## **APRIL 2007 NEWSLETTER**







#### 790 Southdale Road London, Ontario N6E 1A8 681-2370

**April 2007** 

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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**

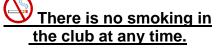
- To promote true sportsmanship by the protection, breeding, propagation, and conservation of fish and game.
- To obey the Fish and Game Laws of Ontario.
- To promote reforestation and conservation.
- To maintain a club and pond for the accommodation and enjoyment of the members and friends.

#### 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 General and Executive meetings, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.



The newsletter can also be obtained online at <u>www.wofgpa.org</u>

#### President's Message

For many years now I have asked the question, why don't we have more members attending our General Meetings. The answer I have come up with is that our meetings can be a little boring and drawn out, talking about the finer points of operating our club.

I agree! I think that our executive meetings should handle the finer points of operating our Club, while the General Meeting should inform the members of club actions and handle voting on special issues, but also should be an informative and enjoyable night to be with other people who all have something in common, our Club. With this in mind, we the Executive are planning to have different activities, such as guest speakers, demonstrations and enjoyable functions on our General Meeting night. Since we still have to abide by our Constitution and By Laws, a short business agenda will still have to be done.

To start this new idea off, two very knowledgeable members of our Club will talk about the fine art of Fly Fishing. They will also discuss Fly Fishing gear and demonstrate how to tie a couple of their favorite fly patterns. This will take place at our General Meeting in May (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday). As always, we will have a draw for some nice door prizes, and refreshments will be available after the Club business is taken care of.

Please mark this date on your calendar and help put the social life back in our Club.

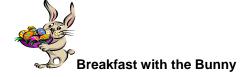
Watch your newsletter for future events on General Meeting nights

**Yours in Conservation** 

Stan Gibbs

All the best for a speedy recovery is wished for Shirley McGill as she recuperates from an appendectomy.

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**Date:** Saturday, April 7, 2007 **Time:** 9:00 am until 11:00 am

The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

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.

Please note that craft creation is for the children while at the club.



#### **Spring Trout Derby**

Date: Sunday, April 22, 2007
Cost: Members \$10.00
Non-Members \$12.00
Youth \$5.00 (12 and under)
Derby times: 7:30 am until noon
Registration: 7:00 am (No Earlier)

Come and join us for the Spring Trout Derby. For this registration cost, you will receive a light lunch and you will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes go to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

On Saturday, April 7, we will be stocking the pond with Trout in two trips. Check the bulletin board at the club to confirm the times.

WOFGPA Merchandise is once again available. All the merchandise is good quality and very moderately priced. For more details about available stock, please see Tom McGill at a meeting or function or call him at 519-652-2875.

RENEW MEMBERSHIPS PROMPTLY AS MEMBERSHIP AVAILABILITY IS CURRENTLY LIMITED AT WOFGPA



John and Karen Anderson's granddaughter, Emilie, is constantly in need of costly treatments, which are not covered by health care. Emilie was born microcephallic, is blind and is unable to walk or even support herself. The Anderson's have organized an afternoon fundraising event to assist the family with Emilie's treatments. All proceeds from this venture will go directly to Emilie's care.

All of Emilie's angels will be entertained throughout the afternoon by a variety of different bands. Many items will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Door prizes, a special menu and cash bar are available.

#### **ANGELS FOR EMILIE**

**Date**: Sunday, May 6, 2007 **Cost**: \$5.00 per person

(Each paid admission will receive a

collectible angel pin)

Where: Deacon's

(located in the plaza at Chalkstone Ave.

and Exeter Road)

Time: 2:00 pm until approximately 7:00 pm

On May 6, come to Deacon's to meet Emilie and her family. Wear your collectible angel pin to show that you are one of Emilie's angels.

The Andersons may be reached at 685-9217 for more details.

Draw prizes are available at each General Meeting. The winners of the March monthly draw were: Teresa Couture – T shirt, Don Finch – Fillet glove and George Maudsley – Raincoat. If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name will be entered to win a one-year membership and the draw occurs on Election night. Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.

The winner of a free WOFGPA membership was drawn on Election Night – March 8, 2007. The happy winner is George Maudsley. Congratulations.



#### **Progressive Euchre**

The winners of the March 23rd euchre games

were:

High Man: Lloyd Thompson High Lady: Arlene Whiteway Mystery Man: Archie Graham Mystery Lady: Janice Colborne Most Lone Hands: Margaret Dwight

50/50 draw: Don Colborne

March your Calendars! This is the final euchre of the season.

**DATE**: Sat., April 28, 2007

TIME: Pot Luck Dinner 6:00 pm

Euchre 7:30 pm SHARP

**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

Please confirm what you will be contributing to the Pot Luck Dinner by contacting Karen

Anderson at 519-685-9217

## 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 <u>emadhaz@hotmail.com</u> <u>http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich</u>

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

#### The newsletter is also available on line at <u>www.wofgpa.org</u>

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, update your email address, have an item listed for sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture by phone at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

#### Garage Sale and Tackle Swap Saturday, June 16 Time: 8:00 am til ?

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the garage sale. You can get cash for all those items that just are not used any longer. At the same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting or camping items that you might have.

More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to reserve a table.

It is expected that the tables will go very quickly this year with the two events combined so do not delay.

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**Date:** Saturday, April 28 **Time:** 8:30 am start

After the winter, the club grounds are in need of a cleanup. We have a few things on the "To Do" list and some other things that we would like to be done. If you are able to assist for a few hours, please come out. Please bring any small hand and power tools with you if possible. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Contact Steve Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) to confirm that you are available or for further details.

#### Trave Charling

#### Trout Stocking

On Saturday, April 7, we will be stocking the pond with Trout. This will be done in two different trips. The exact times will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club so please check it. Assistance is always needed so please dress appropriately in waterproof clothing.

Why not make this a family morning out. Bring the family to the club for a great breakfast, meet the Easter Bunny and watch the men as they put the Trout in the pond.

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#### Is Something Wrong with your Crock-pot?

The one that I have looks new, has a shaped bottom and is a bit too small for my crock-pot. It is very nice but it is not mine. The one that I am looking for looks old, is flat bottomed and has a crack (but doesn't leak). If you are interested in trading to get your stoneware liner back, call Teresa at 668–6257 (evenings).

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend and add your input so that informed decisions can be made about YOUR club. You may also attend the Executive meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

# MAKE A GIFT FOR MOM Sunday, May 6 @ 9:00 am

Children can make something just in time for Mom or Grandma for Mother's Day. There is no charge for this craft day. **Pre-registration is mandatory so that there are enough supplies for each of the children.** 

Please register with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 no later than Monday, April 30.

#### **Upcoming Events at WOFGPA**

(More details to follow in upcoming newsletters):

#### Sunday, June 10 - Kid's Only Derby

Children, aged 12 and under can participate in a derby designed just for them. Each angler may have the assistance of one adult to help them with their line and their "Catch of the Day".

## Saturday, June 16 - Garage Sale and Tackle Swap

Everyone has tackle and fishing supplies that they just don't use. Everyone has things in their garage and basement that they haven't touched in a long time. When you do your spring cleaning, set these items aside and turn them into cash on June 16.

#### Sunday, June 24 - Family Day

WOFGPA invites its members and their families to come to the club for an afternoon of fun-filled activities. No fishing will be allowed during the afternoon.

#### September 22 and 23 - Open Doors London

WOFGPA has been selected as one of the sites this year for the OPEN DOORS LONDON weekend. The Executive and Committee members would like to show other Londoners about our history, what we stand for and have to offer. Input from the members would be appreciated as we polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city. Please contact any of the Executive or Committee members or attend a meeting with your ideas.

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