

March 2005 NEWSLETTER



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March 2005

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6	7	8	9	10 Elections & General meeting	11	12
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10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
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ICE DERBIES - DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED (CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FREQUENTLY)



Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

Accredited

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

emadhaz@hotmail.com

<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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Bonnie Earle

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Gord Foster

House

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Jim Douglas

Tom McGill

Gerald Lampman

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

Joe Richard

Don Finch

Gerald Lampman

Ponds

Tom McGill (Chair)

Steve Couture

Gerald Lampman

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Welfare

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Boat Rack

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Gary Pratt

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668-1130

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 keep this page to contact key people.

President's Message

March 2005

As most of you are aware, our clubs main purpose is based on conservation.

Since I joined this club, about eleven years ago, I have enjoyed, along with the rest of our members the very informative and enlightening contents of the club newsletter. Did you know that our monthly newsletter is sent to approximately 225 recipients and usually has 4 to 5 double-sided pages in it? This means that we generate about 1000 pages of paper per month plus envelopes. Not only do we use a lot of paper, but also the cost for postage is quite high.

To counter this we on the Executive offered the newsletter via E-mail. Many of our newer members have taken advantage of this and helped to lower the cost and output of paper products.

At this time, I would ask your help in furthering this quest. If you are able to receive our newsletter electronically, please call Teresa Dodge at 668-6257 or email her at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca This will be used for club notices and newsletter.

At some point in the near future, one of the Executives may be calling you to see if you are interested.

If you do not have access to E-mail, do not worry, your monthly newsletter will be sent.

Yours in Conservation,

Stan Gibbs
668-2609

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Attend a general meeting and your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.** The draw is held in March of each year, immediately following the elections.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### ELECTIONS

**Thursday, March 10, 2005**  
**7:30 pm**

This notice is to advise you that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2005-2006 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.
- Nomination forms may be dropped off at the club by March 8, 2005 (in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary RE: Election Nomination).
- All nominations 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 28, 2005.

It is your club and your input into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association the very best that it can be.

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IT IS EUCHRE TIME AGAIN!



Winners of February 26, 2005 game:

High Man: Ron Earle, Archie Graham, Ken Lockrey

High Lady: Rita Barry

Mystery Man: Tom McGill, Don Parker

Mystery Lady: Judy Smith

Most Lone Hands: Pat Lockrey

50/50 draw: Gail Gifford -\$ 24.00

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. Be sure to arrive early (but no earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcomed.

DATE: March 26, 2005 at 7:30 pm **SHARP**

COST: \$ 5.00 per player, Club membership is not required

Hope to see everyone there.

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## DANGER

### THIN ICE CONDITIONS

**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. CONDITIONS ARE CHECKED FREQUENTLY.**

**STAY OFF ANY UNSAFE ICE.  
ALWAYS USE THE "BUDDY SYSTEM"  
OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION  
AT ALL TIMES ON THE POND ICE.**

## Annual Sportsman Tackle Swap

Sat. Feb. 19, 2005

This tackle swap was a great success with over 200 people attending throughout the morning. Traffic throughout the building over the course of the morning was steady.

The Executive would like to thank Derek Thompson of TriCounty Bass Masters for all his work with the Executive and the other local groups in organizing this tackle swap. A big hand of applause is also sent to all the volunteers that worked so hard to make this function a success.

There were so many positive comments about how well it was presented to the public. The positive responses so far have indicated that this is the first of many annual tackle swaps to be held at WOFGPA.

The winner of February General Meeting draw was Shirley McGill, who won a Knife and Watch Gift Set. Come to a general meeting a try your luck at winning the monthly draw.

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WOF&GPA WEAR

Why not get that special someone a polar fleece jacket or a warm hooded sweatshirt or a toque to keep them warm and toasty in the cold months.

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
Ball hats with embroidered Club logo	\$ 12.00
Toques 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.

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**GEORGE BRAY SPORTS  
ASSOCIATION  
Silent auction and dance**

**WHEN:** Sat., March 5, 2005  
7pm til 1 am

**COST:** \$ 10.00 per person  
(available in advance or at the door)

**WHERE:** Dufferin Hall  
(located at 445 Dufferin Ave)

**WHAT'S GOING ON:**  
There will be dancing all night long.  
A light lunch will be served around 11  
pm and there are many fantastic  
items for you to bid on.

Wofgpa has sponsored a hockey team in  
this non-profit organization for many years.  
This fundraiser is important to them as they  
raise much needed money for the next  
season.

Come out for an evening a fun,  
entertainment and prizes. If you want more  
details or wish to purchase tickets in  
advance, please call Steve Couture at 668-  
6257 (evenings).



**ATTENTION BOATERS!**

The next boat safety course will be held at  
the club on March 30, 2005 from 6:00 pm to  
10:30 pm.  
The cost is \$ 40 for members and \$ 45 for  
non-members.  
It is open to you and your family,  
neighbours, co-workers and fishing buddies.

**To sign up, call Phil Gingrich at 519-668-  
1130 or email him at  
phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca**



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BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE  
WITH US**

**ICE FISHING DERBY  
Sun. February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

Thirty-one fishermen came out and only  
managed to catch four Trout. The winners  
were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place      Kevin Ripley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place      Gord Spotton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place      Bob Cobban

Thank you everyone that came out. Thank  
you also to Shirley McGill, Val Grahl and  
Teresa Dodge for the lunch.

Please remember to record your catch in the  
Fish Log Book located just inside the side  
entrance.

Please review the Fishing rules occasionally  
as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to  
each membership type. These rules are  
posted in the Fish Registry Room and just  
inside the main building by the washrooms.  
Any of the Executives can clarify any  
questions you have. Please call them  
(names and numbers listed at front of  
newsletter).



**Wofgpa Website**

The website is up and running. You can log  
on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Please visit it often.  
Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have  
some pictures, articles or stories about the  
club to post for all to see. Any submissions  
can be sent to Lawrence by email at  
[lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)



If you would like to receive your newsletter  
by email, would like to update your email  
address, have 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)





### *Jigg's Dinner*

**Date:** Sat., April 2, 2005

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

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Karen and let her know as soon as possible.

**The tickets are going quickly so do not delay. This evening was sold out last year!**

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Effective May 1, 2004, new badges are being issued for new members and for renewal memberships only. After you have paid your renewal fee, you may obtain your new badge by attending a meeting, contacting the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs. **You will not be allowed to fish without a valid new badge even if your dues are paid.** As your membership comes up for renewal, you will be sent a reminder.
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### *Easter Breakfast with the Bunny*

**Date:** Sat., March 26<sup>th</sup> , 2005

**Time:** 9 am til 11 am

**Cost:** \$ 3.00 for Adults  
\$1.50 - Child under 7

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and coffee. The children can participate at the Craft Table while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Bunny will be handing out an Easter goody bag to each child.



### *Craft Corner*

Children, young and old can have fun creating a special Easter craft while the rest of the adults enjoy their coffee and tea after eating a great breakfast. All crafts are free.

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The Executive would like your input as to what you want from your club. What kind of things would you like to see at WOFGPA. How about a dance or two? How about a summertime potluck barbeque? Would you like to see more family oriented functions? Would you like to see more conservation oriented functions? Would you like to see less of something? Please contact any of the Exec, give your ideas, and let them know what should or should not change. It is your club and let us all make it the best.

<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> Murray Howard, President 2 Jutta Cr. London ON N6E 3R2 Phone: 685-3392</p> <p>Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com <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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