

SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fish Fry
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre
27	28	29	30			

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting	9	10 1 st stocking & Pond Walk
11 Thanksgiving Sunday	12 Thanksgiving Monday (STAT)	13	14	15	16	17
18 Fall Trout Derby	19	20	21 Youth Committee meeting	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Euchre
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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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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.



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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well summer is quickly coming to a close and I realize this as we have just celebrated another Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. This event is put on every year to recognize all the volunteers that have contributed their time and efforts to further our club in its constant challenge to be the best conservation club in Canada.

If you were one of the many that attended, I hope you enjoyed the meal, entertainment and the opportunity to meet all of the other volunteers. If you were invited and did not attend, on behalf of your Executive body, we extend our heartfelt thanks for all that you have done. For those that did not get an invite and would like to get one next year, all it takes is a few hours of your time. I am happy to report that nearly half of our members give of their time to help keep membership rates affordable, and to be involved in a very special club.

We all have our reasons whether to volunteer or not, which reminds me of a little verse that I came across years ago. It goes like this:

DO YOU JUST BELONG

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed or are you just content that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings, mingle with the flock or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along or are you just satisfied to say that you belong?
Do you ever voluntarily help to make things run so slick or leave the work to just a few and talk about their clique?
Come often to our meetings and help with hand and heart, don't just be a member. Take an active part.
Think this over member, you know right from wrong. Are you an active member or do you just belong?



The members who attended Volunteer Appreciation Day 2015.

**Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs**

WELFARE

Hermann Szielasko is recovering at home following recent surgery.

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.



Carvers Hermann Szielasko (right) and Bert Smit (left) stand proudly with the new club crest. This crest will be mounted in the main hall for all members to see.

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.

TROUT STOCKING

On Sat. Oct. 10, the first fall stocking of trout will happen. The details, once finalized will be posted on the club bulletin boards.

A second stocking is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 14 which is also the scheduled date of the fall cleanup.

BASS DERBY (Unofficial)

This unofficial Bass derby was held on August 16 and hosted by the Youth Committee was well attended by 33 anglers.

The winner for the highest total length of Bass was: Remi Rexer-Palmer.

The winners of the biggest Bass were: Herb Lukings and Abby Soave.

Thank you to the Youth Committee and their mentors for another successful venture.

TRAVEL FLY ROD

**Draw Date: Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015
(during the annual Turkey Roll)**

Paul Noble has built another rod for the club.

This medium-fast action, 4 piece travel fly rod is 9 feet long and 7 weight.

There is a limit of 200 tickets at \$ 3.00 each for this draw.

Please see Andre Koch at each meeting and function to purchase your tickets.

Your chances of taking home this fly rod increases with the number of tickets purchased.

WOFGPA FISH FRY
Sat. Sept. 19

Social time 5:00 pm
Fish Fry 6:00 pm
Ticket price \$ 15 each – Adult
\$ 7 each – Child (age 12 and under)

Tickets must be purchased in advance so that the correct amount of food can be purchased for the guests. The cutoff date for ticket purchase will be at the Sept. 10th General Meeting.

Only 60 tickets will be available and can be obtained by contacting Teresa Couture.

Don't delay and miss out on a hearty fish fry.



EUCHRE RESUMES
Sat. Sept. 26

The first Euchre night of the season happens on Sat. Sept. 26th and will be hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture.

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.

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.

The Youth Committee will be hosting the October and November Euchre evenings. If you are interested in hosting a Euchre evening in 2016 and would like more details as to what is involved, please contact Teresa Couture.

WALK AROUND THE POND
Sat. Oct. 10
(Rain date: Sun. Oct. 11)

The Youth Committee invites club members for a leisurely walk around the pond to clean up garbage that may be present there.

The group will leave from the parking lot following the fish stocking mid-morning. Gloves, garbage bags and refreshments will be provided.

Please wear suitable footwear and be dressed for the weather.

HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, October 30, the Youth Committee will host a Halloween Movie Night. The kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

More details will follow in the October newsletter but remember to mark your calendars.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Mark your calendar and tell your friends, as our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby.

Date: Sunday, October 18
Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 12.00
Non-Members - \$ 15.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Your paid registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.
- Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

**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.

Some merchandise is 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 can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. 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.

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

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 caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Those who are fly-fishing should choose a suitable area which is away from other anglers.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time.

Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by resident raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. All Black Crappie larger than 9 inches are breed stock and must be returned to the water.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

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.

It offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher.

Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

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

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

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 and on the club website, 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.

Mon. Sept. 7	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 10	General meeting
Sat. Sept. 19	Fish Fry
Wed. Sept. 23	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 26	Euchre (Hosts: Coutures)
Thurs. Oct. 8	General meeting
Sat. Oct. 10	1 st stocking
	Pond Walk - rain date is Sun. Oct. 11
Sun. Oct. 11	Thanksgiving
Sun. Oct. 18	Fall Trout Derby (Host: Stan Gibbs)
Wed. Oct. 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 24	Euchre (Hosts: Youth Committee)
Fri. Oct. 30	Halloween Movie Night
Wed. Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Thurs. Nov. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 14	2 nd stocking
	Fall Clean up
Sat. Nov. 21	Christmas tree lot setup
Wed. Nov. 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Nov. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 28	Euchre (Hosts: Youth Committee)

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

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