

WESTERN ONTARIO FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION INC.

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As the summer wears on it gets more difficult to find items of interest to fill the Newsletter..... there is plenty to put in, but it sometimes gets a bit dull. Something like the kids begin to feel I suppose..... a little bored perhaps, but not prepared to admit that school has its attractions.

Many of us have been away for a while, either on holiday or working, so on July 8th., the last meeting night, it was rather encouraging to see so many members turn out.

Incidentally we now have a total membership of 169, including Life members and Juniors. Don Graham lost the Jackpot valued at \$5.50, and Sportsman of the Month was Geoff. Byrne.

Apart from paying the bills, and a lively discussion of a few items it was a quiet evening.

The regular AUGUST MEETING will be held on Thursday 12th. at the Clubhouse. However there will be a SPECIAL MEETING on August 19th. that is a week after the regular meeting, at 8 p.m. to discuss the project for the raising of wildfowl. Please try and attend, it is of great concern to all members.

The September Meeting will be held on 9th. at 8p.m. and thats an important one.

Just to remind you again that on that evening you elect the officers for the next year, and the chairmen for the various committees that look after the day to day affairs of the club. You are involved, because you are a member..... and you do have something to contribute, even if it consists only of your vote to support some one else.

It takes quite a bit of work to keep a club like ours going, and none of us can devote our full time to it, and so it has to be shared by as many as possible, with leadership from the chairmen.

September looks like an important month to the Club this year. Election of new executive, and chairmen, and the Special Meeting on the 19th. to determine our policy on the wildfowl project.

If anyone wishes to submit a letter or a paragraph expressing their views on an office or committee for inclusion in the September issue please have it ready by AUGUST 27th. and see that Ron Mephram gets it by then. If you are thinking of standing for one of the chairs, or if you



have some comment on the past policies, or suggestions for future plans, then why not express your opinions briefly in this Newsletter.....where each member can read it, and consider it.

As the one who puts this together I would suggest that you write your bit as briefly as possible, and get it to me by August 27th, and I will see that it is typed and included.

As the holiday comes between the first and second Thursday in September the Newsleter will have to be mailed a bit earlier..... hence th e Aug. 27th date.

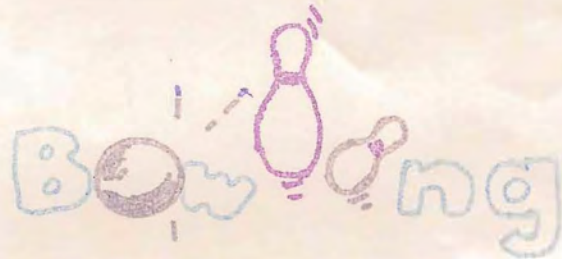
The Officers listed in the Constitution are :-

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Secretary
- Recording Sedretary
- Treasurer.

The Committees are presently :-

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Membership    | House               |
| Grounds       | Publicity           |
| Welfare       | Conservation & Pond |
| Entertainment | Newsletter          |
| Jackpot Draw  | Senior Rifle Range  |
| Safe Hunter   | Sportsman of the    |
| Training      | Month               |

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Bowling will begin on September 20th. at the Westown Lanes. This is a mixed five pin league, played on Monday nights and all are welcome.

Contact

Marion Pepper  
455 - 0466

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The Annual Federation Meeting will be held as a camp-out at the BRANT ROD & GUN CLUB at Kitchener, on Sept. 17, 18, 19th. For further details why not give a call to

Bill Smith  
451 - 4052

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The Annual Corn Roast and Picnic will be held at the Clubhouse on September 12th. This is a Sunday, bring a picnic lunch and enjoy yourself. This is a family affair, for members and their friends or neighbours.

For the modest charge of \$3.00 per family you get all the corn (buttered) that you can eat, and for the kids there are Hot dogs too. Mark this on the calendar for sure. Events will start about 2p.m. with races for the children and all the old-time favourites, tug'o'war, sack races, and so on, and some new ones.

Tea and Coffee will be available, also hot dogs with th e trimmings. If it rains we'll eat indoors.

See you all there.....



# SPECIAL!

There will be a special meeting on Thursday August 19th. at the Clubhouse at 8 p.m.

It has been called to discuss the whole matter of the proposed project to breed and raise wildfowl at the Club.

Some time ago it was suggested that our Club should display its concern for "conservation" through some worthwhile project that would not only bring members together in a common interest, but would improve our public image which has sadly deteriorated over the years.

The suggestion was put forward that we raise wildfowl.

It would be necessary to have incubators and brooders, a suitable building, food, storage, and pens, and most of all lots of help.

Some plans were talked over, some money has been spent, and material collected or earmarked for the scheme.

However, once again we have come to a halt. The time has come to assess the position.

The SPECIAL MEETING is to discuss and resolve the problem

AS A CLUB MEMBER YOU ARE INVOLVED.

Your support, financially, morally and perhaps physically will be needed, for several years.

The Executive have taken some action in the matter already and now put it to you, the members, for your decision.

Consider, for example.....

- The size and location of the pond and Clubhouse.
- Our membership runs between 120 - 150.
- Are we "conservationists".
- Should we have our own project
- or support an area project with other clubs
- or both
- or neither .....
- Where does our money come from ?
- What is our present financial status.
- Should all projects be self supporting
- or should we, for example, pay for fish stocking programs from dances.
- What kind of wildfowl can be raised?
- Who will look after them.
- What will be done with the birds ?
- How much will it cost to get started,
- Should we even get started,
- How much will it cost each year to keep going ?

Make a point of attending the special meeting.....

# AUGUST 19th

If you can't be there, take the time to write a short note giving your opinion, and it can be read at that time.

If as many members help with this major project as come out for minor work around the place..... ???

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REMARKS	