

MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER



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March 2008

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April 2008

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

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Don Finch

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Gord Spotton

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Welfare

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Boat Rack

Jim Morrow

Committees (con't)

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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

Fact-finding

A question was raised at our February General Meeting concerning the name of our Club Pond. In most of our recent documentation, our pond is known as Tumbleson's Pond. In older records (property deed) it is called South Pond, or South Walkers Pond and sometimes Lukings Pond. If anyone has any information that might be helpful in determining the most correct name of the club pond and why (with documentation), the Executive would like to know.

On another note that attendance at our two main social events that we hold in the winter months has dropped quite a bit. Our last euchres and Texas Hold 'em Poker nights only had 16 players each. We can accommodate more than 60 people. If there is another type of social evening that we can offer our members, I am open to all suggestions. If our numbers do not come around on the events that we have in place, we may have to look at whether or not they continue. It takes a lot of time from volunteers to organize these events, and it is hard enough to get help without it being wasted.

We wish to thank Emad Hazboun for his informative talk about deer vision. Many of the hunters present will rethink which clothes they wear as they venture out for a day of hunting.

Also, remember that our Annual Elections will be held at the General Meeting on Thursday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. It is crucial that many members are present to provide valuable input into the election process.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

Our best wishes go to Isabelle Carew as she recovers in hospital.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You may obtain the newsletter by visiting the club website at www.wofgpa.org. If you have never visited the club website, now is the time. This site contains our club history, updated information about any 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 or by phone in the evenings.

The winners of the February Monthly General Meeting Draw were Stan Gibbs and Don Colborne.

ELECTIONS

(Final notice)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2008 – 2009 term will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 13, 2008 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2009.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members 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 membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be available for viewing at the club after February 28, 2008.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization.

Our members' input and participation 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 & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

WOFGPA Merchandise is once again available. All the merchandise is good quality and very moderately priced. For more details about available stock, please see Tom McGill at a meeting or function or call him.

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



It is WOFGPA tradition that the new Executive serves dinner to the members and their guests. The members can expect a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

Date: Sat., April 5, 2008

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: **ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY
(NO RESERVED TICKETS)**
\$ 12.00 Adults

Your advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 685-9217. Tickets will also be available at each function

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call or email Teresa @ Tcouture@gapenviromic.com and let her know as soon as possible.

The tickets sell very quickly so do not delay.

ICE FISHING DERBY Sunday, February 24, 2008

Mother Nature supplied a beautiful sunny day for our Ice Fishing Derby. Fifty-one anglers came out and managed to catch 10 Trout.

The winners were:

1 st place	Robert Garvin
2 nd place	Kevin Ripley
3 rd place	Gerry Lampman

Bonus prizes – Mike Lemanski, Peyton Lemanski, Gary Antanucci, Don Colborne and Stan Gibbs

50/50 Draw – Tom McGill

Thanks to Tom and Shirley McGill, Teresa Couture and Stan Gibbs for their assistance with this derby. A special thank you to Jeanette Cronkwright for the delicious soup to warm the cold anglers.

We are looking for many ideas to keep our members coming to our General Meetings. Last year, several of our members shared their love of their hobby with others by giving a short and informal talk or demonstration. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please contact Stan Gibbs by telephone in the evening



Breakfast with the Bunny

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2008

Time: 9:00 am until 11:00 am

The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

Cost: \$ 3.00 for adults
\$ 1.50 children 2 – 6 yrs
No charge for children under two years

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 children after their breakfast is eaten.

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.

Please note that craft creation is for the children while they are at the club.

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

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

Emad is planning a bow-hunting course in June. If anyone is interested in signing up for this course, please contact him by email.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOF&GPA**



The next euchre is Saturday, March 22. The \$ 5.00 per player cost guarantees an evening of fun with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

To ensure that you get a seat to play, please arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm. All tables will have 4 players although you do not need to have a partner or a foursome when you arrive.

The winners of the February 23 euchre were:

High Man: Lloyd Thompson

High Lady: Bev Arnold and Cora Thompson

Mystery Man: Don Parker

Mystery Lady: Shirley McGill

Most Lone Hands: Fred Sanders

50/50 Draw: Bonnie Earle - \$ 19.50

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening.

The final euchre of the year is April 26. This is a Pot Luck euchre. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the card games start at 7:30 pm SHARP!

Please contact Teresa Couture and confirm which dish you plan on contributing to the Pot Luck.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT Saturday, March 8, 2008

Test your poker skills, have some fun and maybe take home the big pot. If this function proves to be a popular way of breaking up the mid-winter blahs, then additional Texas Hold'em Nights will be held on the second Saturday of each month for the balance of the winter.

Where: WOFGPA Clubhouse

Time: 7:00 pm Sharp until the last player is left

Cost: \$ 10.00 per player

Tournament Guidelines:

- No limit Hold 'em Poker
- Start with 825 dollars worth of chips
- Buy backs allowed up until the first hour
- Blinds increase every 20 minutes
- Top ups allowed during the first hour to all players still playing at a cost of \$ 5.00 for "400 dollars" in chips
- Cards do the talking at the tables
- All players but one at the last table win cash and the total payout of monies will be at least 50% of proceeds (after expenses)
- 50% of the proceeds go to the club

For additional information, please contact Stan Gibbs. An additional Texas Hold 'em Poker night is planned for April 12.

REMINDER – WAITING LIST

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Do not let your membership lapse.** If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. There are currently about 40 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.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at

www.wofgpa.org

If you have an item listed for sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture by phone at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at TCouture@gapenviromic.com

DANGER – THIN ICE

- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person
- The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly
- Always use the "Buddy" system
- Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety
- Stay off any unsafe ice as well as any ice that you do not know the condition of

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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| March 8 - | Texas Hold 'em Poker Night |
| March 13 - | General meeting and elections for 2008 – 2009 term (second notice is in this newsletter) |
| March 22 - | Easter breakfast |
| March 22 - | Euchre |
| April 5 - | Jiggs Dinner (more details in the March newsletter) |
| April 12 - | Texas Hold 'em Poker Night |
| April 26 - | Pot Luck and Euchre |
| May 8 | Emad Hazboun will give a talk about Deer Communication following the General Meeting |
| June 8 | Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser for Emilie (details to follow in next months newsletter) |

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