

October 2009 Newsletter



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October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting	9	10
11	12 Thanksgiving	13	14	15	16	17
18 Fall Trout derby	19	20	21	22 Executive	23	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 General Meeting	13	14 Tree lot set up (tentative date)
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22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre & Tree Sales begin
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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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Newsletter

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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.**

The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coming up at our General meeting in October, a very important vote will take place. It will be decided whether or not to affiliate 100% with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). Let us forget about all the little perks that come with being affiliated and decide as conservation Club ourselves, whether or not to join forces with an organization that has the responsibility and clout to lobby and fight on a much higher level than us, for our rights as hunters, anglers and conservationists. We can make a difference both physically and financially. Some of you are aware that additional costs may be required to affiliate, but since our rates have not gone up in many years, and our Club House has undergone some major renovations and costs in general for such things as fish stocking and newsletter publication, there was bound to be an increase anyway. It will be decided at a later date as to any price increases. I hope you have all taken the time to research the material, so you can make an educated choice. The vote will be on a majority rules, so if you have a concern, or an opinion one way or the other please come out and exercise your right as a member of one of the best Clubs around and VOTE!!!

Yours in conservation

Stan Gibbs

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If you know of a member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.  
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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. Our website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter. If you have photos of the club, which you would like to share, please contact us.
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### WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

Wear your WOFGPA wear proudly.

|                                        |          |
|----------------------------------------|----------|
| 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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Stan Gibbs's motion, as adopted at the June 11, 2009 General Meeting and seconded by Steve Couture is reprinted and presented as follows:

Whereas the WOFGPA has as its guiding principle, "... to serve and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its soils, minerals, waters, forests, air and wildlife ...", and this principle is conservation-based and is also the guiding principle of the OFAH; and,

Whereas the WOFGPA has identified a need to improve the conservation efforts and education of the Club members in regard to Club's guiding principle; and,

Whereas the WOFGPA traditionally has been affiliated, in part or in whole, with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters since the inception of the OFAH; and,

Whereas the OFAH is an organization that promotes conservation, on behalf of its many member clubs, and also provides many opportunities for its members to participate in educational and "hands-on" conservation initiatives that benefit all Ontarians;

Be it resolved that all types of WOFGPA membership (Single, Family, Senior and Life) shall be required to become members of the OFAH, either upon joining the Club as a new member, or upon renewal of an existing 2009 membership, and that a vote shall be taken, by secret ballot on October 8, 2009, at the General Meeting. (A majority vote of all present at the Meeting will rule.)

And further, that any increase in the WOFGPA current membership fee that is necessary to cover the cost of said OFAH membership shall be decided by vote of members present at the 2010 Annual General Meeting (March 11, 2010), in accordance with Article 11.4.1 of the WOFGPA Constitution.

And further that said vote at the 2010 Annual General Meeting be a vote by secret ballot prior to the Election of the Executive and Directors for the 2010 year.
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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](mailto: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



## EUCHRE IS BACK

Calling all Euchre players to an evening of progressive Euchre so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members. Thirty players attended the September euchre.

The winners of the Sept. 26 euchre games were:

High Man – Archie Graham  
High Lady – Bev Arnold  
Mystery Man – Bill Rodrigues  
Mystery Lady – Deb Parker  
Most Lone Hands – Sue Brown, Dave Jefferies, Don Parker and Fred Sanders  
50/50 draw - \$ 24.00 – Sue Brown

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 will be held on Sat. October 24 and your hosts will be Bill and Sylvia Lewis. The card games begin at 7:30 pm SHARP so please arrive anytime after 6:45 pm for a bit of socializing first. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play as your place will continually change throughout the evening. 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. Hope to see everyone there.

## BOAT RACK AGREEMENTS

Jim Morrow is almost finished updating the records for the Boat Rack. All persons with a boat / canoe on the Boat Rack must reconfirm their Boat Rack Agreement at WOFGPA. Arrangements can be made by contacting Jim Morrow by phone or by attending a meeting.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT.**

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching.

Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

## PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US

## FALL TROUT DERBY

**Date:** Sunday, October 18, 2009  
**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 rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each division. 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.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.
- Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

We expect to stock Trout in the pond the exact date will be dependant on the water temperature. As in previous years, the water **MUST** cool to less than 60°F (15.5°C) in order to have a successful stocking of Trout. The water temperature will drop when we start getting the cool fall nights and will be monitored regularly. We usually do not have sufficient time to notify the members by newsletter as to which date has been chosen to stock the pond. For this reason, we ask that you check the Bulletin Boards at the club beginning in early October for details about the next Trout stocking.

For more details about the derby or Trout stocking, contact the Ponds Chairman, Stan Gibbs.

## NOTICE TO SMOKERS

As a reminder to all members who smoke cigarettes and cigars.

Nothing is less appealing than cleaning a Trout only to discover a cigarette butt in its belly or to see the parking lot littered with cigarette butts. We are certain that these smokers are not leaving butts thrown carelessly all over their lawns at home and we ask that the same courtesy be shown to the WOFGPA property.

**Please completely extinguish your butts and leave ALL cigarette butts in the large cans placed on all the docks and around the building.**

For the members' and their guests' convenience, garbage cans are located around the property for all refuse. Downstairs, recycling containers are available inside the hall for your use.

Strive to keep the pond, grounds and parking lot of your club in pristine condition for all members to enjoy.

## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

### Sat. Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative date)

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 towards early November (no earlier please). We will supply hot coffee throughout the set-up morning and a hot lunch for all the helpers.

### Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> (date to be determined)

Tree delivery

All the Christmas trees will be delivered in one load during the daytime hours. Many strong, young men are needed to help assist with unloading these trees and to stand them up in place. Many hands will help to make short work of it for everyone.

### Sat., Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>

Tree Sales start and will continue until all trees are sold. This year there will be an additional 25 snow tipped Fraser fir trees in the 8 – 10 foot range, which will be sold at a higher cost.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low compared to other organizations of similar nature and funds many of the events throughout the year. It ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond.

Starting in late October and early November, Don Colborne will begin collecting the names of volunteers for the tree lot set up, the tree delivery and for tree sales.

When each person became a member, they agreed as part of their membership, that they would give of themselves to the betterment of the club. If you have never come out to assist with a function, now is a good time to get to put a name to a new face as you meet the other members in a relaxed atmosphere. If you are a returning volunteer, there are just not enough ways to thank you for all you have done. Come out and join the fun!

The WofGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website 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](mailto:tcouture@gapenviromic.com)

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. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winner of the September draw was Fred Pearce, who won both prizes. Congratulations Fred!

### WANTED TO BUY:

John or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217 are looking to buy a used golf cart

The theme of the evening is “Ponderosa” so come dressed in your western attire. John Anderson and friends will provide all music for the evening. There will be a Silent Auction plus a Penny Auction Table for the kids. All proceeds from this function will go to the rebuilding fund for the Stanley family. This is John and Karen Anderson’s daughter and her family.

**Date:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Fellowship CRC  
641 Elm St.  
St. Thomas

**Time:** Doors open at 5:00 pm

**Cost:** Admission & Dinner  
\$ 20.00  
(No cost for kids under 12)

Advance tickets only so that the correct amount of food can be prepared. No sales at the door.

**For more information and to purchase your tickets, call  
519-685-9217  
or 519-649-5431.**

### FOR SALE

### 1995 Dutchman Trailer Asking price \$ 3500

This trailer has an 8 ft. box and hardtop and comfortably sleeps 6. There is also a fridge and stove, awning, tinted windows with curtains. The tent is canvas material with a vinyl coating and does not have any rips or tears. If interested in viewing this trailer, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725

### WANTED TO BUY:

Cheryl at 519-659-2344 is looking to buy a canoe or kayak.

If you see goose poop on the docks, please take a few moments to sweep it off with the broom provided at each dock.

### Halloween

This year, Halloween falls on a Saturday evening. When this happens, there is often more Trick or Treaters staying out much later than they would on a school night. Please keep this in mind and take extra care when driving during the “Trick or Treat” hours of evening. Better still, stay in and enjoy the visitors to your door.

Visit our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

A decorative border of pumpkins surrounds the page. The pumpkins are arranged in a repeating pattern along the top, bottom, and sides of the page.

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## 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, posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website. The event calendar for 2009 – 2010 is available on the website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Thurs., Oct 8                             | General meeting                               |
| Mon. Oct. 12                              | Thanksgiving (Statutory holiday)              |
| Sun. Oct. 18                              | Fall Trout derby                              |
| Thurs. Oct. 22                            | Executive meeting                             |
| Sat. Oct. 24                              | Euchre                                        |
| Sat. Oct. 31                              | Halloween                                     |
| Wed. Nov. 11                              | Remembrance Day                               |
| Thurs. Nov. 12                            | General meeting                               |
| Sat. Nov. 14                              | Christmas Tree Lot set up<br>(Tentative date) |
| Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup> or 25 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Tree delivery                       |
| Thurs. Nov. 26                            | Executive Meeting                             |
| Sat. Nov. 28                              | Christmas Tree Sales begin<br>Euchre          |
| Thurs. Dec. 10                            | General Meeting and Turkey Roll               |
| Sat. Dec. 12                              | Breakfast with Santa                          |

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