

December 2009 Newsletter



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December 2009

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6	7	8	9	10 General meeting / Turkey Roll	11	12 Breakfast with Santa
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27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
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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

The Treasurer's Report is presented 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.**

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The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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

Recently we received the delivery of Christmas trees, which will be sold, on our lot. This 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. A special thank you to Herman Szielasko for taking the initiative to beautifully make the real Christmas wreaths that will be available as long as the Christmas trees.

Don't forget about our annual "Turkey Roll". This event takes place on the evening of our General Meeting on Thurs. Dec. 10th. We have 15 birds to raffle off at one dollar per draw. This evening is 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 so spread the word.

In addition to our tree lot, our Christmas Breakfast with Santa is coming on December 12. Breakfast will be served from 9 am until 11 am with a visit from Santa around 10:30.

As a last note, my family and I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2010 to all our members and their families.

Yours in conservation

**Stan Gibbs**

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If you know of a member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.
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**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT OR LEAVE IT WITH THE CARETAKERS.**

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching. Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

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



**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES**

**\$ 28 each tree – trimmed the way you like it**  
(There are only 25 trees in the 8 – 10 ft range which will be sold for \$ 40)

**Xmas tree bags - \$ 2.00 each**

**Candy canes are free**

Our volunteers will trim your tree to your specifications and give you tips on how to care for it over the holiday season.

Volunteers are needed to assist with tree sales. The shifts last only a few hours. It is a great way to meet other members. Do not delay as the time slots are quickly filling up.

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 fish in the pond. Join the fun! Please leave your name with Don Colborne if you can assist.

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Please visit our website and let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. All feedback from the membership is welcomed.

Our website is www.wofgpa.org.

This website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

If you have photos of the club, which you would like to share, please contact us.

BOAT RACK AGREEMENTS

A notice was put in the November newsletter for all members who have a boat or canoe in the Boat Rack to contact Jim Morrow to sign a new agreement. There are still a number of members who have not done so. It is mandatory that all persons with a boat or canoe at WOFGPA must reconfirm their Boat Rack Agreement immediately. Arrangements must be made by contacting Jim Morrow at 519-649-2405 or by seeing him at a meeting.

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The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [tcouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:tcouture@gapenviromic.com)

## DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the record breaking warm November temperatures we have had. Now that December has arrived, the temperatures are falling and soon ice will form on the pond. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

- A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the front dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration pipes. We anticipate that this area may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area, as it will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.
- 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
- Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice 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 Stan Gibbs and check the Bulletin Boards and website regularly.

### WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

Now available for Christmas giving are heavy-duty fleece ¼ zipper pullovers with suede trim, zippered pockets and the club crest embroidered on the chest. Sizes range from men's L – 4XL. Colours available are medium blue, black and gray. The quality is amazing.

We also have some items in stock for immediate purchase. This list includes: ball caps, toques, large jacket, Hoodies and T-shirts.

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|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Jackets with embroidered crest         | \$ 40.00 |
| Hooded fleece sweatshirt with crest    | \$ 30.00 |
| Caps with embroidered crest            | \$ 12.00 |
| Toques with embroidered fish crest     | \$ 10.00 |
| T-shirts with embroidered club crest   | \$ 13.00 |
| T-shirts with silk-screened club crest | \$ 10.00 |
| Lanyards / key fobs                    | \$ 5.00  |

All taxes are included in the price.

To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875. Don't delay and get some WOFGPA merchandise for yourself or as a gift for that special someone at Christmas.



## TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 10, 2009

At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Light snacks and 15 door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Refreshments available.

Hope to see everyone there!



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12, 2009

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 (2 to 5 years)
- Children under two years old – no charge

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

- Bacon and eggs
- Hash browned potatoes
- Baked beans
- 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. 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.

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winners of the November General meeting draw were: Barb Toner – fishing vest and Tony Dukic – WOFGPA hat. Congratulations Barb and Tony.



## EUCHRE

Calling all Euchre players to an evening of progressive Euchre so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members. Twenty-four players attended the October euchre.

The winners of the November 28th Euchre games were:

High Man - Dave Jefferies

High Lady - Sue Brown

Mystery Man - Archie Graham

Mystery Lady - Gail Gifford

Most Lone Hands - Barbara Rehder

50/50 draw - Don Colborne - \$ 26.00

The next euchre will be held on Sat. January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. Thank you to John and Karen Anderson and Teresa Couture for hosting the November Euchre games.

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 card games begin at 7:30 pm SHARP so please arrive anytime after 6:45 pm for a bit of socializing first. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play as your place will continually change throughout the evening.

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.

Hope to see everyone there.

### FOR SALE

Dave Jefferies is offering heavy cotton men's shirts for sale. The available colours are: lite sand, dark sand, black, lite green, dark green.

Short sleeve - (S, M, L)

\$ 12.00 each , 3 or more at \$ 10.00 each

Long sleeve - (S, M, L) \$ 15.00 each, 3 for \$ 40.00

(XL) \$ 17.50 and (XXL) \$ 18.50

Save \$ 2.50 per shirt if you purchase 3 or more

Call Dave at 681-3693 to purchase shirts for Christmas.



May you enjoy happiness, health and prosperity over the holiday season and in 2010.

WOFGPA Executive

## Christmas Time Safety Tips

- Inspect wires on light strands carefully to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights. New LED lights are much safer than the "old" ones.
- Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.
- 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.
- Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness.
- Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals? As tempting as it seems in the holiday season, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food.
- Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked during the holidays as we enjoy the festivities.
- Never leave candles unattended or on surfaces that could catch fire.
- Never leave a fireplace or woodstove unattended.
- Have fun with family and friends and remember - **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.** Have your guests' stay overnight or call one of the numbers below for a safe and sober ride home for them.

**U NEED A CAB 438-2121**

**ABOUT TOWN 432-2222**

**CHECKER LIMOUSINE 659-0400**

### FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES & SAFE BOATING

If there is sufficient demand, extra courses will be scheduled.

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Paul General

905-765-4627

[pgeneral@sixnations.ca](mailto:pgeneral@sixnations.ca)

Member discounts, OFAH and additional family member discounts are available.

Discounts cannot be combined.

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