

APRIL 2006 NEWSLETTER



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April 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting	14 Good Friday	15 Easter Breakfast
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23/30	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Euchre

May 2006

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7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
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Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

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Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich (519) 668-1130

phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

Firearms and Hunter Safety Courses

These courses are offered once a month through February, March, April, May, September, October and November. If there is sufficient demand, extra courses are scheduled.

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Emad Hazboun 519-685-7496

emadhaz@hotmail.com

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

Member discounts, OFAH and additional family member discounts are available.

Discounts cannot be combined.

All courses held at: Western Ontario Fish & Game, 790 Southdale Rd. E. London

WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT ALL TIMES

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing in WOF & GPA water. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. **If you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be told that you must leave the premises immediately.**



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Grounds

Steve Couture

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gerry Lampman

Jim Morrow

Ponds

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord McCurdy

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668-1130

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 attend any of the meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

Steve Couture presented the Treasurer's Report at the last meeting, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either the General or the Executive meetings.



There is no smoking in the club at any time.

President's Message

The elections are done. The Executive Body of the club remained the same as last year. This tells me that we did a good job and the members were pleased. There are a few new names on the Volunteer roster but additional help is always welcomed. As I am writing this column, our committee members are hard at work scheduling this year's activities. It is the work of volunteers that keep this club operating as it does. We have many functions planned in upcoming months so get involved and meet other members who share your sense of pride in being a WOFGPA member. Please follow your monthly newsletter for upcoming event scheduled and give your support as often as you can.

It has come to the Executives attention that some members have more than one spot on the boat rack. It was decided at the Executive Meeting that each **membership** would only be allocated one spot, whether it is for a canoe or a boat. When your membership comes up for renewal, only one spot will be given to you and you must remove all boats/canoes except the one that you have decided to register in the boat rack at the club. This will allow other members the opportunity to get a spot on the boat rack and to have their boat easily accessible for use at the club. If you are a member who currently has more than one spot on the boat rack, please check to see when your membership comes up for renewal and start making alternate arrangements for storing your second watercraft.

A spring clean up work party is planned for April 29th. On April 8th, we will be stocking the pond with more trout, although there are plenty still in the pond. I am really looking forward to enticing one or two trout into the frying pan.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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The club caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick would like to thank Don Finch for all his assistance and friendship over the past while.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, would like to update your email address, have an Item for Sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)



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Twenty-Eight players attended the March 25th euchre. The winners are:

High Man: Don Parker
High Lady: Marion Colborne
Mystery Man: Ron Earle
Mystery Lady: June Foster and Pat Lockrey
Most Lone Hands: Gail Gifford
50/50 – Teresa Couture \$22.00

Thank you to Myra Rodrigues for coming out to assist.

The final Euchre of the year will be April 29 (Pot Luck). Call Ron & Bonnie at 672-0765 and tell them what you will be bringing.

The games start at 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive anytime after 6:45 pm to ensure you get a seat to play).

The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player.

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter and is open to everyone. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play as players move around throughout the evening. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening

~~~~~ WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOFGPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest	\$ 45.00
Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest and your name	\$ 49.00
Tee shirts with Club crest	\$ 10.00
Hooded sweatshirt with Club crest	\$ 28.00
Polar Fleece jacket with crest	\$ 30.00
Ball hats with embroidered Club logo	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered crest – navy only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE
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WITH US.**

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Draw prizes available at each General Meeting.  
The winner of the March General Meeting draw  
was Jose Munoz who won a back support.  
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Jigg's Dinner

The 2006 – 07 Executive members will serve the members and their guests a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

Date: Sat., April 1, 2006
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
\$ 10.00 Adults
\$ 5.00 Child (under 12)

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 668-6257 (evenings) or from her at a meeting or a function.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa and let her know as soon as possible. The tickets sell out very quickly so do not delay. This evening was sold out last year!

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If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.** The draw is held in March of each year, immediately following the elections. The winner of the free one-year family membership was Teresa Couture.  
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WANTED TO BUY

I am looking for a used canoe (ideally a SportsPal that is about 12' – 14' length). I am willing to pay up to \$ 150 or best offer. If you have one to sell, please call me.
Chris Nedham 936-4119.



Easter Breakfast

Date: Sat., April 15, 2006

Time: 9 am till 11 am

Cost: \$ 3.00 for Adults
\$1.50 - Child under 7

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and coffee. The children can participate at the Craft Table while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Bunny will be handing out an Easter goody bag to each child.

Children, young and old, can have fun creating a special Easter craft while the rest of the adults enjoy their coffee and tea after eating a great breakfast.

There is no charge for the children to do their crafts at the club.

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**BOAT SAFETY COURSE**

June 21, 2006  
6:00 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on June 21, 2006. He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your Safe Boating card. It will soon be the law that all boaters, jet skiers and watercraft operators must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. Phil anticipates a high demand for this course as the deadline quickly approaches. Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

The course runs from 6:00 till 10:30 pm.

**The cost is \$ 40 for members  
\$ 45 for non-members.**

To enroll in the course, call Phil at 668-1130 or email him at [phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca](mailto:phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca)

Remember to mark June 21, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.

**On Olden Pond**  
Chapter 5  
By Jim Morrow

I want to explain why I call the different creatures by different names. I can't tell a male from a female just by looking at them. You can tell the difference with some of the creatures that fly. The males are usually prettier to look at. Their feathers are really bright and colourful. With creatures like Sidney and Sonia snapping turtle, who could tell which was which? I keep well away from both of them. I call all perch Percy or Petunia, and when I see a heron, any heron, it is either Harry or Helen. See what I mean?

All Canada geese are Gregory or Greta. You can usually tell the males from the females because Gregory is usually bigger than Greta. That's so he can protect Greta and her brood of chicks from other creatures. With all the other creatures like raccoons, rabbits and such, the babies will usually follow the mother. Sometimes with the Canada geese, you will see a whole parade. Papa will be in the lead then mama with her brood following close behind. That is really nice to see. I think that the big creatures are called Man. I say that because every time I see one of my cousins going up to thank the big creature for the food, the other big creature usually says "Nice fish Man". So, that's probably what their name is. Man. Fish do not really have a language of their own. We do have a really fantastic brain that tells how to and what to avoid. My cousins the Salmon can swim from the exact spot where they were born and swim hundreds of miles to the ocean and years later swim back to the same spot that they left years before. I don't know how they do it. They just do it. It is all in their brain. Some sort of map I guess. I see Tessie over by the weeds. I'll see if she wants some company.

See ya later.  
Toby

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HELP NEEDED

All the committees are just forming for the 2006 – 7 year at WOFGPA. It is the tireless work from all our volunteers that help to make this club so great. Help is always needed and greatly appreciated on every committee. If you are able to help as a committee member or just for a single event or just want more information, please contact any of the committee members or the Executive from the list, which can be found on the reverse side of the calendar.

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**TROUT STOCKING**

Trout Stocking will occur on Saturday, April 8 about mid morning. It is always fun for the family to see. Strong adult help, appropriately dressed, is always needed for stocking. Check the bulletin board or call Tom McGill at 672-2875 to confirm the time.

**Annual Spring Cleanup**  
Saturday, April 29  
8:00 am SHARP start time

A work party will be getting together on April 29 to clean up the grounds after the winter. Please bring yard tools with you and dress for the weather. We will supply a great lunch and refreshments throughout the day. If you can assist or would like more details, please call Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 (evenings)  
Don Colborne at 686-9559.

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Spring Trout Derby
Sunday, April 23rd

Derby: 7:30 am till Noon

Registration: 7:00 am **NO EARLIER**

Fees: Adult members \$ 12
Adult non-members \$ 15
Youth (12 and under) \$ 5

We supply a lunch and refreshments to registered anglers. Prizes are available for the winners. Many door prizes will be drawn.

Come out and try your luck at some of the fresh Trout that were put in the pond on April 8th.

See you there.

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Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance. Review the Fishing rules occasionally as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to each membership type. These rules are posted in the Fish Registry Room and just inside the main building. Happy angling.

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Mark your calendars!
Upcoming Events for June 2006

June 3 Tackle Swap
June 17 Yard Sale
June 25 Family Day
To be decided Kids only fishing derby

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WOFGPA would like to thank Paul Polischuk for donating a heated / vibrating back support for the April General Meeting draw.

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The newsletter can also be obtained online at
www.wofgpa.org

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