September 2006 NEWSLETTER







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3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17	18 Boat Safety Course (Last course)	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24	25	23	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14
15 Fall Trout Derby	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre
29	30	31 Halloween				



Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

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Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich 519- 668-1130

phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

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

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

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

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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Philip Gingrich

519-668-1130

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

Summer is almost over.

This is the time of year when children get ready to go back to school. The adults are glad the youngsters are going to be in school and are making plans for things to do in the fall.

WOF&GPA does not hold summertime functions as everyone usually takes their vacation at this time. I would not want you to miss out simply because you were at the cottage, the beach or went to visit Grandma and Grandpa.

Beginning in September, the General Meetings start up again on the second Thursday of each month. Euchre starts up again. A Fall Trout derby has been planned. We will be stocking the pond with Trout once the water cools down enough, so watch the Bulletin Board for details.

Last year a Karaoke night was held over the winter months. The Executive and Entertainment Committee members would like to hear some of your ideas for social functions for the adults or the children. Please feel free to call any of the contacts listed or attend a meeting to voice your ideas. After all, this is your club so let us make the most of it.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

HELP NEEDED!!!

Due to recent health concerns, the on site caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick are in need of your immediate help performing chores both inside and outside of the club. Many of the tasks take only a short time while others may take a few hours. If you have some extra time to assist, please contact Stan Gibbs by telephone in the evenings at 519-668-2609 or drop by to see Russell and Sheena. Thank you in advance for all your assistance.

Please patronize the businesses that advertise with us.



BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Phil Gingrich is offering the <u>last</u> boat safety course at the club on September 18, 2006.

He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your Safe Boating card. It will soon be the law that all boaters, jet skiers and watercraft operators must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. Phil anticipates a high demand for this course as the deadline quickly approaches. Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

The cost is \$ 40 for members \$ 45 for non-members.

This is the last time that Phil will be offering this course. He has indicated that the method to obtain this card is going to change, probably in October of 2006. Anyone wishing to obtain their Safe Boating Card after that time will have to take additional hours of instruction offered in a few sessions, which Will NOT BE OFFERED AT WOFGPA.

Don't miss this last opportunity to obtain your Safe Boating Card or delay in contacting Phil, who can be reached at 519-668-1130 or email Phil at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca



TROUT STOCKING Date To Be Announced

As the summer ends and the temperatures fall, we will start monitoring the water temperature of the pond. Only when the water has cooled enough, we will be stocking the pond with beautiful Rainbow Trout.

Often the decision is made to stock the pond and time does not allow to inform the members by

email. Once the date has been set, it will be posted on the outside Bulletin Board and on the board by the washrooms in the club. Please check these boards frequently for updates.



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN!

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2006

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP

(Arrive earlier to ensure you get a seat to play, but no earlier than 6:45 pm).

COST: \$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.

The next euchre will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 7:30 pm.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOFGPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

Lined	jacket with	embroidered	crest	\$ 45.00
Lined	jacket with	embroidered	crest and	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 – only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

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 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

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Fall Trout Derby

When: Sunday, October 15.

Registration: 7:30 am – NO EARLIER **Derby start time**: 8:00 am SHARP!!!

Derby end time: Noon

Cost: Juniors (12 and under) \$ 5.00 Members \$ 12.00 Non-members \$ 15.00

Paid entrance entitles each angler to refreshments and a light lunch after a morning of angling.

Cash prizes are awarded for both Junior and Adult Divisions according to the largest total length of three (3) Trout. An additional prize is given to the angler who catches a Trout whose length matches the Mystery Fish length. Even those who don't win a prize keep the Trout and have it for dinner. Door prizes are also available to be won.



WE HAVE WORMS!

The worms cost just \$ 3.00 per dozen. If you have any issues with the machine or the worms, please contact Steve at 519-668-6257

(evenings). Steve regularly checks the machine and feeds the worms.

Photo Corner



Aerial photo of WOFGPA



View from the back dock



Tom Girdlestone - At his favorite spot



A young family enjoying Sunday afternoon.



Early summer morning at WOFGPA

ENJOY THE REST OF THE SUMMER AND PLAY SAFE.

The General Meetings will resume in September and will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please attend and add your input so that informed decisions can be made about YOUR club.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. 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.

FOR SALE

12 foot Aluminum boat with electric motor and battery. This boat also comes with a pair of oars and two life jackets. Asking \$ 450. If you want more details and want to see this boat, contact Harry Lukings at 519-685-0013

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