

May 2004 NEWSLETTER



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June 2004

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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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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**

President's Message

Picture This:

A warm spring morning, a fine mist rises off the water as the sun comes up over the horizon. Your anticipation heightens as you mind envisions you and your favorite fishing buddy sitting quietly in your boat / canoe on the still water trying to entice a trout onto your line.

Now, can you imagine how this glorious day you envision would come crashing down if when you arrived at the Club, your boat / canoe were no longer on the rack where you left it. Unfortunately, this has happened again.

Even though the club has doubled the lighting in the back lot and we have asked all members to double lock their watercrafts – another canoe has been taken.

Along with the missing canoe, another problem we have is non-payment for the worms that are at the club for your convenience. A young student member has taken on the job of keeping a good supply of worms at the club, only to have a good portion of his product not paid for. This greatly reduces his anticipated income for his summer job. **If this trend continues, the worm service will be discontinued at the club.**

As President of this fine club, these actions sadden me and are an embarrassment to us as a Club. Unfortunately, we cannot watch everyone and everything so, I am asking for your help.

Please wear your Badge while on the property so that everyone can see that you are members. If you see anyone not wearing one, please approach him or her and ask him or her to display theirs. If they do not have one, politely ask them to leave as they are considered trespassing. If you see anything unusual, please report it to our club custodians or call any of our Executives.

Stan Gibbs
668-6209

Please patronize the businesses that advertise with us.

I am sure that Joe Richard will be doing some Pickerel fishing this summer with the Pickerel Jig Kit that he won at the April General Meeting. Congratulations Joe! Why not buy a ticket for the monthly draw when you attend the General Meetings. In addition, anyone attending the General meetings can have their name entered to win a one-year membership. The draw takes place immediately following the Elections in March. **One ballot per membership per General Meeting.**

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
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.

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Over 20 % of the members are receiving their newsletter by email. This has greatly reduced the cost of postage and printing (especially since the printer just raised their price). 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)

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Welcome to all the new members and glad to see the others renewing their memberships. We hope that you will begin to get involved with your club at one of our many functions. You will meet others that share similar interests.

EUCHRE RESULTS

The Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre held on April 20th was a great success thanks to Bonnie and Ron Earle. The winners of the evening were:

High Man: Stan Gibbs

High Lady: Cora Thompson

Mystery Man: Ken Lockrey

Mystery Lady: Bev Arnold and Barb Kilean

Most Lone Hands: Bill Lewis

50/50 Draw: Sue Brown (\$ 31.00)

The Executive was pleased to present Bob "Punch" Shiels with his own stamp for Lone Hands at the euchre games. Thanks to Bob for all of his "punches".

The next euchre will be held on September 25th. Have a safe and happy summer. Hope to see everyone out again in the fall.

CALLING ALL BOAT OWNERS

Gord Spotton would like to hear from all boat owners. He wants to confirm which spot you use to store your boat and to update your contact information for his records. You can reach Gord at 439-9450.

REWARD OFFERED

The two locks that secured a cedar canoe were cut in order to remove this canoe from the property. If you know anything about this missing boat or its whereabouts, call Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 ASAP.

WORMS FOR SALE

Worms will be sold at the club for \$ 2 per dozen by a student. Pay for the worms as you take them. If you do not have change, then leave the worms alone. If too many worms go unpaid for, their availability will stop.

WANTED TO BUY

Dave is looking to purchase an electric trolling motor. If you have one to sell, please call Dave Howard at 686-8083.

Bird House Building

Sun. April 25, 2004

10:00 am

Seven children came out to build birdhouses for Mom for her special day. Although the day was cold and raining, the birdhouses were assembled inside the club. Thanks to all the men involved with cutting the wood. Thanks also to Jack Schearing of Copp's for donating the wood for the children.

Spring Trout Derby

Date: Sun., May 2, 2004

Time: 8:00 til noon

Registration: 7:30 am (no earlier please)

Cost: Members \$ 10.00
Non-members \$ 12.00
Youth (under 13) \$ 5.00

Contact: Stan Gibbs 668-2609
or Steve Couture 668-6257

Prizes are awarded to the winners. There are many door prizes available to be won. A lunch will be served to all anglers. Hope to see everyone there with a rod in hand and a stringer full of trout.

Three eyed trout in WOFGPA pond.

Who ever heard of such nonsense? Guess what? We really have five of these three-eyed trout. If you happen to catch one of these legendary specimens, keep the third eye and call Steve Couture at 668-6257 immediately. Three eyed trout are worth money and we will still let you keep the fish.

Happy angling.

FOR SALE

1990 GMC Conversion Van

This silver van runs great and comes with a trailer hitch. Asking \$ 4,000 or best offer. Call Rebecca Anderson at 649-5461 or Karen Anderson at 685-9217 for enquiries.

GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 5, 2004

8:00 til ?

Rain or Shine

It is time to do some spring-cleaning. Surely, you have items in your garage and basement that just are not used any longer. Why not turn those items into cash by selling them at a garage sale.

Tables usually go quickly and space is often limited. To reserve your table for only \$ 10.00, call Teresa Dodge at 668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 685-9217.

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## **FAMILY DAY**

Family Day is just that. It is been a WOF&GPA tradition to have one day each year set aside to celebrate its members and their families.

This day is traditionally held on the Sunday just after Father's Day and before everyone heads off July 1<sup>st</sup> to begin their summer holidays. It is an afternoon packed full of events, games, barbequed food, refreshments and demonstrations for the whole family. Pictures from last year's Family Day are included in the full page ad. Please take a moment to see a few of the things that were planned.

This is a great way to meet other members and their families. Assistance is always needed and greatly appreciated with the behind the scenes set-up and organization of this day.

If you are able to help with the set up or on Family Day (even if only for a short time), please contact any of the Entertainment Committee at the phone numbers listed at the front of this newsletter.

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Can you help?

One of our members will be traveling to Belarus shortly and is requesting donations of used tackle, rods and reels for the people he meets there. The condition is not critical. A fundraiser evening of pool is also planned for this venture. If you can help out with a donation or would like more details of the fundraiser, please call Vince LeFaive at 690-1021.

BBQ Meat Draw

Thurs., June 10th

7:30 pm

Nothing tastes better than steaks done up on the barbeque except for the steaks that were won. Immediately following our June General Meeting on June 10th, we will be drawing for BBQ Meat packages. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that we hold in December of each year. Each meat package contains a variety of meats. Why not come out to meet other members and try your luck.

Spring Clean up on April 17th

Thanks go to all those who came out to spruce up the grounds after the long winter months.

It was great to see such a great turnout.

Thanks go to Stan Gibbs, Steve Couture, Ron Earle, Don Colborne, Tom McGill, Jim Douglas, Romeo Leblanc, Joe Richard, George and Donovan Maudsley, Gerry Lampman, Lonnie Schieding, Brian Erntemen, Judith Younge, Don Finch, Robert Powell, Alexander P., Nathan Whales, Richard Kelly, Tony Dukic, Ed Tower, Angleo Bufone and his granddaughter.

Please accept our apologies if your name was missed.

The Executive

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## **DONATIONS REQUESTED**

It is sometimes very difficult to raise funds and obtain donations of items suitable to be used as door and draw prizes for our Family Day, derbies, euchres or any of our other functions. It is only through the goodwill of sponsors that allows us to have these door prizes and draws.

It would be appreciated if yourself as a business owner or your employer were able to either donate an item or give a monetary amount for one of our functions.

A formal letter of request is available if required by the sponsor. We are fully accountable for all donations received.

If you can assist, please contact Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Dodge at 668-6257.

# FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 27, 2004  
Noon til 4 pm

All members and their families (includes Grandma and Grandpa), as well as function sponsors are invited to attend this WOFGPA traditional event. Here are some photos from Family Day 2003.



A goody bag is given to each child as they enter the grounds. Meal tickets for each child are given to the driver of the vehicle. The adults need only purchase tickets for a nominal cost to cover their lunch and refreshments.



Demonstrations and displays are put on by Greg Balch (an environmentalist and a live trapper), the City of London emergency Services and the Shriners Trumpet Band.



We had games of balloon toss and canoe races (canoes supplied).



The "Snake Lady" Val Williams brought a menagerie of creepy, crawling things.



Even Batman managed to grab a burger and fries before flying off to fight crime.

Hope to see you there on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

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