

## MARCH 2020



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### March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 <b>General Meeting &amp; Elections</b>	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick'	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 <b>Executive meeting</b>	27 Last day to get Jigg's Dinner tickets	28 Euchre
29	30	31				

### April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <b>Jigg's Dinner</b>
5	6	7	8	9 <b>General Meeting</b>	10 Good Friday	11 <b>Easter Breakfast</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 <b>Spring Cleanup</b>
19 <b>Spring Trout Derby</b>	20	21	22	23 <b>Executive Meeting</b>	24	25 Pot Luck Dinner & Euchre
26	27	28	29	30		

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

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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.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend, a friend or family member should bring your annual dues to the club at the designated time. Special arrangements for payment can be made only through the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

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.

If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has over 250 names on it and an estimated 4-year wait time.

Example of membership renewal timeline:

Join date:	April 1, 2019
Membership expires:	March 31, 2020
Grace Period ends:	April 30, 2020

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We seem to have an issue with our membership renewal process.

As a member of W.O.F.G.P.A you are required to renew your membership on an annual basis. This is done before every scheduled club meeting between 7pm and 7:30pm. As a reminder you are sent a renewal notice from your club the month before you are required to renew. In addition, you are allowed a 30-day grace which should give you at least 3 or 4 opportunities to pay your dues.

We are continually being asked to extend a grace period after the 30 days to accommodate members who let matters go to the last minute.

From this point on, the 30-day grace limit is the extent we will allow. If you do not renew by then, we will remove you from the membership and give one of the many that sit on our waiting list a chance to belong.

It is up to you to remember your renewal date; it is on your membership badge and on the membership renewal form that is mailed to you. It is also your responsibility to inform us of any contact information changes that you have. If you do not receive a renewal notice then call our Membership Committee Chair for instructions. If an issue arises that is beyond your control, please contact the Membership Committee Chair for consideration.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

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

Our best wishes for speedy recovery are with Eleanore Von Ruczicki.

## ELECTIONS THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020 7:30 PM

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2020 - 2021 term will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 12, 2020 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2021.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 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.

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.

### YOUTH COMMITTEE ELECTION Thurs., March 12 at 6:00 pm

The Youth Committee of WOFGPA would like to thank you for your continuous support over the past years.

We are thankful to the membership for allowing us to become such an important part of the club.

Our annual election night will be on Thursday, March 12 at 6:00 pm. The Youth Committee comes up with their own ideas and activities that are of interest to the youth club members

If you are interested and want to learn more about this group, you need to be 13 to 17 years old and show up at 6:00 on March 12th. Some of the advantages of being a youth member are: save \$ 70 on membership fee, making new friends and networking with others who share your interests and fulfill required community service hours for graduation.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Jurasek (mentor) at 519-685-0237 in the evenings. She will be only too happy to answer any questions you may have.

### GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections.

The winner of the February monthly meeting draw was Joe Ruscio

### WANTED

I am looking for an electric trolling motor with battery and charger. Please call Tony at 519 – 859 - 2980

### JIGG'S DINNER

Sat. April 4

Teresa Couture, club Secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your advance tickets or you can call her evenings at home.

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar) Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

Tickets are available now for advance purchase only until Friday, March 27th.

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.

Following dinner, a member, Tom Carriere will provide entertainment for all as you socialize with friends.

Don't delay and miss out on the fun.

### SPRING TROUT DERBY

Sun. April 19

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

DATE:	Sun., April 19
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.

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.

### EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. April 11

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, toast, orange juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

\$ 6.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 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).

The Easter Bunny should arrive around 10:30 am.

### SPRING CLEANUP

Sat. April 18

8:30 am

Henry Van Eerdewijk will host the annual Spring Clean-up. After the long winter there is much to do about the club to get it ready for spring and warmer temperatures.

Please bring a rake if you have one. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied.

### EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting the Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> Euchre evening. Euchre will resume on Sat., March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The results of the evening were:

High Lady	Kay Cormier and Arlene Whiteway (66)
High Man	Bob Litvinchuk (67)
Most Lone Hands	Gerry Lalonde (7)
Mystery Lady	Cora Thompson
Mystery Man	Tony Dukic
50/50	Wendy Bolt (\$ 14.50)

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and the public. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm sharp. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and is open to the public.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Teresa Couture for details.

## ICE FISHING DERBY Sat., Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>

Although the morning started with lots of snow and blowing snow, anglers came out to try their luck during the only ice fishing derby this season.

Thanks to all who assisted with the day.

The winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> place            Jaydon Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> place            Stan Gibbs  
3<sup>rd</sup> place            Gord Spotton

Big Fish            Adam Russolo

50/50 draw        Joe Russolo



### DANGER – THIN ICE

The ice conditions are monitored regularly but never posted.

Ice on the pond has uneven thicknesses. Please stay on the docks to fish unless there is at least 10 cm. thick of clear ice. 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.

Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. When in doubt, stay off the ice.

Always use the “Buddy” system and never venture out alone.

Please close the gates to all docks to keep the geese from venturing onto the property.

The ice around the windmill will always be unsafe due to aeration stones which are marked with buoys. Keep well away from the windmill area.

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. It is often best to leave your pet at home.

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

## 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

### 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 maximum seating capacity of 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays. The hall is available to members and their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening.

Please contact the club caretaker, Barb at 519-681-2370 to discuss the amenities and low rental rates and availability of the hall.

The club hall is **not** available for Stag and Doe or “engagement” parties or outdoor weddings.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Following the Annual Election in March the Entertainment group will meet with the Executive to set out the new event calendar for the upcoming year. Once the event calendar details are confirmed, it will be posted on the website.

Thurs. March 12	General Meeting and Elections
Thurs, March 26	Executive Meeting
Sat. March 28	Euchre

Sat. Apr. 4	Jigg’s Dinner
Thurs. Apr. 9	General Meeting
Fri. Apr. 10	Good Friday
Sat. Apr. 11	Easter Breakfast
Sun. Apr. 12	Easter Sunday
Sat. Apr. 18	Spring Clean-up
Sun. Apr. 19	Spring Trout Derby
Thurs. Apr. 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. Apr. 25	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren’t fishing.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a “name” on a committee.



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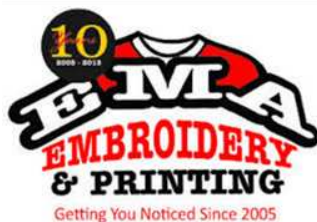
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