AUGUST 2003 NEWSLETTER







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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

<u>ehunting@sprint.ca</u>

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

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

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.

Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association Executive & Committees

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

Treasurer's Report

Steve Couture 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.



President's Message

August 2003

Due to an extremely demanding workload, it is with regret that Lawrence Lainchbury has submitted his resignation as First Vice President, although he will continue as a member. He has served on the Executive and different committees for many years and is a great asset to our organization. I, on behalf of the membership, would like to wish Lawrence the best as he assumes more responsibilities with his employment. Don Colborne will assume the duties of First Vice President. Tom McGill will assume the duties of Second Vice President and Fred Pearce will become a Director.

It wasn't too long ago that everyone was longing for the long hot summer weather to arrive. Now summer is half over and we wonder where the time went.

Over the past few months, a couple of boats have been taken from the boat rack. I want to remind all boat owners to make sure that their boat is securely locked (with a good quality lock) and that they check on it regularly throughout the year. Would all boat owners contact me as soon as possible as there is a matter that I need to discuss with you.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe on the water.

Sincerely

Stan Gibbs

You can win a free membership by attending a General Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except July and August) and entering a ballot. The draw is held in March of each year following the Elections

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Executive has been meeting over the past few months to give the Constitution a comprehensive review. A copy of the Constitution is available on request. If you have any comments, questions or requests, please contact Teresa Dodge @ 668-6257 teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca OR Stan Gibbs @ 668-2609 stangibbs@execulink.ca

Welcome to new members. Get involved and meet others with similar interests and have fun.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter submissions are due by the fourth Thursday (Executive Meeting) of each month. Thank you to those that have already opted to receive newsletters by email. I would like to reduce the amount of snail mail and postage. Your email address will be kept confidential and used for newsletter distribution only. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, contact Teresa Dodge by phone evenings at 668-6257.

Do you have something that you would like in the newsletter such as an Item for Sale or an article to share with other members? Contact Teresa Dodge at any meeting, by phone @ 668-6257 or by email teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca.

FOR SALE

1975 Starcraft – 18 foot

Too many features and accessories to list.

Asking \$ 4,300.

Contact Joe Richard at 668-6937

5th Annual Bass Derby

Thank you to Stan Gibbs and Steve Couture for hosting the derby on short notice. This derby was attended by 41 fishermen and was a great success. It was a warm day and the fish were jumping. Thank you to Val Grahl, Cindy Gibbs and Teresa Dodge for the barbeque dogs and refreshments.

The winners were:

Adult Division

 1^{st} place – Steve Couture 119.5 cm 2^{nd} place – Gord Spotton 87 cm 3^{rd} place – Fred Pearce 77 cm

Junior Division

1st place – Thomas Dumoulin 42 cm 2nd place – Nathan Pearce 41 cm 3rd place – Nathan Palmer 31 cm

Largest Bass - Steve Couture 37 cm

Thank you to the following sponsors for donating prizes for the derby: Dilts Jewelers, Labatt's and Steve Couture.

WANTED

12 – 14 foot aluminum boat in good condition 10 – 15 HP outboard motor in good condition

Contact Jack Creed at 685-1143

FOR SALE (Or will trade for above)

17 foot Grumman Double Ender canoe 14-foot fiberglass canoe

Contact Jack Creed at 685-1143

Will all persons with a boat in WOF&GPA boat rack contact Stan Gibbs ASAP at 668 – 2609 (evenings). He has an urgent matter he needs to discuss.

WOFGPA WEAR IS HERE

Now that we have your attention, we just thought we would let you know about all the fabulous, good quality merchandise that we have. The items are very good quality for a very reasonable price. Clothing items (except jackets) are preshrunk for your convenience.

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
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Embroidered Club crest	\$ 28.00
Sweatshirt with embroidered	
Club crest	\$ 26.00
Ball hats with embroidered	
Club logo	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items or for more info, call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.

Be the first one on the dock to be wearing WOFGPA WEAR

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS VS WASHINGTON CAPITOLS

Is anyone is interested in going to the Philadelphia Flyers vs. Washington Capitols Preseason Hockey game on Sat. Sept. 20th @ 7:30 pm at the John Labatt Centre? The cost is \$ 52.00 per person (Upper Bowl Seats).

Call Ron Earle @ 672-0765 before August 20th, so he can arrange good group seating for a fun evening.

George Bray Sports Association Inc

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