

# DECEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



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## December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Xmas tree sales begin
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Breakfast with Santa
9	10	11	12	13 General meeting & Turkey Roll (new format)	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27 Executive meeting	28	29

## January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
6 OFAH Zone J meeting	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12 Hold 'em Poker Tournament
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre
27	28	29	30	31		

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES ON CLUB FUNCTIONS**

**WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**  
**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A 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.**

## 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 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 Don Colborne and all his helpers who have given and dedicated time to this endeavor.

In addition to our tree lot, our Christmas Breakfast is coming on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 9 am until 11 am with a visit from Santa after 10:30. He will be spreading good cheer and surprises for all the good little girls and boys.

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 scheduled. Come out, bring a friend and possibly take a Christmas Turkey home, or one of the 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 lost note, my family and I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

Yours in Conservation  
**Stan Gibbs**

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**The newsletter can also be obtained online at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**

## Christmas Tree Time Is Almost Here



**Any Tree, any size, any shape  
\$ 25 each**

**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 many Christmas trees in a variety of shapes and sizes. All our trees have been recently cut and we will trim them to your preference. 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.

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Thanks to the 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.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 8, 2007  
Served from 9:00 till 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.



## Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 13, 2007  
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a very short General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 20 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs. each (which is 10 – 11 lbs.) Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

The format is slightly different this year. When you purchase a \$ 1.00 ticket for a Turkey draw, you will automatically be given a ticket for a door prize (that's right – at no charge to you). After you write your name on the ticket, you can place it in a container for a door prize. We will draw five door prizes after Turkey Raffle draws # 5, 10 and 15 (for a total of 15 door prizes). With this new format, it is hard to imagine anyone going home without having won a Turkey, a door prize, or possibly both.

Come out for a fun social evening with lots of door prizes and turkeys.

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

**Hope to see everyone there!**

## HOLD 'EM POKER TOURNAMENT



**Saturday, January 12, 2008**

At WOFGPA

Starts at 7:00 pm SHARP and ends  
when the last player is left  
Cost: \$ 10.00 per player

Test your skills, have some fun and maybe take home the big pot.

Tournament guidelines:

- Cost \$ 10.00 per player and it is open to both members and non-members
- No limit Hold 'em poker
- Start with 825 dollars worth of chips
- Buy backs are allowed during the first hour
- Blinds increase every 20 minutes
- Top ups are allowed during the first hour, to all players still playing. (400 dollars in chips for \$ 5.00)
- The cards do the talking at the tables
- All players but one at the last table wins cash. Total payout of monies will be at least 50% of the proceeds after expenses.

Come out for a great evening. For further details, please contact Stan Gibbs 519-668-2609 (evenings)

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)

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.

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm (except July and August). 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.

The winners of the November General Meeting monthly draw were: Herman Szielasko and Gary Carew. Congratulations!



The November 24<sup>th</sup> euchre was a great success with 28 players in attendance. The winners were:

- High Man – Jack Rehder
- High Lady – Darlene
- Mystery Man – Tony Dukic and Don Parker
- Mystery Lady – Sandra Foster
- Most Lone Hands – Gord Spotton
- 50/50 Draw – Janice Colborne

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.

The next euchre is Sat. January 26, 2008. Remember that the games start at 7:30 pm SHARP! To ensure that you get a seat to play, please arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player.

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.

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

## **OFAH – Zone J Meeting**

Sunday, January 6, 2008  
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 door prizes available.

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

## **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

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or

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

**Member discounts, OFAH and additional family member discounts are available. Discounts cannot be combined.**

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London

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Our waiting list continues to grow rapidly. **Do not let you membership lapse, even by a day.** If your membership does lapse and you wish to rejoin the club as a member, your name will be added to the waiting list until an opening is available. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it will have to be removed immediately.

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**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 and never venture out alone on the ice
- 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 and check the Bulletin Boards regularly.

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The executive would like to thank Herman Szielasko, who gave a talk after the November General meeting, about his favorite hobby; wood carving. With Herman, were many of his prize-winning carvings. The members present were astonished by the knowledge and talent that Herman possessed as he led everyone on a detailed overview of his carvings from start to finish.

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**Christmas Time Safety Tips**

- Inspect light 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 fireplaces.
- 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.

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<b>CHECKER LIMOUSINE</b>	<b>659—0400</b>

The Executive of WOFGPA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best to its members in the year 2008.

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**Upcoming Events at WOFGPA**

**December 1** – Christmas Tree Sales begin and continue until all trees are sold (or Christmas Eve arrives)


**December 8** - Breakfast with Santa

**December 13** - Turkey Roll (new format)

**January 6, 2008** – OFAH Zone J meeting

**January 12, 2008** – Hold 'em Poker Tournament

**January 26, 2008** – Euchre resumes

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