

NOVEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



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November 2008

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9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 General Meeting & OFAH video	14	15 Xmas Tree Lot Set up
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23/30	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Xmas Tree Sales start

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7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting / Turkey Roll	12	13 Breakfast with Santa
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21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	Jan 1, 2009 New Years Day		

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees**

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

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Don Finch

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Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

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Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Committees (con't)

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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 presents 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

If you have visited the club lately, you will notice that the front lawn looks very different. The top section of the Poplar tree on the front lawn has been removed.



Scaffolding set up crew

Scaffolding has been erected around the base of the tree so that Herman Szielasko, Walt Seliske and all the volunteer carvers can access the areas to be carved. The scaffolding and surrounding area is off limits to members except when carving under guidance of the supervisors, Herman and Walt. This is a work site and not climbers to play on, so children must be monitored at all times.

“One of the most awe-inspiring sights in the fall is that of geese flying in formations, as they follow the leader and spread out behind that lone first bird in a V-shape. It is interesting to learn why they do that, each bird flaps its wings, and the uplift can assist the bird following immediately behind. It is reckoned that the flock can fly over 70 percent farther by helping each other along this way. Should one bird fall away from the rest, it quickly discovers how much harder it is to fly alone and rejoins the others. When it gets tired, the leading bird will drop back and another will take its place. The following geese will honk to encourage those upfront to keep up the speed.

If only we would work together more, encourage one another and share a common purpose like the geese, just think how much more we could achieve. Teamwork produces great results, so please don't wait to be asked to help out, offer your services and be part of the team.

Welcome back to our fall programs, it is hoped that you will participate in many and for new members, please don't hesitate at coming forward and trying something new. Have fun.”

Copied with permission of the editor, Joan Johnston of Horton Street Tattler.

With this in mind, Christmas tree sales are the biggest fundraiser of the year for WOFGPA. Many hours are

spent with arranging for trees and delivery, lot set up, selling trees, and finally cleaning up after. Get involved and you will be surprised to find out just how much fun you'll have.

Yours in conservation,
Stan Gibbs

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WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Hopefully, we will meet each of you at one of the many functions.  
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CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

\$ 28 each – any size, any type
(Trimmed the way you like it).
Xmas tree bags - \$ 2.00 each

Candy canes are free

Our volunteers will trim your tree to your specifications and give you tips on how to care for the tree over the holiday season.

Currently

Volunteers are needed to assist with tree sales. The shifts last only a few hours. It is a great way to meet other members and to help our organization make its biggest fund raising event of the year successful. Do not delay as the time slots are quickly filling up.

Sat. Nov. 22nd

Tree lot set-up.
At least a dozen men are needed to set up the tree lot. If you have access to a cordless drill, please let Don Colborne know. We will supply hot coffee throughout the set-up morning and a hot lunch for all the helpers.

Sat., Nov. 29th

Tree Sales start and continue till all trees are sold.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low and funds many events throughout the year. It ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond. Join the fun!

Please leave your name with Don Colborne if you can assist with set-up or tree sales.

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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 site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.  
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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA**

TREE CARVING PROJECT

When driving around London, I am sure that you have seen many tree trunks that have been intricately carved. The property owners have chosen to beautify their lawn with an outstanding carving rather than remove the old dead tree and stump, leaving a bare front lawn.

On the main lawn of the club was a large Poplar tree, which has been brought down and is being readied for carving.



Poplar tree to be carved



Group photo in front of Poplar tree – Oct. 12, 2008



**Herman Szielasko and Walt Seliske
– WOFGPA's master carving tree huggers**

Please offer your assistance to these men as they begin the rough-carving process. Both men like to work early in the day and often call it a day before noon.

~~~~~ **November General Meeting**

At the November General Meeting, members will watch a video of the OFAH keynote speaker, which was taped at the Annual conference in Toronto earlier this year. It is most entertaining and informative. Don't miss out.

The winners of the October General Meeting draw were: Brian Ernteman (filet knife) and Steve Couture (flashlight). Congratulations!

Stan Gibbs has organized a group which will arrange for guest speaker, demo or talk for each General Meeting. Their mandate is keep these meetings interesting for members.

Stan will gladly welcome new ideas for the General Meetings.

~~~~~ **OFAH MEMBERS**

Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly? With the membership you will receive the Outdoors magazine delivered to your home. Please contact Valerie Grahl by phone or by email at valgrahl@rogers.com and provide her with

your OFAH membership number. She will also gladly accept renewals and new OFAH memberships

Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 11, 2008
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Light snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Refreshments available.

Hope to see everyone there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13, 2008
Served from 9:00 till 11:00 am



Invite your friends, neighbours, hockey team and co-workers to a great club cooked breakfast.

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (2 to 5 years)
- Children under two years old – no charge

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

- Bacon and eggs,
- Hash browned potatoes and baked beans
- Toast (white or whole wheat)
- Orange juice
- Tea or coffee

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Sunday, October 19, 2008

56 adults and 12 youth anglers attended the Fall Trout derby. The winners were:

Adult division

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| 1 st place | Nathan Wales | 122.5 cm |
| 2 nd place | John Findlay | 120 cm |
| 3 rd place | Rich Harding | 117.5 cm |

Youth Division

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| 1 st place | Dallas Publicover | 79 cm |
| 2 nd place | Presley Delellis | 77 cm |
| 3 rd place | Perrie Delellis | 40 cm |

Thanks to all who assisted in making this derby successful. All the anglers enjoyed barbecued burgers on our new BBQ



EUCHRE RESULTS

Twenty-four players came out to enjoy the first euchre of the 2008 – 2009 season. Richard and Barb Toner who did a splendid job hosted this evening.

The winners were:

- High man – Ruthanne
- High lady – Cora Thompson
- Mystery man – Margaret
- Mystery lady – Jesse
- Most lone hands – Gloria McDonald
- 50 / 50 draw – Lloyd Thompson

The next euchre is Saturday, November 22, 2008 (Hosts: Bill and Sylvia Lewis). Cards start at 7:30 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:45 pm. Please arrive early enough to get a seat to play. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter and are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play.

We serve a light snacks. Door prizes are available at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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

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| Thurs. Nov. 13 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 15 | Xmas Tree Lot setup |
| Thurs. Nov. 27 | Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 29 | Xmas tree sales begin |
| Thurs. Dec. 11 | General Meeting & Turkey Roll |
| Sat. Dec. 13 | Breakfast with Santa |
| Thurs. Dec. 18 | Executive meeting
(One week early due to Christmas) |

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