

# DECEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER



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## December 2005

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25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

## January 2006

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# Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

Accredited

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](mailto: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](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

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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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**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

December 2005

Here we go again!

As in years past, the month of December is a very special and busy time around our club.

Recently we received our first load of Christmas trees to be sold on our lot. This as you already know is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the one that uses the most volunteers. I would like to thank Ron Earle and all his helpers who have given and dedicated time to this endeavor.

In addition to our tree lot, our Christmas Breakfast with Santa is coming on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 9 am until 11 am with a visit from Santa around 11 am. He will be spreading good cheer and surprises for all the good boys and girls.

One final function of our busy December, is our annual "Turkey Roll". This event takes place on the eve of our General Meeting. We have 20 birds to raffle off at one dollar per draw. This evening can be a lot of fun; there will be card games and a hockey game on the tube (if there is one on). Come out, bring a friend, family member or neighbor and possibly take a Christmas Turkey home, or one of many draw prizes. (This event is open to members and non-members).

Please take some time to enjoy some of the functions that your club puts on, it makes it all worthwhile in the eyes of the volunteers that do the work.

As a last note, my family and I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and the families.

*Stan Gibbs*  
668-2609

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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.  
Worms are available for \$ 3.00 per dozen from the vending machine at the club.  
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**The newsletter can be obtained online at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)** 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)

# BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Wed., March 22, 2006  
6:30 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on March 22, 2006. He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your card.

It will soon be the law that boaters, jet skiers, etc must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested.

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 and \$ 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 Wed., March 22, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.**

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**A MINIMUM OF FOUR INCHES OF CLEAR ICE IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A PERSON. THE ICE CONDITIONS ON THE POND WILL BE POSTED. STAY OFF UNSAFE ICE. OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION.**  
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## WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. The costs are very low while the quality is high. All of WOF&GPA Wear items make great Christmas gifts for that special someone.

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

**Many items are in stock. To purchase items call Tom McGill at 652 -2875.**

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.**

# BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 10

Served from 9:00 til 11:00 am



Invite your friends, neighbors, hockey team and coworkers to a great club cooked breakfast. Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

- Bacon and eggs,
- Hash browned potatoes
- Toast (white or whole wheat)
- Orange juice
- Tea or coffee

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (6 years and under)
- Children under two years old – no charge

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. Each child will receive a treat from Santa. After this, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot. Hope to see everyone there!

## Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 8, 2005

(Following a very short General Meeting @ 7:30 pm)

We once again are having our annual Turkey Roll with 20 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs. each. Why don't you come out and win the bird for Christmas this year.

The Turkey Roll is open to members and non-members. Tell your family, friends, co-workers and neighbours.

Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company.

Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for organizing the purchase of all the turkeys for this year.

Hope to see you there!



## EUCHRE RESULTS

The winners of the November 26th euchre are:

**High Man:** Ken Lockrey and Jim Douglas (71)

**High Lady:** Heather Anderson (78)

**Mystery Man:** Ron Earle

**Mystery Lady:** Pat Lockrey

**Most Lone Hands:** Jim Douglas and Gord Foster (4)

**50-50 Draw:** Elaine Lockrey \$ 25.50

The next euchre will be on January 28, 2006.

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. The games are open to both members and non-members.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening.

A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

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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.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting.  
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## FOR SALE

5 year old Maytag washer in excellent condition.

Asking \$ 200 or best offer.

Please contact Don at 686-9559 to see it.  
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## TACKLE SWAP

Sat. Feb 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Last year, WOFGPA was the host to the Annual Tackle Swap. We have decided to host it again this year. Our expectation is that it will be one of our annual events. We would like to see many more members involved with this function, whether it is as a vendor or as a volunteer. If interested or you would more details, please contact Stan Gibbs at 688-2609 (evenings).  
More details will follow in the January newsletter.

## On Golden Pond

Back in the mist of time, about 14, 000 years ago, my ancestor, who was frozen solid in a huge chunk of ice, dropped down after it began to thaw.

He swam around in this puddle with all the other creatures. Some of them had huge teeth and very large mouths, but he was a real fast swimmer. I think he called them pike, among other names that I cannot mention. He swam around for a few years and eventually found Tessie, the girl of his dreams.

She thought that he was the handsomest trout. Oh, by the way, his name is Toby Trout.

Anyway, they started a family in their own little gravel patch. Eventually we got to the point where all we were doing was feeding those nasty pike.

It turned out that another creature didn't like the pike any better that we did. That creature poisoned the water, killing all the pike.

They were getting to be a pain in the anal fin anyway. We trout and some other creature somehow survived it.

But, I think that the poison some how made us a little less vigilant. I mean we go after worms, real or rubber, anything that shines, jiggles, or moves at all. If it looks like a bug with a hook in it's butt, we'll go for it.

There are these huge creatures that come out on my water on what looks like funny shaped logs. This one creature who keeps yelling, "I'm Tom the great fisherman", keeps throwing these little bugs at us. Of course, we are dumb enough to keep biting them. I even saw old grandpa going after a bug that a creature called "Herman the German" threw at him.

It gets pretty hectic out here sometimes with all the strange things floating everywhere and bugs flying in every direction.

It's starting to get a little colder now, so I think I'll just hunker down with my honey Tessie for the winter.

See ya later.

Toby

Watch for another chapter in this story by Jim Morrow in the January 2006 newsletter.

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Please send any submissions, recipes or items to sell to Teresa Couture at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca) or drop it off in person at a meeting or it can be left with the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick.

Teresa Couture

**ICE FISHING DERBY DATES WILL BE POSTED ON CLUB BULLETIN BOARDS ONCE THE ICE FREEZES. IF YOU WANT TO BE NOTIFIED OF UPCOMING DERBIES, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH TOM MCGILL AT 652-2875**

## Christmas Time Safety Tips

- Untangle lights carefully making sure that wires do not break. Inspect wires carefully to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights.
- Unplug lights before changing bulbs and always use the correct replacement bulbs.
- Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords during the holiday season.
- Keep all real Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources and fire places. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible.
- Be cautious in your choice of decorations. Fine glass decorations are not suitable if small children or pets could easily break them.
- Do not use tinsel on Christmas trees if the family pet likes to eat it. (Most animals do). Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals. Tinsel does NOT always pass easily through your pet. Nothing would be worse than having to take Fluffy to the vet while you have a houseful of guests.
- Do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Although they are members of your family, they really do not celebrate Christmas and New Year's.
- Never leave candles unattended or on surfaces that could catch fire.
- Make sure your fire extinguisher is fully charged and accessible during the holidays.
- Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO.** Call a taxi or have them stay overnight.

**KEYZ PLEAZE 457-9700**

**U NEED A CAB 438-2121**

**ABOUT TOWN 432-2222**

**CHECKER LIMOUSINE 659—0400**

The Executive of WOFGPA would like to wish everyone a safe, Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

# **CHRISTMAS TREES**

**SALE STARTS  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26  
ENDS WHEN WE SELL OUT**

WofGPA Christmas Trees are back by popular demand again this year.

**YOUR CHOICE - \$ 23.00  
(BAG IS \$ 2 EXTRA)**

The word is quickly spreading around London that our high quality trees are freshly cut when they arrive at the club. We arrange them on the lot so that you can easily find just the right one for your home this holiday season.

Our volunteers will then trim your tree to your specifications. We also supply instructions on how to care for your tree once it is decorated.

Tell your friends, family, neighbours and co-workers about the great trees at WofGPA.



**AVAILABLE THIS YEAR:**

**YOUR CHOICE - \$ 23.00**

**SCOTCH PINE**

**SPRUCE**

**BALSAM**

**CHRISTMAS TREE BAG  
\$ 2.00 EXTRA**

We supply candy canes at no charge.

The Executive would like to thank everyone who came out to help set up the Christmas Tree Lot in mid November. It looks amazing.

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