

February 2005 NEWSLETTER



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February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Karaoke Night
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting / Liars Night	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre
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March 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10 Elections & General meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Euchre
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Easter Breakfast with the bunny
27	28	29	30	31	April 1	April 2 Jiggs Dinner

ICE DERBIES - DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED (CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FREQUENTLY)



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

<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

<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

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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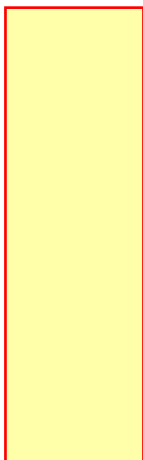
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Grounds

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Gerald Lampman

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Tom McGill (Chair)

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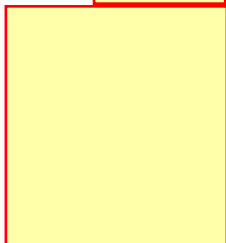
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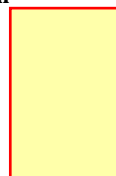


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Safe Hunter Training & Boating Safety

Philip Gingrich



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 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 the Executive meetings.



**THERE IS NO SMOKING IN
THE CLUB AT ANY TIME**

Please keep this page to contact key people.

President's Message

February 2005

Did you know that our Club, the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. is one of the oldest conservation clubs in Canada?

This club started in 1895!

Did you also know that our Club has close ties to another Club that fights very hard to keep our natural lands the way they were meant to be? This other club is the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. With the help of many clubs like our own, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters deal with all levels of the government and the court systems to ensure we keep the natural resources of our country safe. This takes a lot of time and money.

Recently, I was informed that membership in the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has declined this year at an alarming rate. This organization gets a good deal of its money through its membership fees.

Did you know that as a member of our club, you could join the O.F.A.H. Club at a reduced rate? You would receive their great magazine with lots of fishing and hunting articles and information on their latest battles to ensure our natural heritage.

So take a moment and research this fine club and maybe you will be impressed enough to join.

Stan Gibbs

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Sylvia Lewis as she recovers at home following surgery.

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Attend a general meeting and 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTIONS

Thursday, March 10, 2005

7:30 pm

This notice is to advise you that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2005-2006 year will be held on the above date.

Elections are an important part of this organization and your input and participation is necessary to continue the Club's success.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period.
- Nomination forms may be dropped off at the club by March 8, 2005 (in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary RE: Election Nomination).
- All nominations must be present on election night to accept their nomination **OR** provide a written acceptance delivered to the Club Secretary on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be posted at the club after February 28, 2005.

It is your club and your input into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association the very best that it can be.

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# IT IS EUCHRE TIME AGAIN!



Winners of January 22, 2005 game:

**High Man:** Ed Brown

**High Lady:** Rita Barry

**Mystery Man:** Dave Jefferies

**Mystery Lady:** Elaine Lockrey

**Most Lone Hands:** Archie Graham

**50/50 draw:** Debbie Parker - \$ 23.00

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. 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 welcomed.

**DATE:** February 26, 2005 at 7:30 pm **SHARP**

**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

Hope to see everyone at the next euchre.



Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance.

Please 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 by the washrooms. Any of the Executives can clarify any questions you have. Please call them (names and numbers listed at front of newsletter).



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

# Karaoke Night

♪ **Sat. Feb 5, 2005** ♪

Start time is 7:30 pm

Tickets cost \$ 5.00 per person.

Tickets are available by contacting Karen & John at 685-9217.

## SIMPLE RULES:

- Sing your heart out
- Have lots of fun with good company.
- Lip-syncing is NOT allowed.

Karen and John Anderson have organized a Karaoke Night to help break up the mid-winter blues. The Anderson's are known to throw great parties and we are sure that this will be another one.

Remember to practice your singing voice and to mark this date on your calendar. Come out and enjoy the evening even if you do not plan to sing. Please invite your friends, neighbours and co-workers.

Prizes and door prize draws. Refreshments, munchies and a light lunch will be served.

Get your tickets early to avoid missing this fun-filled evening.



## WOFGPA Website

The website is up and running. You can log on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Please visit it often. Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have some pictures, articles or stories about the club to post for all to see. Any submissions can be sent to Lawrence by email at [lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)

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 Dodge by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

## Liar's Night

**Thursday, February 10, 2005**

**7:30 pm**

(following a very short General Meeting)

We would like to invite you to the 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Liar's Night. This tradition began at WOF&GPA and was taken on by Labatt's as it grew in popularity and size. Now it is up to us to carry on this tradition.

All of us have experienced a great adventure or know of one.

Why not come out and tell your tale or listen to others. What a great way to break mid-winter cabin fever.

Bring your family, friends and fishing buddies! Remember witnesses add something to your tale.

Refreshments and munchies available. Prizes for the best stories will be awarded.

**If you have a story to tell, please RSVP to Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 as soon as possible.**

**Note: Please RSVP as soon as possible your intent to speak. Maximum 10 speakers with 15 minutes maximum per speaker.**

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NEW BADGES

Effective May 1, 2004, new badges are being issued for new members and for renewal memberships only. After you have paid your renewal fee, you may obtain your new badge by attending a meeting, contacting the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs.

You will not be allowed to fish without a valid new badge even if your dues are paid. As your membership comes up for renewal, you will be sent a reminder to obtain the new badge.

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Congratulations to Joe Richard who won a rod and reel at the January General Meeting. Joe generously donated his prize to the Tackle Swap. Congratulations and many thanks Joe!

## ATTENTION FISHERMEN

**Annual Sportsman Tackle Swap**

**Previously known as  
"The Boathouse Sale"**

**Sat. Feb. 19, 2005**

**9:00 am til 1:00 pm**

Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association  
790 Southdale Road East  
London

No entrance fee      Free parking

Door Prizes      50/50 draw

Local fishing club members will be selling new – used Rods, Reels, Tackle, Trolling motors and fishing related items.

Write your boating exam on site.

Talk to Upper Thames River Conservation Authority reps, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers.

See a great taxidermy and mount display. See antique tackle displays and fly tying demonstrations.

Talk with club members about the benefits of belonging to a club.

**Brought to you by:  
TriCounty Bassmasters and WOFGPA.**

**Set your Hook into a Great Deal**

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We want to hear from you.

We would like some fresh ideas for functions.

Would you like to see dances, more winter card games, more things for children, etc.

Please contact any of the Entertainment Committee or the Executive with your ideas.

WOF&GPA WEAR

Why not get that special someone a polar fleece jacket or a warm hooded sweatshirt or a toque to keep them warm and toasty in the cold months.

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

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

ATTENTION BOATERS!

The next boat safety course will be held at the club on March 30, 2005 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm.

The cost is \$ 40 for members and \$ 45 for non-members.

It is open to you and your family, neighbours, co-workers and fishing buddies.

To sign up, call Phil Gingrich at 519-668-1130 or email him at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

FOR SALE BY OWNER

One of our members has a 2003 Mercury Motor (bought in 2004) for sale.

This motor has forward and reverse and is a 4-h/5hp motor. He is asking only \$ 895 (original selling price is over \$ 1300).

For more details or to see the motor, call Lonnie at 659-7028.

ICE FISHING DERBY January 30, 2005

It was a great day to be fishing. The warm sun kept all those warm that ventured out for a morning of angling at the first Ice Fishing Derby this season. A total of 37 anglers came out to get a total of 12 fish.

The winners are:

1 st place:	Wayne Kimmerly	117 cm
2 nd place:	Stan Gibbs	72.5 cm
3 rd place:	Ron Earle	72 cm

50/50 draw Gary Pratt \$ 31.00

Thank you to Tom and Shirley McGill, Val Grahl, Karen Anderson, Gord Foster, Lawrence Lainchbury and Steve Couture for all their help with this derby.

Thanks also to Gord Spotton and Jeanette Cronkwright for the great tasting hot soup.

As most fishermen know, the weather plays an important role in scheduling an Ice Fishing Derby. Quite often, time does not permit advertising in the newsletter although it will be posted on the outside bulletin board at the club. Check the bulletin board frequently.

If you want to get a phone call about the next derby, please leave your name with Tom McGill.

DANGER

THIN ICE CONDITIONS

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 ANY UNSAFE ICE.
ALWAYS USE THE "BUDDY SYSTEM"
OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION AT ALL TIMES ON THE POND ICE.

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc <i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs</i> <i>A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i> Murray Howard, President 2 Jutta Cr. London ON N6E 3R2 Phone: 685-3392</p> <p>Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com <i>Serving the Community since 1968</i></p>	<p>City Centre 519-672-0550 380 Wellington St London, ON N6A 5B5</p> <p>TED DILTS JEWELLERS <i>"Your Personal Jeweller"</i></p> <p>DIAMONDS, GOLD FINE JEWELLERY, APPRAISALS</p>	<p>A.E.A. Anderson Entertainment Agency</p> <p><i>John Anderson</i> 600 Southdale Rd E <i>London, ON N6E 1A6</i></p> <p>(519) 685-9217 aeamusic@aol.com</p>
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