

May 2009 NEWSLETTER



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June 2009

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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

The Treasurer's Report is presented 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.**

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The newsletter and up to date club  
information can be obtained on our website  
at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

The OFAH website is [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has arrived and it's about time. As with most people, we tend to get busy in the spring getting projects done events organized, our Club is no different.

In this note to you I would like to touch on a few different items that will be coming up at the Club in the near future.

First of all, our Spring Trout Derby was a great success with many anglers trying their luck at catching the big trout. As in past years we will be stocking the pond with more trout, this will happen on May 9<sup>th</sup> around 10am. Watch for updates at the Club.

Next, I would like to inform all of you that have children, grandchildren, or friend's children that you could borrow and might like to experience a fishing derby for children only. This is a great way to teach and expose our future anglers to explore the sport, an important part of our heritage.

I am looking for a few volunteers that could help a few seniors from the Dearness Home, once again experience a morning of fishing at our Club. You would help bait hooks, maybe share a little of your knowledge about fishing and help with snacks and drinks. This will probably be done on a weekday so volunteers would have to be available during that time.

On the May 14<sup>th</sup> General meeting, Ian Deslauriers, a representative from the OFAH will be attending to do a presentation and to further discuss the pros and cons of giving our full support to that group. Please attend.

Finally, our Annual Family Day Celebration is coming in June, Please watch for dates and times so we all can attend.

Thanks

Yours in conservation,  
*Stan Gibbs*

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WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Remember to introduce yourself at one of the many functions.

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The April General meeting draw was won by: Nez Shemsedeem (Fanny Pack and Ladies Cologne Gift set). Congratulations!

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

## WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

We have a new supplier of WOFGPA merchandise. Be the first one to get your merchandise and wear it proudly at the club.

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Jackets with embroidered crest         | \$ 40.00 |
| Hooded fleece sweatshirt with crest    | \$ 30.00 |
| Caps with embroidered crest            | \$ 12.00 |
| Toques with embroidered fish crest     | \$ 10.00 |
| T-shirts with embroidered club crest   | \$ 13.00 |
| T-shirts with silk-screened club crest | \$ 10.00 |
| Lanyards / key fobs                    | \$ 5.00  |

All taxes are included in the price. To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

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**FIREARMS AND HUNTER
SAFETY COURSES & SAFE BOATING**

If there is sufficient demand, extra courses will be scheduled. For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Paul General
905-765-4627
pgeneral@sixnations.ca

**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



EUCHRE RESULTS

April 25th marked the final euchre of the season. Each of the players contributed a dish to the Pot Luck Dinner that we shared before the card games. Each dish was amazing and the variety of food was outstanding. Congrats to all!

(Editor's note: unfortunately the paper was lost with all the winners' names.)

The next euchre will be held on Sat. September 26th

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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](http://www.wofgpa.org). Our website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

**Fifth Annual "Juniors Only" Derby  
Sunday, June 7, 2009**

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. One adult may assist each child (BUT remember that the adult assistants are only there to help). This derby was started five years ago so that our young anglers would be able to enjoy a morning of fishing with other young anglers.

**Rules:** Total length of all fish caught wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**Time:** 9 am until 12 Noon  
Registration: 8:30 am  
**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch

To volunteer with this derby, please contact Stan Gibbs. A few volunteers are needed to measure the many fish (mostly sunfish) that are caught during this derby. We will also have onshore lessons for casting where the kids can learn new techniques and perfect their skills before landing the "big one".

The accompanying adults and volunteers can purchase lunch for a nominal fee of \$ 2.00 per person. All lunches must be purchased before 10:00 am so that enough food is purchased for everyone in attendance.

Our annual Bass Derby is scheduled for Sun., July 12. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

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SPRING TROUT DERBY

April 19th was a beautiful day for the Spring Trout derby. Sixty five anglers came out to try their luck.

The winners in the adult division were:

1 st place	Howard Pearcey	116 cm
2 nd place	AJ Seong	111 cm
3 rd place	Don Colborne	110 cm
	Bob Smale	110 cm

The junior anglers did not catch any trout so their names were drawn to determine their place in the standings.

1 st place	Jazz Lyn
2 nd place	Mohamed
3 rd place	Lawson

Mystery fish	Janice Colborne
50 / 50 draw	Mike Wales

We are planning to stock the pond with Trout on Saturday, May 9th around 10:00 am.

Quite a bit of help is needed when the truck arrives to unload the Trout quickly. If you have some time to spare and would like to be involved, come dressed to get a bit wet. This is also a great spectator event for children, young and young at heart.

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

The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 families each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at tcouture@gapenviromic.com

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Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership. While we welcome visitors to this site, use of the club facilities (including the docks) is for members and their guests only.

Remember that even as a member, if you do not have a valid card, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately.

Non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

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GARAGE SALE
Saturday, June 13 (Rain or Shine)
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.

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) to reserve a table for only \$ 10.00.

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**SPRING CLEAN UP**

Thanks to all who came out to clean up the property on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The club grounds look amazing. Kudos to everyone on a job well done.

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FAMILY DAY
Sunday, June 28, 2009

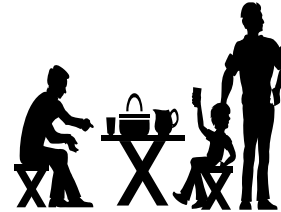
This special event is a fun filled afternoon for the whole family. Many events, demonstrations and displays are planned for WOFGPA Annual Family Day. In previous years, we have face painting, clowns, music and other surprise entertainment, scavenger hunt, pie eating contest, canoe race and lots of games. Our guests have included the Snake Lady, Fire Department, the O.P.P., the Police Force Canine Unit, Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and Greg Balch with his wildlife display. Refreshments are available. Many hours are invested in planning and executing a function of this size. If you can assist or have ideas for new events, please contact either Karen Anderson or Teresa Couture. Watch the June newsletter for more details as our plans are finalized.

Student Volunteers

Volunteering at one or more of our many functions is a great way for high school students to complete the mandatory 40-hour of community service before their graduation day.

This offer of volunteering is only open to the children and grandchildren of members. The club secretary, Teresa Couture, records the names and hours of all student volunteers so make sure that you register your name with her.

If you want more information or wish to register a teenager, please call Teresa at 519-668-6257.



Membership Renewal Clarification

We currently have a long waiting list of people wishing to become members of WOFGPA. Currently, these prospective members are being told that the wait time could easily be a couple of years or longer.

It has been stressed repeatedly to members that they should not let their membership lapse.

Your membership payment is due on the renewal date. This date is provided to you on the membership renewal form that is mailed to you along with your monthly newsletter. Memberships that lapse do not get automatic renewal.

Do not mail your payment.

Membership fees can be paid on any meeting night (at 7:00 pm) or by special arrangement with Stan Gibbs. At that time, you will be given your new sticker to validate your badge so that you may enjoy all that WOFGPA offers its members.

If your membership lapses and you have a boat or canoe on the Boat Rack, your boat / canoe must be immediately removed.

You are invited to discuss this in further detail with Stan Gibbs or by attending any meeting.

TREE CARVING PROJECT

The work is progressing nicely. Volunteers are always welcomed for their assistance. Herman likes to arrive at the club most days around mid-morning, weather dependant, of course. Thanks to Howard Pearcey for his help. Contact Herman at 519-681-6507 or email him at the following: szielasko-carver@sympatico.ca if you want to help.

BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW

After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 11, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. There are 8 Barbeque meat packs to be won, two of which are larger meat packs. Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. The meat packs contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better this very unique organization. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

See the Events for 2009 – 2010 at www.wofgpa.org

Thurs. May 14	General Meeting
Mon. May 18	Victoria Day (Statutory)
Thurs. May 28	Executive meeting
Sun. June 7	Kids only Derby
Thurs. June 11	General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 13	Garage Sale
Thurs. June 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 28	Family Day
Sun. July 12	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 23	Executive Meeting

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