

# SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER



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## September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting & Bass fishing talk	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Doors Open London - day 1
23/30 Doors Open London - day 2 (Sept 23)	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Euchre

## October 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving	9	10	11 General Meeting	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			

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.**

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

## President's Message

Open Doors London

Most of you will recognize this title as one of London's exciting weekend activities.

On September 22 and 23, our club will be one of the featured properties. Our clubhouse and grounds will be open to the general public from 10 till 4 on both days.

In my opinion this will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our beautiful clubhouse and property. To properly achieve this we will need a number of volunteers to help with such things as ground tours, pond tours (boat rides), greeters and supervisors. It would be nice to have 2 shifts of 6 volunteers per day.

If you would like to support your club in this effort, please contact myself or Teresa Couture and submit your name. This would even be a good opportunity for families to work together. Thanks in advance.

Yours in Conservation  
**Stan Gibbs**

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The club offers its condolences to the Gibbs family after the passing of Stan's father in early August.

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### Bass Fishing Talk

At the shortened General Meeting on September 14, Stan Gibbs will be giving a talk to the members about tried and true techniques for successfully catching bass. I am sure that many members will find this both interesting and informative. Don't miss out on this one.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES  
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## DOORS OPEN LONDON AT WOFGPA

**Saturday, September 22, 2007 and  
Sunday, September 23, 2007**

During these two days, many buildings and historical sites will be open to the public. Experts at each site will introduce you to the sites history and its significance to London. There are over 50 sites in total. Doors Open London is the once-a-year chance to fully explore your city.

During this weekend, come out and celebrate our heritage in the community.

The sites range from places of worship, to natural areas, to businesses and grand homes and estates. There is something for everyone to see and something for all to learn.

This year, WOFGPA is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of the sites. As Canada's oldest conservation club (established in 1875), we offer a very unique history to the city. There have been many changes to the club as it has evolved over the past 132 years. During this time, the membership has also been involved in many joint conservation ventures with other organizations in the area.

The Executive and Committee members would like to show other London and area residents about our history, what we stand for and have to offer so please give us your ideas to polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city.

For more information about this weekend's sites which are open to the public, please visit the DOORS OPEN LONDON website at

<http://www.doorsopenlondon.ca>

Come join us on September 22nd and 23rd!

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### CLUB HISTORY NEEDED

I am looking for any documented history of the club, the property, old photos or any paraphernalia you might have. If you are willing to loan them to the club or allow me to make a copy, please call Teresa Couture. Any items donated to the club for this weekend will be returned to its owner following this event.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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### EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars.

**DATE:** Saturday, September 29, 2007  
**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive earlier than 6:45 to ensure you get a seat to play).  
**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. 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.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

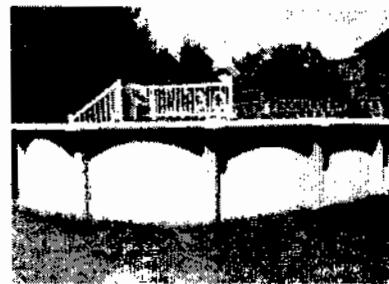
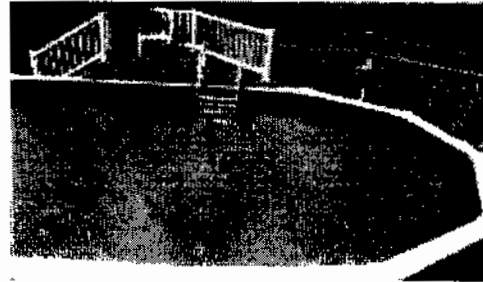
During Doors Open London weekend, a number of displays, demos and talks have been planned for the guests. Of course, there is also the "behind the scenes stuff such as planning and set up" for this event.

Volunteers will be scheduled in short shifts of a few hours so that there will always be an adequate number of members at the club to meet and greet the "Doors Open London" guests. The shifts will be 9:30 am till 1:30 pm AND 1:00 pm till 4:30 pm.

**If you can assist in any way or would like more details, contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609.**

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### 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.

Hopefully, the water temperature will cool enough that the pond can be stocked with Trout before the Fall Derby on October 14<sup>th</sup>. If stocking is done when the water is too warm, many of the Trout will die from temperature shock.

Watch the bulletin boards at the club for Trout stocking days (date determined by water temperature).

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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)

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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](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

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

**September 13 – General Meeting and Bass fishing talk and demonstration** – Our president, Stan Gibbs will give a talk about Bass fishing techniques to all members present. This is also a good opportunity for young anglers to learn how the pros do it. It will start immediately following a shortened General Meeting.

**September 22 and 23 – Doors Open London**  
Teresa Couture will be heading the committee. You can contact her to give her ideas or to offer assistance by calling her at 519-668-6257. WOFGPA has been selected as one of the sites this year for the DOORS OPEN LONDON weekend. See this newsletter for details on WOFGPA's plans and for all the other sites throughout London.

**September 29 – Progressive Euchre resumes**  
NOTE THAT THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO THE DOORS OPEN LONDON WEEKEND.

**October 14 – Fall Trout Derby**

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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.

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**Upcoming Events at WOFGPA**

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