

# July Newsletter



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## July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Summer Bass Derby (official)	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Executive meeting	29	30

## August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7 Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27
28	29	30				

**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA**

Our newsletter is available on our website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)  
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

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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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and 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.

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The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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**IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

Note to Members & Readers :

As of this (July) newsletter, for both environmental reasons (save trees and reduce carbon footprint of Club) and to minimize membership costs, the Club's monthly newsletter is not mailed to Members. We encourage all members to view the monthly newsletter via our Web-site [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) The web-newsletter is in PDF format for easy viewing and printing at home. However, a limited number of copies will be available inside the club entrance.

Newsletter Editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Missed Opportunities

Recently, I asked many of the members that I know a simple question. "Why did you join our Club?" Many of these same individuals had their names on a waiting list for a long time. The most common answer I received was of course, the fishing our small stocked lake offers. This made perfect sense to me since I, too, joined for the fishing. At the time I became a member, my son was about eight years old, and I could not wait to take him somewhere so close to home and share with him my love for the outdoors. Over the next few years my family took part in a lot of derbies, social events and educational courses at the Club, which my son remembers fondly as treasured moments. We as a family have many such memories, which we recount from time to time.

On Sunday, June 26, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Kids Activity Day. The weather was perfect with blue skies and a warm breeze, just right for a 3 hour fishing derby, followed with lunch, then on to target casting, target shooting, canoe races and fly casting instruction. Sounds like a lot of fun, right? It was, at least for the seven children that attended.

Our Club organized a completely free day for any members' children (or grandchildren) that wished to attend. This event took a lot of time, money, and volunteer effort to make it happen. The lack of interest in this event is beyond me. If we, as a group, would like to keep our Club thriving and growing, I ask now for all members to think about this second question "Who is best to carry on our legacy and love for the outdoors than our children?" The next time the opportunity arises to show our children something special such as what was offered, please take advantage of what this Club can offer.

Note that there are no General meetings in July and August. All members are welcome to attend Executive meetings (fourth Thursday of each month), especially if you need to pay your membership renewal dues.

Yours in Conservation - Stan Gibbs, President

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS -

### RENEWALS

You must be present at a meeting to renew your membership and receive new badge sticker. If you cannot make it to a monthly meeting, you may make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs. Reminder, do not mail your renewal payment.

### ANNUAL DRAW for FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting that you, as a Club member, attend, one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

### GENERAL MEETING June 9/11

We would also like to thank Randy Bailey of Thames River Anglers Association for his presentation of an update on the status of this ongoing City project. Randy has been very involved in the Springbank Dam project and his organization is dedicated to the enhancement, protection and promotion of a multi-species (recreational) fishery within the Thames River Watershed. He encouraged Club members to become more informed about cultural, ecological and environmental issues associated with this important project for the old Springbank Dam on Thames River in the City of London, which is designated as a Canadian Heritage River.

### CLUB DOOR PRIZE -

At each General Meeting, the Club Door Prize completes the orders of business for the Club members in attendance. The winners at the last meeting were:

John Wilton - Timmy's Card & Club-crested hat  
Jim Graham - new Abu Garcia Sp.Rod & Reel.

### BBQ MEAT DRAW

On June 9th, immediately following our General meeting, we held our annual Barbeque Meat Draw. The winners of the meat packages were: Barb Toner, Hermann Szielasko, Stan Gibbs, Brian Allen, Howard Pearcey, George Maudsley, Teresa Couture, Brian Ernteman, Andre Koch and Jim Graham.

### NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list.

### WELFARE

If you know of a Club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's many

milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the Club

### **GARDENING / TREE CARVING**

Thanks to the Kovac family for planting perennials in the front flowerbed. near the newly refinished Tree of Life carving With thanks to setup crew and the Artist for the final touches to carving.

### **COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT**

If any member wishes to be on a committee for 2011 – 2012 term, please contact the current committee chairperson listed at the front of this newsletter. Club members often find that their schedule does not allow for them to volunteer a lot. As fellow volunteers, we know it does not take continuous commitment as a committee member to help out – just a few hours here and there is OK. We understand how busy life can get with work demands, family and other interests. If you can only assist occasionally, please let the Committee Chairperson know. Your fresh, new ideas and assistance will always be welcomed.

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.

## **ENTERTAINMENT NEWS**

### **2nd ANNUAL KIDS' ACTIVITY DAY**

On Sunday, June 26. Club volunteers and the Activity Day participants enjoyed great weather and had a lot of fun. The day started with a Junior Fishing Derby. Each species of fish was assigned a point value. All fish were counted and the kids learned to identify various fish species. After a great BBQ lunch, the kids rotated through 3 more events, with the following results:

#### Fishing Derby winners:

1st Bradan Ernteman	129 points
2nd Emily Jurasek	106 points
3rd Thomas Jermy	70 points

#### Target shooting

1st Paul Jermy	42 points
2nd Bradan Ernteman	39 points
3rd Emily Jurasek	36 points

#### Target Casting

1st Paul Jermy	36 points
2nd River Maudsley	19 points
3rd Emily Jurasek	18 points

### Canoe Race

- 1st Emily Jurasek
- 2nd Bradan Ernteman
- 3rd Thomas Jermy

### **SUMMER BASS DERBY**

**Sun. July 10, 2011**

Our anglers have been waiting a long time for the Annual Summer Bass Derby. Sunday July 10th be the Official derby, with the winner's name going onto the plaque inside the club.

**A second bass derby will be held on Sun. August 7.** This will be an unofficial derby (with no winner's commemoration plaque).

Derby Registration:	7:00 am – 9:00 am
Start time:	7:30 am
Finish time:	12:00 noon
Reg. Fee	
	( incl. BBQ lunch)

Members: \$ 12.00

Non-members \$ 15.00

Junior (12 & under) \$ 5.00

Mark your calendars so you don't miss this event.



### **Euchre Host Opportunity**

Euchre Nights start again in September. Two gracious hosts are needed for the September 24 Euchre Night in order for this evening function to proceed. If you are interested in hosting this event or would like more details, please contact the Entertainment Committee Chairperson.

### **BADGES & BOAT RACKS**

Badges Reminder - Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.

Boat Racks - Don Colborne has received a couple of requests from members asking to relocate their boats & canoes to more accessible and suitably sized rack spots. This type of request can be accommodated by members who rarely use their rowboats or canoes. If you are willing to relocate your boat to a different location on the boat racks to accommodate these requests, please contact Don at a Club meeting or via phone.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED TO **NOT** RELOCATE A ROWBOAT / CANOE FROM ITS CURRENT LOCATION WITHOUT FIRST DISCUSSING WITH DON C.

### **FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES**

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is offering final courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education. After July, Ed will be moving away from London to start a new career in the Near

North (Sault Ste. Marie). Ed's final courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members. Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses. Remember that the fees charged for these courses are among the lowest to be found.



**CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE  
& Meat-Shoot Fundraiser**

All proceeds go to purchase of identical air-pellet guns for the meat-shoots, to ensure fair competition. Club members with some spare C-T “loyalty rewards” that you are willing to donate, please contact Howard Pearcey at the next Club meeting.

**Members' HELP NEEDED  
for locating “Escaped” Tackle**

While fishing a couple of weeks ago, a couple of our members were paddling about 50 feet from the shore on the far side of the pond, directly across from the north dock, when suddenly the life jacket-wearing canoeists found themselves a-floating on the wrong side of the gunwales, outside the boat.

Careful analysis of the mis-adventure afterward determined that, for reasons known only to the 2 occupants of the vessel, a number of their rods and a fishing net “accidentally” escaped from the over-turned canoe and into the deep.

While their daughter Emily's well-honed angling skills later prevented the permanent escape of the Family's treasured fishing net,, Mom & Dad are hoping that other Club members might have had some surprising luck angling for the remaining “escaped” tackle.

If you do catch a rod “escapee” in this northern area of the pond, please contact Dad (Jeff) at 519-685-0237.

“Thanks” to anyone, in advance, for their efforts. :)



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. **There are no General meetings in the months of July and August due to many vacation schedules, although the Executive meetings are still held.** Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Sun. Jul. 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Bass Derby (official)
Thurs. July 28	Executive Meeting
Sun. Aug. 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)
Thurs. Aug. 25	Executive Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 8	General Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 24	Euchre ( <b>two hosts are still needed in order for this event to proceed</b> )
Sat. Oct. 1	Meat Shoot (for turkeys)\
Thurs. Oct. 13	General Meeting
Sat. Oct. 15	Trout stocking (tentative)
Sat. Oct. 22	Euchre
Sun. Oct. 23	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs. Oct. 27	Executive Meeting
Sun. Oct. 30	Kids Halloween Party

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE  
EVENTS SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL  
THAT THE CLUB HAS TO OFFER ITS  
MEMBERS.**

**Club Newsletter Advertisement Opportunity**

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a neat place to advertise as this newsletter reaches not only over 225 member families and but it is publicly viewed on our website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) each month. Our rates are very reasonable.

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