OCTOBER 2005 NEWSLETTER







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October 2005

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16 Fall Trout	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
Derby						
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6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 Tree Lot Setup
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20	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre Tree Sales begin
27	28	29	30			

Club WEB Site / e-mail

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Firearms and Hunter Safety Courses

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

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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

October 2005

It seems that the summer has come and gone once again. It is sad to think that all the warm weather will be put on the shelf until next spring, but have no fear, there will be many things to be done before the cold weather sets in. Our front dock will be rebuilt, new lights are to be added for our tree lot and hall entrance, fish stocking and other chores need to be completed soon. So, watch you Newsletter for upcoming activities and give some time to your club.

As I am writing this our first euchre of the season is taking place, other events include a Trout derby in the month of October, and preparations for our Christmas tee lot being looked at.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, hope to see you around at the club. Keep your line in the water.

Stan Gibbs 668-2609

WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOFGPA Wear. The costs are very low while the quality is high. It makes a great Christmas gift for that special someone.

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				

Many items are in stock. To purchase items call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.

Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance. Review the Fishing rules occasionally as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to each membership type. These rules are posted in the Fish Registry Room and just inside the main building. Happy angling.



EUCHRE RESULTS

The first euchre of the 2005-6 season, held on September 24th was a great success with good company and many laughs.

The winners are:

High Man: Larry Latford
High Lady: Deb Parker
Mystery Man: Bill Rodrigues
Mystery Lady: Eva MacDonald
Most Lone Hands: Gail Gifford
50-50 Draw: June Sheill (\$ 19.00)

The next euchre will be:

Saturday, October 22, 2005

7:30 pm SHARP (arrive earlier to ensure you get a seat to play).

\$5.00 per player

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. Be sure to arrive early (but no earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Worms are available for \$ 3.00 per dozen from the vending machine at the club.

The newsletter can be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org 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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#### **FALL TROUT DERBY**

Mark your calendars and do not miss this one. Your angling expertise could make you the winner of this year's fall trout derby.

DATE: Sunday, October 16, 2005

**DERBY TIMES:** 7:30 am until Noon

**REGISTRATION: 7:00 am NO EARLIER** 

You may put your boat in the water earlier but are not allowed to fish until the derby begins.

COST:

Members: \$ 12.00 Non-members: \$ 15.00 Child (age 12 and under) \$ 5.00

Paid entrance fee includes lunch and door prizes. For more details, call Tom McGill at 652-2875.

All efforts will be made to stock with Trout before the derby, but it cannot be done unless the water temperature drops. Watch the bulletin board for details.

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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. The draw is held in March of each year, immediately following the elections.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting.

The winner of the monthly General Meeting Draw was George Maudsley, who is the winner of a pair of binoculars. Attend the October General Meeting to find out what is going on at the club and to try your luck at winning the door prize.

Dave's Old Fashioned Rhubarb Pie

3 cups of finely chopped rhubarb

1 cup sugar

12 soda crackers crushed

2 beaten eggs

Mix everything together and add to a pie shell. Bake at 450oF for 15 minutes, and then reduce heat to 325oF for 30 minutes.

Let cool and enjoy.

Submitted by David McCoy

CHRISTMAS TREE

LOT SET UP AND SALES

It is that time of year again. This is WOF&GPA's largest and most profitable fundraising event of the year. Your membership dues and the cost of many other functions is kept very low due to the profits that are generated from the Christmas Tree Sales.

Many volunteers are needed to set up the tree lot on Saturday, November 12th. If you are at all handy with tools or building things, then this would interest you.

Even more volunteers are needed to assist with the tree sales, which begin on Saturday, November 26th. The shifts for tree sales are only a few hours long. We supply hot drinks, a warm trailer, a beautifully decorated tree lot and many Christmas trees to sell.

If you have ever thought of getting more involved with the club, then this is a great way to do it. It is a great way to meet many of the members that you have only seen angling from a boat or the dock. Over the years, the tree lot set up and sales have always been an enjoyable time for everyone.

If you can help with either of these functions, please contact Ron Earle at 672-0765. Soon he will begin a list of the shift times for tree sales.

Trout Stocking

By now all the avid anglers are starting to wonder just when WOFGPA will be doing trout stocking.

We will be monitoring the water temperature closely and the fish will go in when the water reaches 58°C (approximately). Due to the very hot summer, that we have had so far, the water temperature is high. Cooler days and some colder nights help reduce the temperature significantly. If the water temperature is too high, it will cause the trout to go into shock and die within a very short time.

The water temperature is starting to drop thanks to the cool nights lately.

We will try to keep you posted by newsletter, as the time gets closer **BUT** remember to watch the bulletin boards at the club for more details.

Two auditors are needed from the membership to audit the club books.

If you are interested in doing this or would like more information as to what is required, please contact Steve Couture (evenings) at 668-6257 or Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 or come to a meeting.

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