

OCTOBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



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London, Ontario N6E 1A8
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October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Trout stocking (tentative)
7 Open house - Bill & Myra Rodrigues 60 th anniversary	8 Thanksgiving	9	10	11 General Meeting – Soapstone / Wood carving talk	12	13
14 Fall Trout Derby	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30	31 Halloween			

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18	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23	24 Euchre & Tree lot set up
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 – Tree Sales begin

**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES ON CLUB FUNCTIONS
WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A MEMBER
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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.

President's Message

As most of you are aware, our Club House and property was one of fifty or so sites that opened their doors to the general public on the September 22 & 23 weekend. What a blast!

The 30 or so volunteers that helped put this all together enlighten, informed and entertained over 350 guests in just over 12 hours. We had three areas of interest to show our guests: our beautiful Clubhouse, the natural setting of our grounds and our picture perfect lake. In the Clubhouse, we had displays on our history, activities at the club, fishing and hunting, conservation efforts and to top it all off we had a picture arrangement of our pond and an aquarium with fish from our pond. On the grounds we showcased the beautiful fall colours and offered a casting course for kids, big and small. On the water we offered boat tours, that after almost every trip it was difficult to remove guests from the boat. They all seem to appreciate the quiet and tranquility of the water, something that you seem to forget about when you see it frequently. One highlight for me personally was conducting a boat tour with a group of new Canadians from Korea, whose only translator was a boy of 9 or 10. They were in such awe of what we had, and enjoyed themselves so much that I took a picture to share with you. This is why we went to the trouble and expense of this weekend, to see smiles such as these.



I would like to personally thank all who helped place these beautiful smiles on the faces of our guests.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

Doors Open London

My first thought is to thank all the volunteers for making this such a great event weekend for the club. In order for WOFGPA to be properly represented to other Londoners, countless hours by many persons were spent in the planning, setting up, meeting and entertaining our guests and finally the cleanup after the weekend. Our efforts were positively met when our guests indicated in our Guest Book that they would like to join the waiting list to become members.

During the weekend, three different persons from the Doors Open London committee dropped by to see our club, as it was one of the new sites for this year. We received very positive feedback from the committee chair, Ms. Dana Sloan and the other representatives. The WOFGPA Executive on behalf of the members wishes to thank the Doors Open London committee for selecting us as one of the sites this year.

It is hard to tell who had more fun over the weekend our guests or our members.

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The WOFGPA Executive would like to express their congratulations to Bill and Myra Rodrigues as they celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 11. Bill and Myra wish to invite members, friends and family to an Open House at the club in their honour on Sunday, October 7, 2007 from 2 – 4 pm.

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Our condolences are sent to the Schearme family after the passing of Dennis' brother early in September.

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Val Grahl who is recuperating from eye surgery at home.

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WOFGPA is proud to display a vest made by Mrs. Bill Smith. This vest holds many very old club and OFAH crests which belonged to Bill's father.

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The WOFGPA Executive would like to thank Richard and Barbara Toner, who generously donated many of their "no longer used" life jackets to the club.

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The newsletter can also be obtained online at  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)



The first euchre of the season was a great success with 28 players in attendance. The winners were:

High Man –Larry Latford and Archie Graham (68)  
High Lady – Janice Colborne (74)  
Mystery Man – Jim Morrow  
Mystery Lady – Joan Latford  
Most Lone Hands – Bill Rodrigues and Rob Carpenter (5)  
50/50 Draw – Janice Colborne - \$ 17.50

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.

The next euchre is planned for Sat. October 27. Remember that the games start at 7:30 pm SHARP! To ensure that you get a seat to play, please arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. 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.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, 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](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

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.

## FALL TROUT DERBY

**Date:** Sunday, October 14, 2007

**Registration:** 7:30 am (NO EARLIER)

**Derby Times:** 8:00 am until Noon

**Cost:**

Members - \$ 12.00  
Non-Members - \$ 15.00  
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The longest length of 3 Trout caught will determine the winners. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish. Your paid registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.

**We are planning to stock the pond with Trout on Saturday, October 6 around 10:00 am, so check the Bulletin board for confirmation of the time and details.**

Immediately following the shortened General Meeting in September, Stan Gibbs gave a presentation about Bass fishing techniques and tricks. The relaxed atmosphere of this demonstration was very informative for the twenty members present. Kudos to Stan for a job well done. Now that Stan has shared his tricks, he will have competition from other members who will definitely be trying the techniques in their angling.



Robert Powell (left) admires the lunker Bass that his friend, Nathan Wales (right) caught during the Doors Open London weekend.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Following a shortened General Meeting on Thursday, October 13, we will have more guests to give a short talk and demonstrations. Soapstone carving will be highlighted by Dan Clark. Walt Seliske and Herman Szielasko will highlight woodcarving. If you have ever seen any of the work that these men have done, you won't want to miss this evening. If you would like to learn more about these crafts, come to the October General Meeting on October 13. Hope to see you there.

We are looking for many ideas to keep our members coming to our General Meetings. On way, was for members to share their love of their hobby with others by giving a short and informal talk or demonstration. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please contact Stan Gibbs by telephone.

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The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm (except July and August). 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.

The winners of the September General Meeting monthly draw were: Herb Lukings and Alexander Pelipygan who both won a bag of lures. Congratulations!

~~~~~ 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

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or

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

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

Upcoming Events at WOFGPA

October 7, 2007 – Open House for Bill & Myra Rodrigues as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

October 11 – Soapstone and wood carving guest speakers at club

October 14 – Fall Trout Derby

October 27 – Euchre

November 24 – Christmas Tree lot set up

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December 1 – Christmas Tree Sales begin and continue until all trees are sold (or Christmas arrives)

December 8 - Breakfast with Santa

December 13 - Turkey Roll

~~~~~ REMINDER

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Do not let your membership lapse. If your membership does lapse, your name will be added to the waiting list until an opening is available. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it will have to be removed until you are a member in good standing.



Trout stocking in April 2007

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