

JUNE 2012 NEWSLETTER



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JULY 2012

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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, are welcome to attend all club 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within
5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club
entrances.**

**The club newsletter is available at
www.wofgpa.org**

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. Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Think, don't sink.

It has come to my attention recently, that we have had a couple of incidents with overturned canoes on our club pond.

As you are all aware, our members took an oath to "obey all fish and game laws", which in my opinion covers water and boating safety. According to our records all members with boats should have a safe boating card. If you do, then, we should not have a problem on our waters.

Members with boats and canoes stored at the club have signed an agreement with the club. It states that boaters be safety minded, and have properly sized (and preferably worn) life jackets for everyone in their boat, a signaling device, paddles, and a bailer of some sort.

Given these recent mishaps, I'm beginning to think the Boat Rack Agreement should also state that we need a little common sense, especially in canoes. Since these water craft are very susceptible to wind or sudden movements, special care should always be taken while operating them. If you are alone in a canoe, it is a good idea to counter balance your weight with something in the opposite end of the canoe to keep the craft level and not prone to wind shear that can result in tipping.

Please take care because while on the water we do not wish to fish for anything but fish.

Yours in conservation,

Stan Gibbs

NEW MEMBERS

The Executive would like to welcome some new members to the club. These families became members on May 23rd, after a long time on the waiting list. They are: Dan Chatterley Sr., Dan Chatterley Jr., Tomasz Dabrowski, Jennifer Hollis, Brian Twig, Tim Pollock, Carmen Dale, Jason Gatt, Roy Larochelle, Ian Johnston, Dr. Robert Sharpe, Ryan Sharpe, Mario Majzouk, Leslaw Gluchowski, Chris Nedham, Blair Shaw. When you meet one of these new members, please introduce them to some of the many aspects of what this great club is today.

If you know of a club 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.

Our condolences are with the following members and their families at this time: the Ernteman family after the passing of Brian's mother, Dorothy Ernteman and the Couture family, after the passing of Teresa's brother, John Dickerson.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE IS NO GENERAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

IN ORDER TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THURSDAY, JULY 26th AND AUGUST 23rd TO REMAIN A VALID MEMBER. PAYMENTS MAILED OR LEFT AT THE CLUB WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE THESE DATES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH STAN GIBBS.

KIDS ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 24

We will once again be hosting our Kids Activity Day.

If you are looking for a great way to start your summer holidays, bring your children (or grandchildren) out and together we will expose them to a morning of fishing, casting contests, target shooting, canoe races, bird house building, lunch and prizes.

All children are welcome, and depending on the numbers, we will have two divisions: under 11 years and ages 12 – 15.

If you plan to attend could you please call Stan at 519-668-2609 or send a note to stancindy_gibbs@rogers.com and let me know how many participants, and how old they are, which, will help in getting supplies. Each person in the canoe race must be wearing a properly sized life jacket. If you are in need of borrowing one for the day, please let me know the size. We will also need to know if your child or grandchild is in need of a companion for the canoe race, an accompanying adult must be present throughout the day.

If any members are willing to donate the use of their canoe or have life jackets to lend, please let Stan know at 519-668-2609.

Registration will be at 8:00 am with fishing lasting till 11:00 am, games and lunch will follow. All events should wrap up by 2:00 pm.

There is no cost for the children taking part but there is a nominal charge for the adults for their lunch.

Let us show our future members what this club is all about.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thursday, June 14



On Thursday, June 14th, immediately following our General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that we hold each December. The meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons. This year, 5 of the meat packages will contain a ham.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free meat from the barbeque.

WANTED

I am looking for a canoe. If you have one to sell or know of one, please call Ken at 519-439-1379.

3rd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

Saturday, May 12, was a beautiful morning for the ladies of this club to show their angling skills. Some anglers had their limit early in the morning. Almost all of the ladies caught a Trout, with most angling more than one.

The winners of the derby were:

- 1st place – Nikki Tolsma
- 2nd place – Deb Freele
- 3rd place – Patti Larochelle

All the ladies would like to express their thanks to “Chef Andre” and his helpers for, once again, hosting such a memorable day.



**1st place winner, Nikki Tolsma,
proudly displays the Ladies Only Trout Derby trophy
which will be on display in the main hall.**

SUMMER BASS DERBY (OFFICIAL)

Date: Sunday, July 8

Registration: 7:00 – 9:00 am

Derby Time: 7:30 am till noon

Costs: Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
Member	\$ 12
Non-member	\$ 15

This “official” bass derby is open to both members and non-members. Confirmation of the winner’s bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall. The rules will be provided on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 5. This derby is unofficial so the winner’s name will not go on the trophy. Details will follow in the July newsletter. Mark your calendars.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE
LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE
IN THE WOFGPA NEWSLETTER.**

GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 16

Rain or Shine

On the club’s main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am.

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa at 519-668-6257.

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money. Remember the old saying “one person’s junk is another person’s treasure”. The club will also be selling home-made cedar bird houses, bird feeders and planters for a very reasonable cost.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

I am looking for someone who has some experience in fundraising and with completing the permits that are required. If anyone has this knowledge and can help, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725.

FOR SALE

Item # 1

Dining Tent – Large 13 ft. by 13 ft. dining tent with heavy duty 2.5 inch pole system. All canvases (brown colour) and screens are in good shape. I am asking \$ 400.00.

Item # 2

Trailer Awning – This 18 foot retractable awning is wine coloured with white trim. Although it is 4 years old, it is in “like new” condition as it was only used on weekends. It includes all hardware: mounting brackets, arms with spring load for rain run-off, and drum.

If you are interested in seeing the dining tent or the trailer awning, please call Stan at 519-668-2609.

Remember that 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 as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

The winners of the May General meeting draws were:

Don Colborne – Tim Horton gift card

Jim Graham – fly fishing box

Cora Thompson – Rappala kit

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night at 5:30 pm and fish until dark.

The cost is only \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night’s winner. You can join the league at any time.

You can also get points for finishing in the top three in derbies.

The standings will be posted weekly on the outside club Bulletin board.

A special thank you is sent to Cora and Lloyd Thompson for donating the peony tree that will complement the Ron Earle Volunteer Memorial Pergola.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and 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 Andre Koch, either at a meeting or by telephone.

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely on the property and docks. They leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to clean off the goose poop with the brooms that are located at each dock. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

PELLET GUNS AND POACHING

Recently, club members have reported the sound of pellet guns being discharged in the woods to the west of the club. It is suspected that whoever is shooting the gun is targeting the geese in the area. If you hear a pellet gun, please notify the Police immediately.

Poaching is a serious problem. Only members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. If you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be told by the caretakers or any other member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property is subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

KNIFE / SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is offering his skills to sharpen your knives, tools and scissors for your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payment, he is asking that you make a donation to the Club Christmas Wreath Brigade, which will assist in offsetting costs for the next season. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 to make arrangements.

WREATH MAKING SUPPLIES NEEDED!

Hermann Szielasko thanks everyone who has donated unwanted Christmas trinkets, ornaments and ribbons to the Wreath Brigade. He has found that garage sales offer an amazing and very inexpensive selection. If you have any additional items for donation, please label the bag or box with "Hermann - Wreath Brigade". It can be left with the caretakers, Bob and Paulette or brought to any meeting.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION AND BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun will be teaching these courses for a very reasonable cost. There is a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

A bow hunting course will be offered on June 23rd. All courses will be offered at Western Ontario Fish & Game, 790 Southdale Road East in London.

For more information and the starting date of the next course, please contact Emad by phone at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that club members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

Occasionally, an angler stops fishing for a short time or makes a trip to Tim Hortons and leaves his rod or tackle on the dock. His equipment should not be considered as "found treasure" by you. If you realize that the owner does not return within a reasonable amount of time or may have gone home, take their equipment to the caretakers for safe keeping.

All Trout can be cleaned at the cleaning table by the docks. We ask that any fish waste be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done.

Do not target bass which are currently on their spawning beds.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit. If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

SUMMERTIME TIPS

The Executive wants everyone to have a safe and happy, fun-filled summer. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

Although WOFGPA does not discourage pet owners from bringing their pets to the club, please be aware that all pets must be on leash at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. A barking dog on the dock is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate sunscreen. Read the directions and apply sunscreen accordingly. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV.

Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and fruit juices.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing. 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, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.



2nd place winner – Deb Freele

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. For most events, a contact is named. If you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

Thurs. June 14 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw

Sat. June 16 Garage Sale (Teresa Couture)

Sun. June 24 Kid's Activity Day (Stan Gibbs)

Thurs. June 28 Executive meeting

There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer. Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Stan Gibbs.

Sun. July 8 Summer Bass Derby (official)

Thurs., July 26 Executive meeting

Sun. Aug. 5 Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)

Thurs. Aug 23 Executive meeting

Thurs. Sept 13 General Meeting

Sat. Sept. 22 Euchre resumes at 7:00 pm (New start time) (Steve and Teresa Couture)

Thurs. Sept. 27 Executive meeting


Sat. Sept. 29 Meat Shoot (Howard Pearcey)

Watch your newsletter and check the club Bulletin board for details of upcoming events.

Please contact an Executive member or a Committee Chairperson or attend a meeting to offer some new and fresh ideas. Get involved and make your club the best it can be.



3rd place winner – Patty Larochelle

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