JUNE 2003 NEWSLETTER







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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 during meetings or during

meals at Club Events.

Don't forget to wear your Badge!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUNE 2003

I would like to welcome new members and those that have renewed memberships. May and June are the busiest months for renewals. We have exceeded our limit of 225 primary memberships and have had to begin a waiting list for any new members. I am pleased to see that others are beginning to realize what a jewel the club is in London.

The past few months have been very busy as we clean up and begin implementing many new projects around the club. Help is always great and is an excellent way to meet other members who share similar interests.

Earlier this spring, our club sent out forms with your newsletter to obtain boardwalk planks that will be installed in the woods by the ponds and engraved with your name from the Rotary Club of West London. This is the final call to obtain a plank for yourself, your family or a loved one. Additional forms can be obtained at the club or by contacting Stan Gibbs at 668-2609. Time is quickly running out.

If any members completed the Boardwalk Plank form and sent it directly to the Rotary Club of West London, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible @ 668-2609. I would like to present all club members names to the Rotary Club at one time and don't want to miss anyone in my presentation.

It is your club and your jewel, why not come out and help polish it.

Stan Gibbs

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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.

Welcome to New Members:

Paul Lalonde, Rooney family, Toso family, Slomer family, Kowalenko family, MacDonald family, Antonissen family, Lalonde family, Pat Maudsley, Santin family, Minke family, Whealy family, Gerald Caron, Ansondale Group Home

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent to June Shiell as she recovers at home following surgery.

Our condolescences go to the Gibbs family after the passing of Stan's mother.

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#### **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 <a href="mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca">lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca</a> or call Stan Gibbs @ 668-2609.

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

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The winner of the May General Meeting draw was Don Finch. He will be using his new lures and trout bait fishing at the club. Congratulations Don!

### BBQ MEAT DRAW June 12, 2003

During our June General meeting, Steve Sauder of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority has agreed to give a presentation.

Immediately following the meeting, we will have a BBQ Meat Draw. Nothing tastes better from the BBQ than free steaks. Mark your calendar so you won't miss this one.

#### **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 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.

The Spring Trout Derby held on May 4<sup>th</sup> was a great success. The rumor that there aren't many trout in the pond just isn't true. The sixty-six people fishing in the derby managed to catch eighty-six trout. The lucky winners were:

#### Adult Division -

- 1. Ted Sanders 130 cm
- 2. Mike Lemanski 119 cm
- 3. Nathan Palmer 119 cm

#### Junior Division -

- 1. Nicholas Bohdanowicz 115 cm
- 2. Louis Gough 35 cm
- 3. Kyle Carew 32 cm

The Mystery Fish was caught by Nathan Palmer – 43 cm.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

A big thank you is sent to Val and Teresa for the lunch, and to Gord Foster for measuring and recording the length of the trout caught.

Thanks also go to the many people who donated draw prizes: Hully Gully Sports, Jim Brown of Labatt Ontario Breweries, Ted Dilts of Dilts Jewellers, Ted Chatterley and Mr. Poshva. Thanks again for your generosity.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bass Derby will be held on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

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.

# FAMILY DAY

## Sunday, June 22 Noon till 4 pm

It is fast approaching and help is always needed for such a large event. Contact Karen Anderson 685-9217, if you can help with any club functions or have a new idea that you want to share.

## GARAGE SALE SAT. JUNE 7th at 8:00 am

BUY, SELL, WHEEL AND DEAL OR TRADE

Take a look in your garage, basement or storage area. Just think --- all those things that you really haven't used in months could be sold for cash today. To reserve a table for a mere \$ 10 each, contact Karen Anderson @ 685-9217.

## **CALLING ALL CANOES**

On Family Day, we will be having canoe races on the pond. What a great way for an adult and youth to spend an enjoyable time together. They are guaranteed to bring their own cheering section. If any members are willing to donate the use of their canoe for this day or are interested in being in the race, contact Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 as soon as possible.

#### 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

# WOF & GPA ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 22, 2003 Noon till 4:00 pm

Lots of games, prizes, food and fun guaranteed.

What a way to spend an afternoon with your family and meet other members.

Canoe Races

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