JULY 2003 NEWSLETTER







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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

ehunting@sprint.ca

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

PLEASE NOTE: Check out our website. The new address will be www.wofgpa.org

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 not visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

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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 presents the Treasurer's report at the meetings, 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 Executive meetings.

There is no smoking at Club functions or meetings.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JULY 2003

I hope everyone who attended the Annual Family Day enjoyed the wonderful activities, events and food that were offered. Have you ever considered the amount of time and effort that is necessary to organize a single event that our club sponsors? It begins with numerous meetings to plan when, who and how this event will take place. After the initial ideas are in place, contacts are made to business organizations to donate prizes and essentials for the function. This involves follow-ups to ensure that donations are received and cash donations are wisely spent. Any "special" guests such as City Police, Shriner's Marching Band, The Snake Lady, etc... are booked well in advance to confirm their appearance at our Club. The week before the event, the food is purchased, goodie bags are prepared, and volunteers are confirmed for their various duties for the day. The day before the event, the grounds are cleaned, tents and tables are set up, barbeques, grills and fryers are cleaned and prepared for the next day. On the day of the event, hundreds of volunteer hours are spent serving food, organizing games, greeting the guests, parking the cars and helping with major cleanup after everyone has gone home.

As you can see, each function that our Club organizes, involves many hours, sometimes months in advance to ensure that our members enjoy the day. The derbies, euchres, Christmas Tree sales, grounds clean up, etc... are a success, due to the volunteers at this Club. Personally, as President of their Club, I would like to thank all the volunteers who give so freely of their valuable time. If you, as a member, attend one of our functions and have enjoyed the day, please remember to thank those volunteers that made it happen. They will appreciate it!

The next time you see the following people, please thank them for the fantastic job they did on re-designing and rebuilding the outdoor barbeque.

Louis Peskar and Andy Schuster and Angelo(block and brick work)

Tom Whealy (front gate) Pat Stocking (fire grills)

Hopefully, at our bass derby on Sunday, July 13th, we will test the new barbeque.

Sincerely,

Stan Gibbs President

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Our condolences are sent to the Allen family after the recent passing of Brian's mother.

June Meat Draw – June 12, 2003 "Granny Packs" of meat prepared by Courtesy Meats were won by: Jim Douglas, Don Colborne, Bryan Dewaele, Don Finch, and Fred Pearce

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Executive is planning a comprehensive review of the constitution. A copy of the constitution is available on request. If you have any comments, questions or requests, please email teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca or call Stan Gibbs @ 668-2609.

You can win a free membership by attending a General Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except July and August) and entering a ballot. The draw is held in March of each year following the Elections.

Welcome New Members
Get involved, have fun and meet
other people with similar
interests.

FAMILY DAY ~ JUNE 22, 2003

What a beautiful day the members had to come out and have fun at Annual Family Day. So many activities were enjoyed by the 200 in attendance.

Thank you to the City of London Police Force – Canine Unit for sending Constable C. Smith and Argo to represent our Emergency Services and meet members and their families. The "Snake Lady" Val Williams is an ever popular hit as most of the children know her through her frequent visits to local schools. The Mocha Trumpet Band of London did a superb job of entertaining the members. Thank you to Greg Balch who set up an amazing, informative Wildlife Management display and in the Club.

Meetings about Family Day usually begin when there is snow on the ground. So much time is spent in organizing the day and arranging for sponsors and scheduling activities and supplies for the day. A special thank you to Karen Anderson, Val Grahl, Stan Gibbs, Fred Pearce, the Lockreys and the Entertainment Committee and the Executive for their dedication and hard work. Thank you is also sent to the many people who came out to help with setting up and running of Family Day.

As a not for profit organization, we depend on sponsors for large events such as Family Day. I would like to recognize our many sponsors at this time. They are, in no particular order: Upper Thames Conservation Authority, East Park Golf Gardens, East Side Mario's, Swiss Chalet (Famz Foods), Princess Auto, Slo-Pitch City, Canadian Tire (Wonderland), Dairy Queen, KFC (Prizm Brandz), Stacey Plumbing & Heating, Blue-Con Construction, Ellis Don Construction, Foster Automotive, Preferred Insurance Group, Wortley Auto Care, Neilson & Associates / Can Compute, Discount Car & Truck Rentals, Apple Auto Glass, George Bray Sports Association, Ellis Don Construction, Don & Debbie Parker, Pat & Ken Lockrey, Karen & John Anderson, Teresa Dodge & Steve Couture.

Please repay their community spirit and generosity by patronizing these businesses.

JELLY BEAN JAR

The correct guess for the number of jellybeans in the jar was Jeff MacFarlane. He not only got to keep the jellybeans but also received 4 passes for Mini-golf at East Side Golf Gardens.

CANOE RACES

The adult & child canoe races were done in two heats due to the overwhelming response it received. No canoe or previous canoeing experience was needed. The winners were; 1st Ron Earle and Rob MacFarlane Donny Linstead and Jody 2nd Joel Ready and Janelle 3rd Tim Locke and CJ Locke

Thank you to those members who volunteered the use of life jackets and/or canoes for the participants.

Children's Door Prize winners:

Becky Kloczko	Nail Notions
Anik McGill	Fishing Rod
Connor	Basketball
Laura Lefaive	Tackle box
Noah Clarke-Ripepi	Diving Dolphins game
Rachel Lane	Soccer ball
Angela Barraclough	Jewelry box
Amanda Sebastion	Bracelet kit
Sarah Stiles	Bracelet kit
Laura Rooney	Who Wants to be a
	Millionaire game
Taylor Peters	Shift Tac Toe game and
	badminton set
Ashley Seaton	Super Soaker water gun
lain Locke	Boys Watch
David Barraclough	White lunch bag and
	accessories
Jess Hardy	Red lunch bag and
	accessories
Kayla Smith	Easy Braids kit
Pauline DeLuca	new Harry Potter book
Laura Ready	Aqua Hopscotch, dolls
	and bottles
Nadia Stallaert	Bag of kid's summer
	toys
Brayden Morise	Matchbox case and cars
Nick DeLuca	Mold a Mask kit
Taylor Schram	Model Truck
Derian Schram	Child's books and
	puzzle

A total of 40 adult draw prizes were available. Congratulations to all winners of games, events, and door and draw prizes. Hope that you had lots of fun and we hope to see you back again next year.

I extend my apologies if your name or business has not been recognized at this time.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 5th Annual Bass Derby will be held on Sunday, July 13th.

The derby will run from 7:30 am til 11:00 am, with registration at 7:00 am.

There are lots of prizes and a great lunch to be had.

Don't miss this one.

The winner of the June General Meeting Draw was Don Finch. He won Odor-Off and a Trout pillow. Congratulations Don!
The next General meeting will be held in September. Come out, get involved and try your luck at winning.

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend July 4 – 6, 2003

- License-free fishing for Canadian Residents for this weekend only
- If you don't have a fishing license, you must abide by Conservation License Limits

For more information, contact www.familyfishingweekend.com

Check out the Business Cards

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter submissions are due by the fourth Thursday (Executive Meeting) of each month.

Thank you to those that have already opted to receive newsletters by email. I would like to reduce the amount of snail mail and postage. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, contact Teresa Dodge by phone evenings at 668-6257. Your newsletter would arrive early so you would know about any functions that occur very early in the month. Your email address will be kept confidential and used for newsletter distribution only.

Do you have something that you would like in the newsletter such as an Item for Sale or an article to share with other members? Contact Teresa Dodge at any meeting, by phone @ 668-6257 or by email teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca.

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WOFGPA WEAR IS FINALLY HERE

Now that we have your attention, we just thought we would let you know about all the fabulous, good quality merchandise that we have. There are lanyards (great for holding WOFGPA membership badges); Tee Shirts with the club logo silk-screened on the chest, Lined jackets and Baseball caps with silk embroidering.

All items must be ordered, although we do have samples for display. Items are very good quality for a very reasonable price.

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