

MARCH 2004 NEWSLETTER



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March 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11 Elections and General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 Euchre
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Jigg's Dinner
28	29	30	31			

April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 April Fool's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10 Easter Breakfast and Craft corner
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Pot Luck and Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

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Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich (519) 668-1130

phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

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

ehunting@sprint.ca

<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

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 no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. **If you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be told that you must leave the premises immediately.**



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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 presented the Treasurer's Report at the last meeting, 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 the Executive meetings.



**THERE IS NO SMOKING
IN THE CLUB AT ANY TIME**

**Please patronize the
businesses that advertise
with us.**

President's Message

I NEED YOUR HELP !!!

On March 11, 2004, our club and its members will be conducting our general elections.

Our club is alive and prospering because of dedicated people at the helm. If you have any desire to help our club, come out to the elections. There are many positions available that require dedicated people. Some jobs require very little time and others require more.

If you do not wish to run for the executive board or head one of our many committees or work on one of our committees, I still need your help. In order for the best people to be put in place, our membership should put them there. So come and show your support and vote the right people in, for the right job.

As a final note, my intention for the upcoming term is that I plan to run for President again. If you feel the job I did as President warrants another term in office, or if you feel there is someone better suited for the job, please attend the elections meeting in March and let your voice be heard.

Stan Gibbs
668-6209

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**The use of email greatly reduces the cost of printing and postage. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, an Item for Sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Dodge by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)**

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Condolences are sent to the Logie family after the passing of Brian's father and to the Nofle family after the passing of Guy's brother.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

ELECTIONS

March 11, 2004

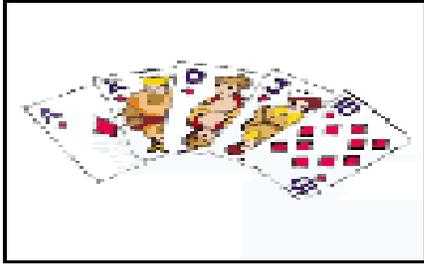
This notice is to advise you that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2004-2005 year will be held on the above date.

Elections are an important part of this organization and your input and participation is necessary to continue the Club's success.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one-year period.
- Nominations may be dropped of at the club by March 9, 2004 (in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary RE: Election Nomination).
- All nominees must be present on election night to accept their nomination **OR** provide a written acceptance delivered to the Club Secretary on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be posted at the club after February 29, 2004.

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Ron Earle won Trout Bait at the February General Meeting. Why not attend a meeting and try your luck. Anyone attending the General meetings can have their name entered to win a one-year membership. The draw takes place on March 11, 2004, immediately following the Elections. **One ballot per membership per General Meeting.**



## EUCHRE RESULTS

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, 36 players came out for an evening of cards, good company and lots of fun. The winners were:

- High Man:** Ken Lilley
- High Lady:** Linda Harrison & Mary Farrugia
- Mystery Man:** Rick Foster
- Mystery Lady:** Debbie Parker
- Most Lone Hands:** Jim Douglas
- 50/50 Draw:** Tillie Jefferies - \$ 30.00

Admission is only \$ 5.00 and is open to both members and nonmembers. A light lunch is served. A contribution of a desert or a door prize is always welcomed.

### NOTE:

The next euchre is March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 SHARP! (one week earlier due to Jigg's Dinner). Players are asked to arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm.

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A MINIMUM OF FOUR INCHES OF CLEAR ICE IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A PERSON. THE ICE CONDITIONS ON THE POND WILL BE POSTED. STAY OFF UNSAFE ICE. OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION AT ALL TIMES. IF YOU ARE ICE FISHING, PLEASE MARK YOUR HOLE WHEN YOU LEAVE.

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## NEW PL - NEW DAY SHOW

On Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, the New PL – New Day show broadcast live from WOF&GPA pond with a Winter Wonderland theme. Thanks go to Don Colborne, Wayne Kimmerly, George Maudsley, Ron Earle and Tom McGill for braving

the elements and helping to make this a success (although no fish were caught).

## ICE FISHING DERBY

The cold weather the year made it possible for two ice fishing derbies to be held. Thanks to Stan Gibbs and Steve Couture for organizing this event. Thanks to Karen Anderson, Valerie Grahl, Cheryl Whales and Teresa Dodge for their assistance and to Jeanette Cronkwright for the great tasting soup on both days that managed to warm everyone.

67 people attended the first derby on Feb. 8, with only 7 Trout caught. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hugh Morton - 41 cm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Gerry Lampman - 39.5 cm  
Gary Pratt - 39.5 cm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Daryl Rafuse - 39.0 cm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tom McGill - 36.5 cm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Don Colborne - 36.0 cm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wayne Kimmerly - 33.5 cm

39 people managed to catch 4 Trout at the 2<sup>nd</sup> ice derby held on Feb. 29. The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Szabo
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Colborne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Lachance
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ken Davey

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GEORGE BRAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION SILENT AUCTION & DANCE

Sat. March 6, 2004

Did you know that WOF&GPA sponsors a hockey team in the George Bray Sports Association, which is a non-profit organization for children with special needs?

George Bray will be holding their 18th Annual Silent Auction and Dance to help raise funds for another season. This evening is open to any persons interested in the organization as well as the families and friends of the players.

If you would like more info about this unique organization or would like to attend this fundraising event, please contact Stan Gibbs (evenings) at 668-2609.

Liar's Night Social

This social function was started at WOFGPA in its early years and then taken on by Labatt's as it grew in size. It is a great way to break the after holiday blues. On Feb. 12, 2004, this annual tradition has now taken root back where it all began.

Although the turnout was not as good as expected, a good time was had by all with lots of laughs. Five storytellers managed to get up in front of the group present to tell their tales.

The first speaker was Stan Gibbs who gave a detailed version of his story, which was previously printed in the January newsletter.

Dan Whiteside gave his rendition of the legendary Algoma (steelhead) by Goderich in 1970-71. This fish was longer than the boat was wide but managed to escape before weighing in.

Gord Spotton told a tale of his 4th time fishing (really more of a party) and the opening of Pickerel season in North Bay. A ten-pound pickerel, as witnessed by his friends, hooked on his line.

Tom McGill elaborated on a story he told 56 years ago (his name is on the trophy) about his great grandfather's expedition in the Arctic during a storm. On this expedition, Tom told how mistaking a polar bear for a snow bank is not necessarily a bad thing.

The last speaker was Ron Earle who told of a time when as a 20 year old, he was partying and duck hunting around Lake Erie. He told how one action leads to another action, which leads to yet another and another and another.

The first place winner of Liar's Night was Ron Earle, who received a sweatshirt and a sports bag. The second place winner was Tom McGill, who received a Tee shirt and a sports bag. Plaques for the trophies with the winner's names are currently being done and will be on display at the club.

Hope to see you next year!

Jigg's Dinner

Date: Sat., March 27th, 2004

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 10.00 Adults
 \$ 5.00 Child (under 12)

Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Karen Anderson at 685-9217.

The Executive will serve the members and guests a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

The talented John Anderson provides the entertainment for the evening.

Do not delay as this evening was sold out last year!

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The Thames River Anglers are willing to give tours of their Walleye hatchery at Fanshawe and their Trout hatchery in Komoka. If anyone is interested, please contact Ron Earle at 672-0765  
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WOF&GPA WEAR

Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest.....	\$ 45.00
Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest and your name.....	\$ 49.00
Tee shirts with Club crest.....	\$ 10.00
Hooded sweatshirt with Club crest...	\$ 28.00
Polar Fleece jacket with crest	\$ 30.00
Sweatshirt with Club crest.....	\$ 26.00
Ball hats with embroidered Club logo	\$ 12.00
Touques with embroidered crest – navy only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest.....	\$ 5.00
Lanyard.....	\$ 5.00
Key chain.....	\$ 5.00

To purchase items or for more info, call Tom McGill at 652 -2875.

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc <i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs</i> <i>A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i> Stan Gibbs, Vice-President 48 Parliament Cr London ON N6C 2Y1 Phone: 668-2609</p> <p>Email: stangibbs@execulink.com</p> <p><i>Serving the Community since 1968</i></p>	<p>City Centre 519-672-0550 380 Wellington St London, ON N6A 5B5</p> <p>TED DILTS JEWELLERS <i>"Your Personal Jeweller"</i></p> <p>DIAMONDS, GOLD FINE JEWELLERY, APPRAISALS</p>	<p>A.E.A. Anderson Entertainment Agency</p> <p><i>John Anderson</i> 600 Southdale Rd E <i>London, ON N6E 1A6</i></p> <p>(519) 685-9217 aeamusic@aol.com</p>
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