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THE WESTERN ONTARIO FISH & GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION INC.

- Its Purpose -

- In The Beginning -

A block of ice, lodged in a hollow, melted -

Three small lakes, extending over 240 acres formed, and all this happened 14,000 years ago.

Presently known as Pond Mills, the area, one of Southern Ontario's rarest ecological finds, is the home of:

Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association Inc., located on the most southerly of the lakes, at one time known as Walker's Pond.

- 1) To promote true sportsmanship by the protection, breeding, propagation and conservation of game & fish.
- 2) To obey the fish & game laws of Ontario.
- 3) To promote reforestation and conservation.
- 4) To maintain a club and lake for the accommodation & enjoyment of the members, their families & friends.

From the Beginning in 1895, conservation efforts by the Club have included tree planting in the London area, steam improvements, and fish stocking in Medway, Caddy and Fanshawe Creeks, the lower Medway, the Thames and Arva pond. Pheasants have been released, and eggs distributed. Ice-free lake surface is maintained throughout the winter with an aeration device, and a bird-feeding program is in place.

In recent years, tree planting has been shared by Club and Scout groups. Annual Salvation Army children Fishing Day was held for many years. A Safe hunter-training program has continued since 1957, in cooperation with the Ministry of natural Resources.

As Mentioned, Club objectives are to promote true sportsmanship, though the protection, propagation and conservation of game and fish, to obey all fish and game laws, and to promote reforestation and conservation of plant life.

And Now

In practice, the club preserves a unique facility within the city for education and recreational use. One can realize just how valuable the Lake and area are, when you review the results of an August 1981 survey of the site by the Ministry of Natural Resources. It revealed the following: 757 Plant species, 232 bird species, 20 mammals, 12 amphibians, and 7 reptiles. While an amateur naturalist without specialized knowledge and powers of observation might have difficulty identifying the entire "population", even an untrained individual is able to spot turtles, raccoons, ducks, and a growing population of Canada Geese. Of the 757 plants, the Flowering Dogwood (Cornus Florida) is the most notable, since it identifies the area as the northern edge of the Carolinian Zone of North America.

- OUR CLUB -

The club is located on Southdale Road (north side), just east of Wellington Road in the city of London, on a lake, which is about 9 acres in size.

- OUR PLEDGE -

I give my pledge as a Canadian to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, its water, forests, air and wildlife and to obey all fish and game laws.

- In the Spirit of Good Stewardship -

The Executive and members of the Club make every effort to reach their stated objective. The volunteer efforts of its executive committee and 250 members oversee regular stocking programs, lake level maintenance, and water quality control. Close cooperation with the Upper Thames Conservation Authority and also the Ministry of Natural Resources insures appropriate conservation guidelines are met or exceeded. 1994 saw additional stocks of rainbow trout introduced, with continued stocking in April 1995.

- THE LAKE -

Trout stocking in the Club Lake provides fishing and leisure hours for members and friends as well as annual Club sponsored derbies.

Strict catch limits are observed, and catch and release techniques are encouraged, in order to maintain a healthy population.

. A full time, resident custodian is on site to provide security supervision, and assist new members.

- A Good Neighbor -

One would have to agree, it is most unusual to find an active, vibrant fishing Club actually located within a city, but the Club is well within City limits, just east of the Dearness Home, on Southdale Rd. And because being a good neighbor is important, we believe in maintaining good relations with our fellow Londoners.

In addition to being a self-supporting group, which pays its own taxes, light and heat etc., we welcome group visits when possible. For example, city firemen on occasion have used the Lake facilities for scuba-diving practice. Visits, be they naturalists, and others interested in the environment are encouraged to contact the Club.

- New Members Always Welcome -

Because we believe that the larger our Club becomes, the more people have an appreciation for conserving our forests, and our wildlife. So we encourage families to join, so that all members can take advantage of what is available: Nature walks through the Carolinian Forest, Exciting fishing only minutes away from home, and just plain, good old-fashioned fresh air.

Get to know us glancing over the list of Club Executive members on the next page, the committees in charge and then drop in for a visit!

- MEMBERSHIP -

Membership is available to all responsible persons who are interested in the aims and ideals of the Club. Membership fees are moderate and include, with a small extra fee, membership in the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

<i>(Effective Jan 01, 2003)</i>	
- Membership Schedule -	
Family	\$120.00 per year
Single	\$100.00 per year
Senior Citizen	\$70.00 per year
Youth	\$55.00 per year
Sponsored NON-Family Youth (Max 1)	
(>16 years)	\$15.00 per year
Plus	
A one time fee of \$10.00 (first year only)	
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Boat Rack Position	\$25.00 (first year)
On renewal	\$15.00 per year

- ACTIVITIES -

Family Days	Fishing Days
Socials	Fishing Trips
Boating	Darts
Sport Shows	
Safe Hunter & FAC Courses	

- NEWSLETTER -

The Club publishes a monthly newsletter to keep its members up to date on current and upcoming activities.

- RENTALS -

The Clubhouse and facilities are available for rentals to responsible groups or individuals.

- AFFILIATIONS -

The club is affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Close liaison is also maintained with the Ministry of Natural

Resources and the Ministry of the Environment, as well as other local conservation groups.

- MEETING -

General membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. Executive meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

(Meeting Time: 7.30 p.m.)

- OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS -

Seven directors and seven chairpersons who are elected by the membership annually administer the club on a daily basis.

- AS A FINAL MESSAGE -

This information flyer was designed to let you known about our Club and we hope this has been accomplished. We would like you to consider this as an **Invitation** to drop in and see us. Better still, telephone the member whose name appears below and he or she will be glad to arrange to accompany you on the next convenient occasion.

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Name: _____

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