

June 2010 Newsletter



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June 2010

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July 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.**

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At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winners of the May draw were: Gord Spotton (chocolates – donated by the Toners and a WOFGPA hat) and Don Colborne (binoculars).

The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that the better weather has arrived, many of you that have been hibernating will be able to get out and enjoy the Club and all that it has to offer.

There is nothing to compare the quiet and tranquility of a couple of hours of fishing off the dock or drifting around the pond in quest of the next big catch. If your legs need a stretch, there are endless trails around the club to explore, with many forms of wild life, birds, and unique plants to see.

Please remember to respect what we have to offer and participate in good stewardship around our club.

In early summer a lot of student members will be spending more time at the pond since school will be cutting them loose for a couple of months, this is a great time for us more seasoned anglers to help them with their fishing skills and to set a good example on proper protocol concerning our property.

I would like to thank our new members, the Kovacs, for their generous donation of plants in the flowerbeds.

I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming summer.

Keep your eyes on the newsletters for functions that may interest you.

See you at the club!

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

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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.

It is good to see that our head tree carver, Herman Szielasko, has rebounded so well after having eye surgery.

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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.

### MEAT - SHOOT

Seventeen people came out to the target shoot on May 16 at the club. Pellets guns were used on targets.

Meat prizes, purchased from Miedema's Meat Market Ltd in Embro, were won by Jim Morrow, Howard Pearcey (x 4), and Steve Couture. A special thank you to Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt for coming up with this idea for a new function and their work in arranging it.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ladies Only Trout Derby Sunday, May 30, 2010

Mother Nature supplied an absolutely beautiful morning for twenty-two ladies to try their luck at the First Annual Ladies Only Derby.

The winners were:

### Adult ladies:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Cora Thompson   | 123 cm   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Deb Freele      | 121.5 cm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Roseanne Parent | 120.5 cm |

### Youth ladies:

1<sup>st</sup> place: Sarah Harb 77 cm  
Honorable mentions for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place were Pearl Delillis and Presley Delillis.

**50/50 Draw** - \$ 50.00 – Steve Couture

A huge kudos goes to Andre Koch, Alex Duffitt, Stan Gibbs, Brian Ernteman, Jim Morrow, Tyler Parent, Don Colborne and Pat Lockrey. The work that these individuals put in to organizing this function was nothing short of superb. On behalf of all the ladies present, a huge thank you is also sent to the assistants, both in boats and on shore for their help and patience during this derby.

The lunch meal consisted of BBQ chicken or burgers, baked potatoes, Cole slaw and rolls. The men must be envious that the ladies were truly treated like queens for the day. Due to its popularity, it has now been deemed as the First Annual Ladies Only Derby.

Thanks to Ron Dennis for arranging the volunteers for the Trout stocking which happened just before the Ladies Trout Derby.

Please accept my apologies if I have missed your name. Your assistance was definitely appreciated.

## BBQ MEAT DRAW



After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 10, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw.

There are 10 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.

**PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD**

It is important to remind everyone at this time about obtaining and carrying a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. 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.

**It is the sole responsibility as the operator of the watercraft to make sure that all required items are present in the watercraft. Please inform yourself as to what is required by law. For more details about the provincial laws and regulations about watercrafts, contact Transport Canada.**

Samples of the required items by law are: each person in the boat must have in the watercraft (and preferably be wearing) a properly sized life jacket. There must also be: a bailing device such as a small pail, an emergency notification/signaling device such as a whistle should the need arise and, oars in the event of motor failure.

This card may be obtained by details outlined at Transport Canada or searching the Internet using the keywords "Pleasure Craft Operator Card". There are many reliable methods of getting the card for yourself, your spouse and children, both in a classroom format or online. If you haven't done so already ... what has been keeping you from doing this. Don't delay.

**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.**

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](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE**

First item – 8 HP Mercury motor. It is all redone with a new carb kit and defog. Asking \$ 550

Second item – 13 foot Eagle canoe. Asking \$ 300

For more details, call Paul at 519-452-0846

**FREE FOR THE TAKING**

14.5 foot, square sterned, Fiberglass canoe – needs some TLC. I have some of the wood trim (cross bars, gun rails,

etc.). For more details, call Dave at 519-691-6016. Serious enquiries only please.

**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.

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| <b>Cost:</b> | 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.

**GARAGE SALE  
Saturday, June 12  
(Rain or Shine)  
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 same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting or camping items that you might have.

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) to reserve a table for only \$ 15.00. Please leave a message if no one is home. Don't delay, as there is a limited number of tables.

One raft and one canoe will be sold by WOFGPA at the yard sale. If interested in seeing these items, please speak to Jim Morrow at the Yard Sale.

**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.

Thanks to Bob Smale and Brian Ernteman for their work repairing the picnic tables on the property.

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY**

**Sun. June 27, 2010  
(Ages 12 and under)**

The Children's Activity Day will replace the Family Day Picnic, which has been traditionally held in previous years. There is no charge for the children on this day. It is open to members, their families and guests (as long as the member is present).

WOFGPA will supply refreshments throughout the day. Sunscreen will be available. If you have a life jacket for your child, please bring it with you. We will have life jackets on hand.

**Timeline**

Each child will receive a "starter" bag. Prizes will be given out for each activity.

**9:00 am till noon**

The children will start their day with a fishing derby. Points will be given to each type of fish they catch so that they will learn to easily identify the fish.

**Noon till 1:00 pm**

Lunchtime  
Accompanying adults will be charged \$ 5.00 for a hearty lunch, payable at time of registration.

**1:00 pm till ?**

The afternoon will be filled with 4 events for the children to participate in. The children may rotate through the events as they choose. A casting contest is planned where they can learn and hone their skills at casting. In the basement, will be target shooting will pellet guns. A canoe race will be held in the afternoon. Also, the children will receive instruction in fly-fishing and get the opportunity to try it.

**Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on all the fun planned for this year.**

**Hope to see everyone there.**

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PETS AT LARGE

Recently, a number of dead, young goslings were found on the property. A dog running loose on the grounds caused this tragic vandalism. A predatory animal would have consumed the goslings.

All members are advised that it is preferable to leave your pet at home but if you must bring it, it must be leashed and in your control at all times. If you do see a dog running loose, please try to find out who the owner is and contact Stan Gibbs immediately by telephone, as this behavior will not be tolerated.

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

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.

**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.

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**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.

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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.

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| Thurs. June 10 | General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw |
| Sat. June 12 | Garage Sale - \$ 15 per table |
| Thurs. June 24 | Executive meeting |
| Sun. June 27 | Children's Activity Day |
| Sun. July 18 | Bass Derby |
| Thurs. July 22 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Aug. 7 | Dart League registration from 9:00 am till noon |
| Sun. Aug. 15 | Bass Derby |
| Thurs. Aug. 26 | Executive meeting |

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

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc</p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p>Murray Howard, President 2 Jutta Cr. London ON N6E 3R2 Phone: 519-685-3392</p> <p>Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com Serving the Community since 1968</p>	<p>My Handyman Bo</p> <p>No job is too small, Call for a free estimate</p> <p>Bo Grahl 519-282-5128</p> <p>Bo can do many tasks in and around your home. Did I mention computer repairs too?</p>	<p>A.E.A.</p> <p><i>Anderson Entertainment Agency</i></p> <p>John Anderson 600 Southdale Rd E London, ON N6E 1A6</p> <p>519- 685-9217</p> <p>aeamusic@aol.com</p>
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