includes a one-bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com

Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

HALL RENTALS

THE CLUB HALL IS **NOT** AVAILABLE FOR STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? The hall has a maximum seating capacity of 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a wide range of quaint celebrations: small wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next condo or club meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and birthdays. Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar for events with alcohol. Please contact the club at 519-681-2370 to check our low rental rates and availability of the hall.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" navy golf shirt and "camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA" - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered "bucket" hats can be purchased for only \$15.00 each.

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

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

<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 THE CLUB AT 519-681-2370</p>	<p>DRUM LESSONS</p> <p>Learn to play drums in a family friendly atmosphere.</p> <p>For details contact Nick at 226-289-3082</p> <p>Nicholaswalker88@gamil.com</p> <p>www.facebook.com/NW_percussion</p>	<p>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</p> <p>All Major & Minor Repairs Class "A" Mechanic</p>  <p>Rick Foster 519-452-3511</p>
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