

DECEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER



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December 2006

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WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT ALL TIMES TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A WOF&GPA MEMBER

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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 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.



**There is no smoking in
the club at any time.**

The newsletter can also be obtained online at

www.wofgpa.org

President's Message

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 the first loads 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 Don Colborne 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 9. 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.

And finally, don't forget about 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.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

Our condolences go to the Foster and Earle family after the passing of one of our members, Gord Foster, in late October.

We would like to acknowledge the new members to WOFGPA. They are: the Cxyz family, the Schneider family, the Dehaim family, the Robinson family, the St. Croix family, the Barnes family, the Ball family, and the Shearme family. Please introduce yourselves to these new members and let them know about all the different things that occur at the club.

Christmas Tree Time Is Almost Here



Any Tree \$ 25
Any size, any shape

Large Tree bag \$ 2

Have you told your family members, your friends, co-workers and neighbours yet about the great Christmas trees available at WOFGPA?

We have Scotch pine, Douglas and Balsam fir trees in a variety of shapes and sizes. All our trees have been recently cut and we will trim them to your taste. Your tree will also get a fresh cut and you will get instructions on how to best care for the tree. We also have large Christmas tree bags available, which makes getting the tree in and out of the house much easier and cleaner. We have candy canes for the children; young and young at heart.

Christmas tree sales will continue until the last tree is sold.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low and funds many events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond.

This is your chance to meet and greet many people in the area as they come to buy trees. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Club volunteers. Have the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to make this club the gem that is.

Contact Don Colborne to assist with Christmas tree sales, and remember to visit the lot to see our new office.





Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 14, 2006

At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

**Please note that the Turkey Roll
is on Dec. 14 and not Dec. 7,
as previously advertised.**

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 20 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs. (10 – 11 lbs.) each. Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for organizing the purchase of all the turkeys for this year.

Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

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

Hope to see everyone there!

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please 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 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

Draw prizes are available at each General Meeting. The winner of the November monthly draw was Jim Morrow. Jim won two metal travel mugs and a large can of coffee. Both will come in handy while fishing at the club. Congratulations Jim!

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name will be entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, 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 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

The newsletter is also available on line at www.wofgpa.org

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE
BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE
WITH WOF&GPA**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 2006

Served from 9:00 til 11:00 am



Invite your friends, neighbours, hockey team and co-workers to a great club cooked breakfast.

The cost is very reasonable at:

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

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

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

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 when he arrives around 10:30 am.

After this and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot.

OFF LIMITS SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA

It has come to the attention of the Executive that some anglers have blatantly ignored the fenced area located along the shoreline at WOFGPA. This area contains young plants that are native to the area and were planted at a considerable cost by local school children in 2004. It was purposely fenced off to allow these plants to grow without damage from people. As these plants mature, they will assist in stopping the erosion that occurred along the shoreline between the two main docks. Each time an angler goes into this area, a few young plants are destroyed.

We understand that each angler has their own "special" spot to cast their line but these "special spots" can be easily accessed from one of the docks or from a boat.

If this practice continues, the angler(s) will be required to provide an explanation of their actions to the Executive and may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include termination of their membership.

**KEEP OUT OF THE FENCED OFF
SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA.**

Progressive Euchre Results

Twenty-eight players attended the Nov. 25th euchre games. The winners were:

High Man: Bill Lewis
High Lady: Darlene H.
Mystery Man: Bill Rodrigues
Mystery Lady: Bev Arnold
Most Lone Hands: Janice Colborne
50/50 Draw: Marion Colborne - \$ 32.50

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of euchre with good company and plenty of laughs.

DATE: Sat., Jan. 27th, 2007
TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP
(Arrive earlier to ensure you get a seat to play, but no earlier than 6:45 pm).
COST: \$ 5.00 per player

The games are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. Be sure to arrive early (but no earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat. 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.

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

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. To obtain a new sticker, please see the onsite caretakers or attend a General or Executive meeting.

OFAH ZONE J Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 2007
9:00 am start time

This is a great way for the Federation members to find out what is happening throughout all the other zones of the Federation. This meeting is attended by members of other clubs, some of who are quite active within their group. Some of the topics covered include issues related to angling, hunting, conservation measures currently being taken or investigated as well as many of the legal and political issues faced throughout the province.

For further details about this meeting, please contact the OFAH reps at WOFGPA:
Bill Rodrigues 519-455-7905
Teresa Couture 519-668-6257

There will be coffee breaks, a hearty lunch, door and draw prizes available.

OFAH memberships can be purchased at WOFGPA at a reduced cost. Contact Val Grahl at 519-453-0659 for OFAH membership information.

Thanks to the 28 volunteers that came with tools in hand to set up the Christmas tree lot. It is good to see so many people involved with the club. It is the efforts of these individuals that make it all seem worthwhile. I hope that we will get to see them at some of our functions and share some camaraderie. Kudos on a job well done.

DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the temperatures so warm for November, but it will get colder and the pond will freeze. Just a friendly reminder that:

- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person
- The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly
- Stay off any unsafe ice
- Always use the "Buddy" system
- Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety
- When in doubt, stay off the ice

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months, on short notice and sometimes time does not always allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want to know about upcoming derbies, please leave your name and number with Tom McGill or check the Bulletin Boards regularly.

Photo Gallery



Getting a tree



A few of the Christmas Tree sales crew



Santa and the cooks



The tree lot at night

Boating Safety Course and Test Information

Recently I had to discontinue offering the Boating Safety course at Western Ontario Fish & Game. I have had some inquiries since about where and how members could obtain their Pleasure Craft Operator's card and get training in the safe use of boats.

Following are several options with contact information. Prices vary.

Take a course or challenge the test with London Power and Sail Squadron:

<http://london.cps-ecp.org/cpseduc.html#boatprosch>

or

[John Manvell](#) at 519-455-3627
The PCOC Course – "Boat Pro"

Take a course or challenge the test on line:

<http://www.boaterexam.com>

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/providers/on.htm>

<http://www.boatsmartcanada.com>

Prices vary depending on how you want to do it.

Phil Gingrich

Christmas Time Safety Tips

Inspect wires carefully to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights. 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. Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals. Do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Never leave candles unattended or on surfaces that could catch fire. 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.

U NEED A CAB	438-2121
ABOUT TOWN	432-2222
CHECKER LIMOUSINE	659-0400

The Executive of WOFGPA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best to its members in the year 2007.

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