MAY 2007 NEWSLETTER







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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 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.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

President's Message

Our club is currently experiencing an unprecedented interest by others wishing to join. We are currently at our membership capacity and are unable to accept new memberships. A waiting list has been implemented and continues to grow almost daily. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, they should speak to the caretakers, Russell and Sheena, during normal business hours and request that their name be added to the waiting list. They will be accepted as a new member only when space becomes available.

All current members should renew their membership immediately upon receiving their renewal notice in the mail. We do allow a 30-day grace period to renew your membership. If your membership lapses, you will cease to be a member in good standing and immediately lose all the benefits that membership offers.

If you wish to rejoin the club after that, you may speak to the caretakers to have your name added to the waiting list.

Individuals with a boat/canoe on the property have agreed in writing by signing the Boat Rack Agreement "… to remove my boat/canoe/watercraft and accessories from WOF&GPA property within a maximum of two calendar months of my termination or ceasing to be a paid member in good standing of WOF&GPA (e.g. if membership lapsed January 01, 2000, removal must be by April 01, 2000)..." The Boat Rack Agreement further states "If within two calendar months of my ceasing to be a member of WOF&GPA, I fail to remove my boat/canoe/watercraft and accessories from WOF&GPA property, the said boat/canoe/watercraft and accessories shall be disposed of in any manner WOF&GPA may see In order to be fair to all members in good fit." standing, the Executive of WOFGPA has no choice but to enforce this rule.

Remember to renew your membership immediately.

On a lighter note, I have a couple of friendly reminders of upcoming functions. At the May General Meeting, we will have a fly-tying demo hosted by fellow members. In June, we have scheduled a Kids Only Derby, a BBQ Meat Draw, a Garage Sale and Tackle Swap, as well as our Annual Family Day. Details for these functions are in this newsletter so continue reading and mark your calendar.

Yours in Conservation Stan Gibbs



John and Karen Anderson's granddaughter, Emilie, is constantly in need of costly treatments, which are not covered by health care. Emilie was born microcephallic, is blind and is unable to walk or even support herself. The Anderson's have organized an afternoon fundraising event to assist the family in offsetting the costs associated with Emilie's treatments. All proceeds from this venture will go directly to Emilie's care.

All of Emilie's angels will be entertained throughout the afternoon by a variety of different bands and musical tastes. Many items will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Door prizes, a special menu and cash bar are available.

- Date: Sunday, May 6, 2007
- **Cost**: \$5.00 per person

(Each paid admission will receive a collectible angel pin)

Where: Deacon's

(located in the plaza at Chalkstone Ave. and Exeter Road)

Time: 2:00 pm until approximately 7:00 pm

On May 6, come to Deacon's to meet Emilie and her family. Wear your collectible angel pin to show that you are one of Emilie's angels. John and Karen Anderson may be reached at

685-9217 for more details.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, update your email address, 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 teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

The newsletter is also available on line at www.wofgpa.org

Garage Sale and Tackle Swap Saturday, June 16 Time: 8:00 am til ?

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the garage sale. You can get cash for all those items that just are not used any longer. At the same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting or camping items that you might have.

Tables are going very quickly this year with the two events combined so do not delay. Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to reserve a table for \$ 10.00.



Progressive Euchre

Forty players came out for a social evening of progressive euchre. The choices of food for the Pot Luck dinner were very tasty.

The winners of the April 28th euchre games were:

High Man: Larry B. and Don Colborne High Lady: Debbie Parker Mystery Man: Jim Morrow Mystery Lady: Elaine Lockrey Most Lone Hands: Jessie 50/50 draw: Janice Colborne

Mark your calendars – The next euchre will be held on Sat., Sept. 29, 2007, which is a week later than usual. WOFGPA is participating as one of the sites for Open Doors London on Sept. 22 - 23.

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 at 519-652-2875.

Draw prizes are available at each General Meeting. The winners of the March monthly draw were: Jim Morrow – Fillet knife and Don Turner – Power Bait.

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name will be entered to win a oneyear membership and the draw occurs on Election night. <u>Only one ballot per</u> <u>membership per month is allowed.</u>

Spring Trout Derby

Sunday, April 22 turned into an absolutely perfect day for a Trout Derby and many anglers came out to enjoy the warm spring weather. Thanks to everyone who assisted and all the generous sponsors for their donations to this derby.



Young angler with a stringer of Trout

The winners were:

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Junior Division:					
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2 nd	Connoi	onnor Mitchell		80 cm	

50 / 50 draw: \$ 29.50 - Judy Sanders

Dylan Mitchell

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

79 cm

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

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

SPRING CLEAN UP

Thanks to all who came out to clean up the property on April 28. The club grounds look amazing. Kudos to everyone on a job well done.

MAKE A GIFT FOR MOM SCHEDULED FOR Sunday, May 6 @ 9:00 am HAS BEEN CANCELLED DUE TO NO RESPONSE

FOR SALE

Barely used – 2 year old - Aluminum Jon Tracker boat

This boat comes with a Minkota electric motor with reverse capability, a Marine Deep Cycle Battery and too many other great accessories to list.

For more details or to arrange to see this deal, call Mark at 519 - 681 - 3799.

Please note that the Boat Rack spot for this boat is <u>not transferable</u> to the new owner unless it is approved by Stan Gibbs, the Boat Rack Chairperson.

FOR SALE

Complete "US Divers" kit (excluding air tanks)

Included is a buoyancy jacket with tank harness, fins, regulator with gauges and two air feeds, over 30 lbs of weights and belts, large wet suit, dive boots and a kit bag with several small accessories and spare air canister for jacket. Asking \$ 300. Call Don at 519 – 686 – 9559 to get more details and view this quality equipment.

Trout Stocking

The next scheduled Trout Stocking will be on Saturday, May 12 at 10:00 am (approximately). There will only be one trip. Help from the adults is always welcomed to get the fish quickly into the pond while the children can watch the fun.

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend and add your input so that informed decisions can be made about YOUR club. You may also attend the Executive meeting held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. There are no General Meetings in July and August.

Upcoming Events at WOFGPA

(More details to follow in upcoming newsletters):

Sunday, June 10 – Kid's Only Derby

Children, aged 12 and under can participate in a derby designed just for them. Each angler may have the assistance of one adult to help them with their line and their "Catch of the Day".

Saturday, June 16 – Garage Sale and Tackle Swap

Everyone has tackle and fishing supplies that they just don't use. Everyone has things in their garage and basement that they haven't touched in a long time. When you do your spring cleaning, set these items aside and turn them into cash on June 16.

Sunday, June 24 – Family Day

WOFGPA invites its members and their families to come to the club for an afternoon of fun-filled activities. No fishing will be allowed this day until the Family Day activities have finished.

September 22 and 23 – Open Doors London

WOFGPA has been selected as one of the sites this year for the OPEN DOORS LONDON weekend. The Executive and Committee members would like to show other Londoners about our history, what we stand for and have to offer. Input from the members would be appreciated as we polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city. Please contact any of the Executive or Committee members or attend a meeting with your ideas.

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#### 3rd Annual Juniors Derby Sunday, June 10, 2007

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. The child may be assisted by one adult (<u>BUT remember that the adult assistants are only there to help).</u>

**Rules**: Total length of all fish caught wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

Times: 9 am until 12 Noon Registration: 8:30 am

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch

The accompanying adults can purchase lunch for a nominal fee.

## FAMILY DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2007 Noon till 4 pm

A fun filled afternoon for the whole family.

On arrival, each child will receive refreshment tickets, a goody bag and one draw ticket. Adults may purchase refreshment tickets for themselves and adult draw tickets at a nominal cost.

For your enjoyment this year, we have; representatives of the City of London's different emergency services (meet and greet firemen, the OPP and the Canine unit).



Canoe Races (one adult and child per canoe)



Taxidermy and Wildlife display by Greg Balch



Water Balloon Toss and obstacle course (clean cool fun on a hot afternoon)





Surprise mystery entertainment and plenty of musical entertainment to delight the young and the young at heart

#### Also:

Displays and demonstrations from other organizations inside the main hall of the club.

**Refreshment Tent** (we serve burgers and hot dogs, French fries, an assortment of cold drinks and ice creams)

**Ticket / Membership booth**: This is where you may purchase additional tickets and view all the prizes.

This is a sampling of the many activities planned. A full schedule of the afternoon's activities will be posted around the grounds at the club on Family Day.

Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

Come out and have some fun with other members and their families before the long hot days of summer arrive.

See you there!

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#### **Barbeque Meat Draw**

At the June General meeting, on Thursday, June 14, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. The format is the same as the Turkey Roll in December. There are 10 Barbeque meat packs to be won. Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you won. You can't win if you aren't there.

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