### **APRIL 2002 NEWSLETTER**







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### April 2002

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7	8	9	10	11General Meeting 7:30pm	12	13 Spring Clean Up Trout Stocking
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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Thames River Clean Up Saturday April 20/02

The hope is to clean up 150 km with 1500 volunteers. They are also offering secondary students a Certificate of Community Service hours towards their diploma. Garbage bags and gloves are provided.

Register with Mary Sloan, volunteer coordinator, Upper Thames River conservation authority 451-2800 Ext. 277 or email <a href="mailto:sloanm@thamesriver.on.ca">sloanm@thamesriver.on.ca</a>. Please provide name, telephone number, address and section of the river you plan to clean up and let us know if you would like to be a clean up coordinator for your community. If you care about our environment and heritage please come out and clean up your favorite parts of the Thames River.

**NOTICE:** The Executive is planning a comprehensive review of the constitution. A copy of the constitution is available on request. If you have any comments or requests, please email <a href="mailto:lwlainchbury@sympatico.ca">lwlainchbury@sympatico.ca</a> or call Stan @ 668-2609.

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### **NEXT GENERAL MEETING** April 11, 2002

There will be a Draw Prize for a lucky attendee! Last month's winner was Don Finch. The prize was Panther Martin power Bait. Congratulations Don! Immediately following the elections was the draw for the One Year Free membership. It was won by Mack Laing. Congratulations Mack! It pays to attend meetings. You receive a ballot for each meeting you attend. Come out and get your name entered. You could be the next winner!

Don't miss the next meeting!

### Courses Available to Members

Hunter Safety \$80
Canadian Firearms Safety \$75
Exam for each course \$30

1 Stop (CFS & HS) \$120 2 Exams \$30 each





Boat Safety (test included) \$40
Boat Safety Challenge Test \$20 (for WOF&PA members)
\$25 (non-members)
Take Advantage of Reduced Rates
Firearms Verification - No Cost
Contact Phil Gingrich @ 668-1130
Or philip.gingrich@odyssey.on.ca

Off The Back Dock

Well, spring is upon us.. No! Hold on, it's winter again! Activity around the club at least makes it feel like spring. Elections are over, the Jiggs dinner and the Easter breakfast & Egg hunt for the kids, were all well attended. Your executive has approved 1500 Trout which will be arriving on Sat. April 13<sup>th</sup> which is also Spring Clean-Up Day. The first batch of fish will arrive between 10am & 11am. The second load should be around 1:00 pm & the third load about 3:00 pm. Cleaning up the Club after the winter is a big job. So come on out and help and you will the fun of witnessing the new trout being put in the pond. If you have never experienced the trout stocking, you don't know what you're missing. It's a hoot! Ice fishing this winter was the best in years! I think putting the additional 350 trout in just before the ice came, made a big difference. Even though we didn't have much ice, the quality of the ice was great was great as we didn't experience the deep slush of past winters. Speaking of ice fishing, our one and only Ice Derby was held Feb. 3 with 28 brave souls taking to the ice. Everyone had a great time despite some cold winds. Gerald's chili, burnt soup and hot dogs warmed us up. Again everyone got a prize.

Congrats to the winners!

Senior

1<sup>st</sup> Tom McGill 44 cm

2<sup>nd</sup> Don Colborne 41.5 cm

3<sup>rd</sup> Mike McCormick 40 cm

4<sup>th</sup> Todd Besterd 38 cm

Junior

Brandon Crosby 40 cm

### **Spring Trout Derby**

Sunday, April 21, 2002

Registration 7:30 am Start 8:00 am

Members \$10.00 Guests \$12.00 Juniors \$5.00
Prizes Hot Dogs Drinks

I look forward to seeing you. If you have any comments or suggestions bout your Club, feel free to contact me at 694-2713 or drop into The Bass Pro Shop at Hully Gully 685-8045.

Gary Pratt, Ponds Committee

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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, can

Remember that you, as a member, can attend any of the meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

### Treasurer's Report

Steve presents the Treasurer's report at the meetings, showing all bills are paid up to date and the bank balance in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either the General or Executive meetings .

There is no smoking during meetings or

during meals at Club Events..

Don't forget to wear your Badge!

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April. 2002 Presidents Message

#### Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in my re-appointment to the position of President of our truly beautiful club. A lot of the positions have the same people heading them as last year, and this conveys to me that a good job was done, so keep up the good work.

I would like to welcome one new addition to our executive, that is Don Colborne as 2nd Vice President. In the past Don has been a very effective House committee chairman, and will continue as such along with his new title.

In the near future the Executive board will be setting this years budget for projects and fish stocking. We will also be looking at some changes to our constitution and bylaws. Last year we changed the format of our general meeting to be more enjoyable, less business, more social time. I feel that this has gone rather well, and we have had more members present at our meetings. I hope to expand on this format even more.

As in the past, if you can spare an hour or two on one the clubs many events or projects, please do so, all help is greatly appreciated. Keep an eye on the newsletter for information about upcoming events and projects.

Stan Gibbs

\*\*\* IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*

The page listing the Executive & Committee Members will no longer be printed each month. Please keep this page for future reference.

PLEASE NOTE: Check out our website.
The new address will be

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www.tripod.wofgpa.org

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### **Committee Members**

There will be an Entertainment Committee meeting on Tues. Apr. 16, 2002 at the Club (downstairs) @ 7pm. For further information, please call Teresa Dodge @ 668-6257

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THANKS .... Valerie Grahl, Cindy Gibbs, Pat Lockrey, Heather Anderson, Teresa Dodge and anyone else who helped cook and serve an excellent Breakfast on Sat. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> at the Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt.

Thanks also to Gloria McRonald for organizing the Egg Hunt and to all those who helped make it another successful day. Sixty-two breakfasts were served and 15 kids participated in the Egg hunt. Even though the grounds were a little soggy, a good time was had by all. Special Thanks to the **Easter Bunny** for taking time from its busy schedule to drop by & say "Hi" to one & all.

### WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Anyone not visibly wearing a membership card should **NOT** be fishing in WOG&GPA waters. **POACHING IS A PROBLEM**. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card. Ask to see proof of membership or contact a member of your Executive.

# Deadline for Newsletter Submission is the 4th Thursday of the month.

Mark your Calendar...



Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> will be our annual "Build a Bird Feeder" What a great Mother's Day gift. Your child can build one at the

Club and still have a week to decorate it before presenting it to Mom. There is no cost, however you must Pre-Register by calling Ron Earle @ 672-0765, so we can make sure there are enough materials for all that attend.

Start time: 10:00 am

### **BUY - SELL - TRADE**

For Sale: **BED**, adjustable, electric medical, complete with new mattress. \$950.00 OBO. Value \$2200. Call 659-8576



Please submit your entries for the newsletter as soon as possible. Remember the **DEADLINE** is the fourth Thursday of the month. NO **EXCEPTIONS!** Submit all materials to Karen Anderson.

Do you have something to sell? List it here. Free to all members!
Are you looking for a particular item?
Advertise for it here! Free to members!

### Something NEW!!

Following the June General Meeting (June 13) we will have a **meat draw**. Just in time for the BBQ season! Be sure to attend!

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Another Great night of Euchre and fun was enjoyed at the March event. Thanks to Stan Gibbs for helping out with the bar. (even when there was a hockey game on)

Congratulations to all the winners! Don't forget the final Euchre of the season coming up Sat. April 27, 2002. As usual we will have a "Pot Luck" Supper before the Euchre starting at 6pm. Please call Ron or Bonnie Earle to let them know what you are bringing.

Door Prizes & 50/50 Draw

### **MEMBERSHIP**

### PLEASE READ THIS

Renewals are trickling in for the rest of the season. Please return your membership renewals as soon as you receive them, via mail or drop off at the Club mailbox. If there are any problems, please call me, as it is important that we maintain an accurate membership listing. Also, if one of your family members should turn 16, please let us know, because he/she becomes a YOUTH member and he/she requires their own membership card in order to fish. A YOUTH Member cannot use a PRIMARY MEMBERS BADGE. As of July 1, 1999, YOUTH Membership costs \$50.00. Please carry your card with you while on Club Grounds. Spread the word that membership is always open and your valued membership is required to meet the goals and commitments of the Association.

\*Please remember to notify us of a change of address in order that you receive your newsletter promptly.

Welcome to all new mwmbers.

# If you are a new member come to the next General Meeting to be sworn in.

IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

Valerie Grahl 668-7620

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#### SAFE BOAT REGULATIONS

(EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1999)

For Canoes, Kayaks, Rowboats & Rowing Shells:

### **Personal Protection Equipment**

- 1. One Canadian approved personal floatation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
- 2. One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 m in length.

#### **Boat Safety Equipment**

- 1. One manual propelling device **OR** an anchor with not less than 15 m of cable, rope or chain in any combination.
- 2. One bailer or one manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel.

### **Navigation Equipment**

1. A sound signaling device or a sound signaling appliance.

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