

JUNE 2008 NEWSLETTER



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**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A MEMBER
CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES ON CLUB FUNCTIONS
WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees**

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

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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 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.**

President's Message

On Sunday June 8th, we will be hosting our annual Kids Fishing Derby. This event is open to all Children 12 years old and under. The main objective of this derby is to teach our future members the fine art of fishing.

With this in mind, we are going to try a new format this year, which should help the children in recognizing different fish species and how to angle for them. At the Derby, each child will be given a Brochure with different pictures of fish that are in our pond and suggested baits to use to catch them. Each fish species will be assigned points from 1 to 40. A few of the examples in the scoring scheme are: Bluegill - 1point, Bass - 3 points, or Carp which are valued at 40 points. This way the children will be encouraged to angle for different fish and will definitely learn to identify the different species of fish.

We also will have casting clinics for the children and a chance for the juniors to try fly rod casting. As usual, there will be food and refreshments available. Please bring your children, grandchildren and their young friends for an enjoyable day at the Pond.

Please remember all children must have adult supervision.

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter, we have quite a lengthy waiting list for people that would like to become members at our club. At the April 10, General Meeting, the Executive decided that all new prospective members must come to a General or Executive meeting to put their name on the waiting list by seeing myself. This would introduce them to our Club and its operation. We set this time to keep the time for volunteers at a minimum.

As well, I informed all members that from now on, all renewals and sticker distribution would be done prior to Club meetings from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. All membership badges must have a valid renewal sticker, which will allow you to enjoy fishing privileges. The reason for this decision by the Executive after discussion with the members present at the April General meeting was to get more members participating in club affairs through their attendance at the meetings. I hope that we can get people out at least once a year.

If there is good reason that you cannot get to the meeting to pay your membership dues, please contact me for other arrangements.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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Our condolences are sent to the family of Russ Piper, who passed away in late April after a lengthy illness. He was a lifetime OFAH member whose efforts to fishing will benefit many others forever.

Bill Rodrigues recently celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bill is a life member of WOFGPA and the OFAH.

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REMINDER – WAITING LIST

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Do not let you membership lapse. No longer will the \$ 10.00 penalty be accepted for late membership renewal due to the length of the waiting list.** If your membership does lapse, you are required to add your name to the waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. There are currently over 50 people waiting to join the club as members. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it must be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing

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### Fourth Annual "Juniors Only" Derby Sunday, June 8, 2008

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. One adult may assist each child (BUT remember that the adult assistants are only there to help).

#### Rules:

- The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be determined by a point system, which is overviewed in the President's Message.
- All anglers, whether fishing from a boat or from shore will start at the same time and place.

**Time:** 9 am until 12 Noon

Registration: 8:30 am (No earlier)

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch

To volunteer with this derby, please contact Stan Gibbs. A few volunteers are needed to measure the many fish (mostly sunfish) that are caught during this derby.

The accompanying adults and volunteers can purchase lunch for a nominal fee of \$ 2.00 per person. All lunches must be purchased before 10:00 am so that enough food is available for all for all.

Our annual Bass Derby is scheduled for Sun., July 13. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

**An Evening of Murder Dinner  
(An Irish Wake)  
and Silent Auction**

John and Karen Anderson's granddaughter, Emilie, is constantly in need of costly treatments, which are not covered by health care. Emilie was born microcephalic, is blind and is unable to walk or even support herself.

The Anderson's have organized an Evening of Murder Dinner event to assist the family with Emilie's treatments. The theme of the evening is an Irish Wake where the dinner guests will all be a part of the festivities. All profits from this venture will go directly to Emilie's care.

Many items will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Door prizes, a very special menu and cash bar are available.

**The Andersons may be reached at 519-685-9217 to obtain tickets or for additional information.**

**Date:** Sunday, June 8, 2008  
**Cost:** \$20.00 per person (advance tickets available by contacting the Andersons)  
**Where:** Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association

On June 8, come to the club to meet Emilie and her family.

**DEER COMMUNICATION**

Emad Hazboun gave a talk about Deer Communication at the shortened May General meeting on May 8. He formerly gave a talk about deer vision, which was outstanding. Emad entertained over 30 members as he shares his knowledge and passion for deer hunting. Once again thank you Emad for sharing your expertise with the members.

Emad has planned a bow-hunting course on June 7th. If anyone is interested in signing up for this course, please contact him by email at [emadhaz@hotmail.com](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

**Garage Sale and Tackle Swap  
Saturday, June 14  
Time: 8:00 am til ?**

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the garage sale. You can get cash for all those items that just are not used any longer. At the Tackle Swap in February, many members indicated that they have a surplus of angling, camping and hunting items that they do not use or want anymore (No Guns please). Here is your chance to sell those items for cash or trade with other members. Please call Teresa Couture (evenings) to reserve a table for \$ 15.00.



**BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW**

After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 12, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. There are 8 Barbeque meat packs to be won, two of which are larger meat packs. Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. The meat packs contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

**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](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

or

<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

**OFAH Members**

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is looking to update their records. Although they do not know how many members they have, they are not aware if any of these members are also WOFGPA members. Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly?

Please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at [val.grahl@rogers.com](mailto:val.grahl@rogers.com) and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

**FOR SALE**

Shop-Smith Mark V woodworking equipment with many accessories. The original cost of the equipment is \$ 5000 to \$ 6000. All reasonable offers will be considered for this excellent condition equipment. Please call Bob at 519-472-5050 for more details.

## Annual Family Day at WOFGPA

This is a great fun filled afternoon for the WOFGPA members, their families and guests.

We hope to have representatives of the each of the City of London's different emergency services (meet and greet firemen, the OPP and the Police Force - Canine unit). Hopefully, confirmation of their attendance will arrive shortly. Canoe Races (one adult and child per canoe), a Taxidermy and Wildlife display by Greg Balch, a Water Balloon Toss (clean cool fun on a hot afternoon) are scheduled. Also planned are ongoing Children's Scavenger Hunts and obstacle course, face painting, crafts and maybe a clown or two. Surprise mystery entertainment and plenty of musical entertainment to delight the young and the young at heart. In our refreshment tent, we serve burgers and hot dogs, French fries, an assortment of cold drinks. At the Ticket / Membership booth, you may purchase additional tickets for Food purchases and Adult Draw prizes and view all the prizes.

Please note that as each vehicle arrives, the driver will be given the goody bags, appropriate number of food tickets and one Child's Draw prize ticket for each child. Additional tickets for Children's prizes are NOT available for purchase.

This is a sampling of the many activities planned. A full schedule of the afternoon's activities will be posted around the grounds at the club on Family Day.

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to sit on as the picnic tables are usually taken early by other members and their families.

Come out and have some fun with other members and their families before the long hot days of summer arrive.

To all members, there are no Fishing privileges allowed on Family Day until after 5:00 pm. See you there!

This is also the largest function of the year and many hours of volunteer time is spent organizing and carrying out the day's festivities.

If you can assist in any capacity or would like to donate a prize to either the Childs or Adult prize table, please contact Teresa Couture or Karen Anderson at 685-9217.

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### FOR SALE

I have a 16-foot, flat bottom and square backed Nova Craft fiberglass canoe that I have decided to sell. I am asking \$ 250. Please call Gord at 519-439-9450 for more details and to view this beauty.

Please visit our website and let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. All feedback from the membership is welcomed. Our website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please contact Teresa Couture at [Tcouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:Tcouture@gapenviromic.com) or by phone in the evenings.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. As the date gets closer, details of the event will be printed in the newsletter and posted at the club and on the website.

General meetings are not held during July and August. Members are encouraged to attend Executive Meetings, which occur on the fourth Thursday of every month.

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| <b>Sat., June 7</b>                     | Bow hunting course offered by Emad Hazboun<br><b>emadhaz@hotmail.com</b> |
| <b>Sun., June 8</b>                     | Kids Only Fishing Derby                                                  |
| <b>Sun., June 8</b>                     | Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser for Emilie –                        |
| <b>Thurs., June 12</b>                  | General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw                                        |
| <b>Sat., June 14</b>                    | Garage Sale                                                              |
| <b>Sun., June 22</b>                    | Family Day                                                               |
| <b>Thurs., June 26</b>                  | Executive Meeting                                                        |
| <b>Sun., July 13</b>                    | Annual Bass Derby (details in next month's newsletter)                   |
| <b>Thurs., July 24</b>                  | Executive meeting                                                        |
| <b>Thurs., August 28</b>                | Executive meeting                                                        |
| <b>Thurs., Sept. 11</b>                 | General meeting                                                          |
| <b>Sun., Sept. 13</b>                   | Texas Hold 'em Poker                                                     |
| <b>Sat. Sept. 21 thru Sun., Sept 21</b> | Doors Open London weekend                                                |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 27</b>                   | Euchre resumes                                                           |

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