

JULY 2010 NEWSLETTER



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AUGUST 2010

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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.**

The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoy one of the cheapest annual dues of almost all the Clubs in the surrounding area. It is quite remarkable that we can enjoy the unique lake, nice grounds, clean hall, numerous functions, and great tasting Trout for such nominal membership fees. We recognize that some members joined the club solely for the benefit of being able to catch Trout regularly in close proximity to their home while others also attend some of our many functions held throughout the year.

When each member joined it was stressed to them that WOFGPA depends on the efforts of its many volunteers. We thank the volunteers that give 110% but even with these great helpers, we also need help from some of the other members who could help lighten the load. Do you enjoy all that the Club has to offer? If so ... lets get involved, supply new ideas and attend some of the many functions throughout the year

Think of your efforts as helping to polish this "jewel" in the heart of the city.

All members should note that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. Membership renewals and sticker distribution will be done prior to Executive meetings from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. If you are unable to attend an Executive Meeting (held on the 4th Thursday during the summer months), alternate arrangements can only be made by contacting Stan Gibbs.

It is not acceptable to mail your payment or to leave it with the Fralicks. You must attend a meeting to obtain a valid sticker for your membership card and avoid having suspended fishing privileges. Thank you for your participation in this matter.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Yours in conservation
Stan Gibbs

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Bill Shook of Black Diamond Paving donated the asphalt paving in the main driveway earlier this spring. Thank you Bill and crew.

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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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Our website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://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.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY

Sun. June 27, 2010

This day was organized for children aged 12 and under as a replacement for Family Day. This day provided these young anglers with the opportunity to fish in a derby without adults intervening, to learn and hone their skills. For most, it was their first opportunity to target shoot, rather than use the buttons on a video game controller.

Although the day was quite warm, the kids didn't seem to notice as they were having too much fun at the different events.

Results of the day's events were:

### Fishing Derby

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Thomas Jermy    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Autumn Ernteman |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Safiya Adam     |

### Target shooting

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Aaiden Cronkwright |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Emily Jurasek      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Mohomad Harb       |

### Target Casting

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Hillary Brennan |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Mohomad Harb    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Joseph Brennan  |

### Canoe Race

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Emily Jurasek    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Brandon Ernteman |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Mohomad Harb     |

Many thanks to all the volunteers for making this a successful and memorable day for the future stewards of WOFGPA.

Thank you to our sponsors for their continued support.

### ~~~~~ BBQ MEAT DRAW

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Following the general meeting in June, we held our annual BBQ Meat draw. The winners were: Alex Duffit (x2), Tom McGill, Andre Koch, Teresa Couture, Shawn McCormick (x2), Steve Couture and Tony Dukic (x2). Congratulations to everyone.

~~~~~ IMPORTANT NOTE TO MEMBERS WITH A BOAT RACK SPOT

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Recently, we have received reports of personal items missing from the boat racks. It is your responsibility to ensure that your boat is secured. Please take all items such as oars, seats and anchors home with you if you cannot secure them to your satisfaction.

Also, please drain your boat on a regular basis if it cannot be stored upside down, which is preferable.

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Recently, a few chairs have been left on or near the docks and ended up in the water. If you bring your own chair, please take it home each day; as benches are provided on the docks for all anglers.

SUMMER BASS DERBY
Sunday, July 18

Derby times: 7:30 am till noon

Registration starts at 7:00 am (no earlier)

Boats may be put in the water prior to 7:30 am. All registered anglers will start the derby at 7:30 am from the front shore area.

Cost:	Members	\$ 12.00
	Non-members	\$ 15.00
	Junior (age 12 or under)	\$ 5.00

Only derby participants may fish during this derby. Derby rules will be posted on the day of the derby. Regular fishing by members will resume after 12:00 noon. A barbeque lunch will be provided for registered anglers. While this is a Bass fishing derby, Trout daily angling limits dictated by your membership type will apply following the derby.

Please note that we will also be holding a second bass derby on Sunday, August 15.

PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD

It is important to remind everyone at this time about obtaining and carrying a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. As of Sept. 2009, each boat that is under power in Ontario must be operated by someone with a valid card, which must be present on the operator of the watercraft. This will also be enforced on the pond at WOFGPA.

If you are already in possession of a valid card, please let the Boat Rack Chair, Jim Morrow know by telephone at 519-649-2405 so he can note this on your Boat Rack Agreement.

DART LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Sat. August 7, 2010

Drop in to register
anytime between 9 am and noon
Cost per player - \$ 100

Alex Duffit is organizing a dart league. This group will play darts at WOFGPA starting on Wed. Sept. 8 and continue on each Wednesday evening for 26 weeks. This league is open to all members, their families and guests.

For additional details, contact Alex at 519-200-6452 or see him at a meeting. Hope to see you there on August 7 and again in the fall when we start playing darts.

The winners of the June General meeting draw were both new members: Shawn McCormick (\$25 Tim Horton's card and Boat Safety kit) and Shawn Eveland (Boat safety kit). Congratulations to you both.

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 at the March General meeting.

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 an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at couture.house@hotmail.com

**FIREARMS AND HUNTER
SAFETY COURSES**

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education.

All courses will be held at Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association and are open to both members and non-members.

Please contact **Ed Connor** at **519-680-9872** for more information and to register for one of these courses.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only.

Reminder, do not mail your payment or leave cash / cheque with Russell and Sheena, the Club's 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.

VOLUNTEER REMINDER

If you are a new member, this is a great way to meet other members who share the same passions for WOFGPA while fulfilling your obligation to assist where needed. Simply contact the Chairperson listed for the function, any of the Executive, attend a meeting or simply show up at any of the functions and ask where you can help.

For not so new members, we want to see you at the club getting involved and not just trying to catch your daily limit. Now is the time to polish this jewel in the heart of the city and to make it shine as best it can.

TREE CARVING

The time quickly coming to plan for the official unveiling of the tree carving appropriately named "The Goodwill Tree of Life". Regular visitors will have seen this magnificent tree carving develop since its inception almost two years ago. It is not "chainsaw art", but it is a hand and tool creation of wood, representing nature's beasts and us, the club. If you have some free time, please assist Herman Szielasko and Howard Pearcey with some detailing and final sanding. They have spent countless hours labouring with this carving. The clock is ticking away and the help is always a great experience for all.

As Canada's oldest conservation club, WOFGPA plans to take advantage of the Doors Open London weekend and the many expected visitors to our site as we make the official unveiling of this masterpiece to the rest of London and area.

A commemoration ceremony will be held on Sat. Sept 18 at 1:00 pm.

DOORS OPEN LONDON AT WOFGPA

Saturday, September 18, 2010

Sunday, September 19, 2010

During these two days, many buildings and historical sites will be open to the public. Experts at each site will introduce you to the sites' history and their significance to London. Doors Open London is the once-a-year chance to fully explore your city as many of the private properties are normally closed to public viewing.

During the Sept. 18 – 19 weekend, come out and celebrate our heritage in the community. The sites range from places of worship, to natural areas, to businesses and grand homes and estates. There is something for everyone to see and something for all to learn.

This year, WOFGPA is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of the sites and it will be our third of many years involvement with this function. As Canada's oldest conservation club (established in 1875), we have been involved in many joint conservation ventures with other organizations in the area. There have been many changes to the club as it has evolved over the past 132 years. During this time, the membership has also made many contributions to London's unique history.

The Executive and Committee members would like to show other London and area residents about our history, what we stand for and have to offer. On the Saturday afternoon, we will hold the official unveiling of "The Goodwill Tree of Life", or as most commonly called "the tree carving project". Please arrange to be here at that time as we make this honorary introduction to our heritage.

All members are welcome to help in planning for this weekend's events. Please contact Stan Gibbs to confirm your help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The General meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. The Executive meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Sun. July 18	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Aug. 7	Dart League registration from 9:00 am until noon
Sun. Aug. 15	Bass Derby
Thurs. Aug. 26	Executive meeting
Sun. Aug. 22	Appreciation Day (By invitation only)
Wed. Sept. 8	Dart league begins
Thurs. Sept. 9	General meeting
Sept. 18 – 19	Doors Open London
Sat. Sept. 18	Official "The Goodwill Tree of Life" Tree Carving unveiling
Thurs. Sept. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 25	Euchre resumes

Get informed, get involved, have fun and enjoy all that WOFGPA has to offer its membership.

SUMMERTIME SAFETY

A day at the park, the cottage or the beach can be very enjoyable in the summertime.

We should, however pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat.

Consider these pointers for sun safety:

- Young children and the elderly are especially at risk. This does not mean that a strong, healthy person is safe from too much sun or heat exposure.
- Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families.
- If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room **IMMEDIATELY**. If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, err on the side of caution at once. A sunstroke or heat-stroked person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.
- Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing sunscreen with a very high rating of SPF. Reapply sunscreen according to the directions on the container.
- The sun is most damaging to the skin during the hottest part of the day (11:00 am till 4:00 pm). Be aware that sun can reflect off objects like water around you causing sunburns even when a hat shades your head.
- Protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses that have a UV protective coating.
- Have a fun filled, safe summer.

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