

MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER



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May 2006

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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>

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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 the accounts are 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

Getting Involved

Recently, we held our annual Spring Clean Up. Even though this function was advertised in our monthly News Letter, our turn out was less than expected. I realize that not all of our members can commit to helping out, but only nine people showed up where as we usually have around 30. With the work being hard (raking, shoveling and general clean up), and a majority of the volunteers being senior, a lot of the planned work was not done. Do not get me wrong; the workers we had were great, but if we had a few more, a greater amount of work would have been completed.

It was brought to my attention that our club has one of the cheapest membership fees around; this will not last if we have to start contacting work out. Please help when you can!

As a final note, a guest speaker from the Friends of the Coves will be at our next General meeting in May to give information about their project concerning the clean up of the Coves and to ask for our help. Lets show our support and have a good club representation.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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WOFGPA wishes all the best and speedy recoveries to Brian Allen, Ron Earle and Howard Pearcey.  
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WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOFGPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

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 call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.**

### IMPORTANT

The Executive of WOFGPA are currently not offering any comments or decisions to the following notice until the author, Deb Freele, has put forward a formal motion about this topic and there is a discussion at the May 11<sup>th</sup> General meeting. At the April General Meeting, Stan Gibbs informed Deb Freele that all the membership must be notified through the newsletter before any discussion occurs and decision rendered.

Member Deb Freele writes:

"It appears that WOFGPA is the ONLY private club that does not allow catch and release fishing for trout in Ontario. We need to do our job as a conservation club and teach our members, their children and friends how to properly handle ALL fish for catch and release purposes. At the April meeting, a motion was brought forward to allow the option of catch and release angling for trout on the club pond. It has been tabled until the May General meeting to give members enough time to respond. Please make your thought known in writing or better yet, show up to the next general meeting. I would love to expand on the proposed C&R Rules, issues and question, but in the interest of space, you will need to contact me or come to the meeting. I can be reached at [freele@sympatico.ca](mailto:freele@sympatico.ca) (or 473-1344)."

**Please come to the May 11 General meeting to add your input to the discussion.**

**If you are unable to attend and wish to voice your comments, please send them by email to:**

**Teresa Couture (WOFGPA - Secretary) at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)**

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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 Couture by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca
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Twenty-Eight players attended the April 29 euchre. The winners are:

High Man: Larry Berthelot  
High Lady: Heather Anderson  
Mystery Man: Don Colborne  
Mystery Lady: Joan Latford

Most Lone Hands: Gord Foster

There are no further euchre games until September. See you then.

By the time you read this, a great bunch of volunteers have cleaned up the Club grounds for this year. Those familiar with the job in previous years found a big difference this year. The straw and debris had already been raked from the lawn, garbage cans cleaned out and letter removed. Kudos to Don Finch and Brian Roach for their fine efforts in the previous couple of weeks and to Brian's unique solution for removing the gravel from the boat racks. Great job guys!

A thank you also goes to Jim Morrow for installing the new light in the Laundry Room and Tony Dukic for helping with the painting. All club volunteer jobs well done and appreciated.

On a sadder note, a regular, very dependable and enthusiastic volunteer to the club was very much missed this year – Jim Douglas, who passed away March 2. Jim was a very active volunteer around the club, willing to do just about anything at anytime for the club. He was a good friend of many and our special friend and fishing buddy of many years. We will always cherish the times we had with Jim. He made the world of his friends a better place. If you happen to visit his new home in Sheddon, you will find a note on his door that says "Gone Fishing". Any true fisherman knows when you are fishing you are at peace with the world. Happy fishing Jim, we know you are at peace and we all miss you.

**Don & Marian Colborne**

Thank you to all the men that came out to help clean up the club on April 29. Your hard work is really appreciated by all the members and their guests. Individuals such as you help to keep WOFGPA looking as great as it does. Many thanks.

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Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. The winner of the April General Meeting draw was Tony Dukic, who won a multi-tool kit, flashlight and Power Bait. Don Finch donated four fly fishing videos that were won by Bill Smith. Thank you Don for your generosity and congratulations Tony and Bill.

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**

WANTED TO BUY

I am looking for a used canoe (ideally a SportsPal that is about 12' – 14' length). I am willing to pay up to \$ 150 or best offer.

If you have one to sell, please call me.
Chris Nedham 936-4119.

TROUT STOCKING

Trout stocking will occur on Saturday, May 13 about mid morning. It is always fun for the family to see. Strong adult help, appropriately dressed, is always needed for stocking. Check the bulletin board at the club or call Tom McGill at 672-2875



BOAT SAFETY COURSE

June 21, 2006
6:00 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on June 21, 2006. He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your Safe Boating card.

It will soon be the law that all boaters, jet skiers and watercraft operators must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. Phil anticipates a high demand for this course as the deadline quickly approaches. Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

The course runs from 6:00 until 10:30 pm.

**The cost is \$ 40 for members
\$ 45 for non-members.**

To enroll in the course, call Phil at 668-1130 or email him at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

Remember to mark June 21, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.

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**Spring Trout Derby**  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

It was a great day to be fishing for Trout. Fifty-two trout were caught by 44 anglers of all ages. The winners of the derby were:

Adults:  
1<sup>st</sup> Jim Sanders 126.5 cm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Ripley 125.5 cm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Ted Sanders 125.0 cm



**The winners of the Junior Division**

Juniors:  
1<sup>st</sup> Pearl Delellis 43.5 cm

2<sup>nd</sup> Logan Burnette 40.0 cm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Presley Delellis 39.0 cm  
Mystery Fish: Tom McGill  
50/50- \$ 30.00 won by Mike Wales who generously donated it back to stocking. Thank you Mike.

### Juniors Derby

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. The child may be assisted by one adult (BUT remember adult assistants are only there to help). Rules: Total length of all fish caught wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

When: Sunday, June 11, 2006  
Times: 9 am until 12 Noon  
Registration: 8:30 am  
Cost: \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch



### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mardi Gras

#### Silent Auction Benefit for Emilie Stanley

**When:** Sunday, May 28  
**Where:** Mocha Shrine Centre  
468 Colborne Street, London  
**Time:** 2:00 pm until ?  
**Cost:** \$ 15.00 each, which includes food, cash bar, music and fun

**Call John and Karen Anderson at 685-9217 to purchase your advance tickets**

Put on your costume or come as you are for an afternoon for fun & music and help Emilie get the treatment she needs. Emilie is the granddaughter of club members, John and Karen Anderson. Emilie was born with severe microcephaly and is unable to sit up on her own and is blind. She requires constant care; diapering and her food must be pureed. She needs regular treatments as her hip goes out of place. Come out and meet Emilie. The Andersons will also have more information available as to her condition.

**All proceeds will go directly to Emilie's care.**

Lots of music: John Anderson Band, the Jazz Rascals, The Dixie 5, followed by a Jam Session



### Tackle Swap

Sat. June 3 from 8 am til ?  
Rain or Shine

In February, WOFGPA hosted a Tackle Swap, which was open to other clubs and organizations. There was a big demand from people who attended in February that WOFGPA host a Tackle Swap for members, their family and friends to buy, sell or trade their gently used fishing equipment. Tables for this outdoor event cost only \$ 10 each and can be reserved by calling Stan

Gibbs in the evening at 668-2609. We expect the limited numbers of tables to be reserved quickly so do not wait too long to call Stan.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at

[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)



### Garage Sale

Sat. June 17 from 8am till?  
Rain or Shine

Now that you are done your spring-cleaning, what are you to do with all the things that you really do not use or do not want anymore. Why not turn those gently used items into cold hard cash. Please call Teresa Couture at 668-6257 to reserve your table for only **\$ 10. Tables go quickly, so do not delay. Mark Your Calendars**

### Easter Breakfast -April 15, 2006

The Executive would like to thank all those that came out to help with getting a good hot breakfast to the 80 hungry people who attended.

A very special thanks to two young individuals who came out to supervise and assist the children with the craft corner. Tara and Colton Strong did a superb job. Unfortunately, Bunny "Colton" outgrew the bunny costume and had to be replaced by Bunny "Tara" at the last minute. Kudos to you both. It is great to see youths getting the volunteering spirit.

### On Golden Pond

Chapter Six  
By Jim Morrow

Aaaah! Spring! I can just smell it coming. The hard water has gone soft again and the arthritis in my tail has let up a bit. Poor Tessie has had the sniffles for a while now and that has cleared up. Sam and Suzy Bass have started their family and are going to raise some young ones. Tessie and I would like to start a family too, but we cannot find a gravel patch anywhere. I can pop my head above the water now, without bumping it and see what is going on all around me. There goes Harry Heron over to his perch. He looks majestic with that huge wingspan. I'm sure he will be looking for Ferdinand the Frog or even some baby bass. What a beautiful sight, seeing that vee formation. They all land in unison on the water. It's a good thing that I can't hear them that well under water. When I leap out of the water after a bug, I can sure hear them then. What a racket. Speaking of bugs, I can't wait for some juicy mayflies. I know those big creatures try to fool us but we are just not that dumb. Some of us anyway. I mean a bug with a hook up its butt just does not taste the same as the one without it. But some of my cousins are so hungry or just plain greedy; they will go after anything that moves. Believe it or not, my mouth is watering for a taste of mayflies. All winter we have been eating worms, and some

green and pink stuff that the big creatures have been kind enough to lower down to us, through those holes in the hard water. From now on, anything that lands on the water is fair game. Except if, it has a hook in its butt. See ya later

Toby  
That Magic Moment

The crowded hall was buzzing,  
I just had to get away,  
To enjoy a little sanity  
before I'd start to play.  
The side door it was open,  
we went out to watch the night.  
I held you as we watched the stars,  
the ones that were in sight.  
The crickets played a symphony for you,  
the night and me  
We heard the geese go swishing by  
but really couldn't see.  
A part of all that beauty  
on that warm first night of spring  
A moment I will treasure.  
O, what a lovely thing.  
What a shame you won't remember  
that fleeting little glimpse of heaven  
You were only one Siobhan,  
and I was sixty-seven.

"Grandpa" John Anderson – 2004

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One of our members, Brian Logie has been working very hard for quite a few months on research involving the history of Westminster and Delaware Townships. Numerous hours have been spent in libraries and talking to many people who have old records and photos about these townships. The hard work of many people is finally coming to fruition, as they get ready to publish a two-volume set. If you are interested in getting more information about this set or would like to reserve a copy for yourself, please contact Brian Logie by email at brianlogiehockey@rogers.com
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**Mark your calendars!**

**Friends of the Cove** will be coming to the May General meeting to give a presentation about their organization and its accomplishments and goals. Early discussions with this group have been very interesting and informative. Please attend the May General meeting to meet with the Friends of the Cove.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is the effort of WOFGPA volunteers that make this club such a jewel in the heart of the city. There are many functions throughout the year where assistance is required. Our next large function is Family Day, which is usually attended by over 250 to 300 people. Your assistance is needed with set up, arranging events, acquiring donations for children's door prizes and adult draw prizes and clean up. If you can assist with Family Day, even if only for a short

time, please call Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 668-6257.

FAMILY DAY
Sunday, June 25, 2006
Noon until 4 pm

WOF&GPA would like to celebrate its members and their families. We have a fun filled day planned with lots of fun, entertainment and refreshments. Everything for the children is provided at no cost. Adult draw prize tickets can be purchased for a nominal charge. Come out and join the fun.

Here are a couple pictures from previous Family Day celebrations.



Johnny Toronto juggles fire.



The Snake Lady always brings many creepy, crawly things for everyone to touch.

More details about this year's Family Day activities will follow in the June newsletter. Remember to set this afternoon aside.

How to get involved at WOFGPA:

1. Don't complain while others are giving of their time and you have done nothing.
2. Call one of the contact people for each function OR
3. Come out to a function and ask how you can help
4. See you soon!

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