

April 2005 NEWSLETTER



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April 2005

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10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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.

President's Message

April 2005

So, we start a new year at WOFGPA!

The elections are done, and as you can see by the list, there are quite a few new names on the Volunteer roster. I was very pleased with the turn out of voters. It is evident that our club participation is growing and the overall interest in our club is expanding. The Executive Body of the club remained the same as last year. This tells me that we did a good job and the members were pleased.

As I am writing this column, our committee members are hard at work scheduling this year's activities. Please follow your monthly newsletter for upcoming events and give your support as often as you can, whether it is in a volunteer status or just attending the event.

As a final note, the ice on the pond is unsafe due to the warm weather we have had lately. Soon enough, we will be stocking the pond with more trout, although there are plenty still in the pond. I am really looking forward to enticing one or two trout into the frying pan.

See you on the water.

Stan Gibbs

668-2609

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Attend a general meeting and 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.

The winner of the free one-year membership is Jim Douglas. Congratulations Jim!

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**DANGER
THIN ICE CONDITIONS**

THE ICE CONDITIONS ON THE POND HAVE DETERIORATED DUE TO THE WARM WEATHER AND IT IS NOW UNSAFE TO VENTURE ONTO THE ICE.

STAY OFF ANY UNSAFE ICE.

POT LUCK & EUCHRE



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.

Winners of March 26, 2005 game:

High Man: Jim Morrow
High Lady: Arlene Whiteway
Mystery Man: Gord Ford
Mystery Lady: June Shield
Most Lone Hands: Bill Lewis and Bonnie Earle
50/50 draw: Bill Lewis - \$ 15.50

COST: \$ 5.00 per player, Club membership is not required

DETAILS: **April 23, 2005**
 Dinner at 6 pm
 Euchre at 7:30 pm SHARP

This is the final euchre of the year. Traditionally, we have a potluck dinner with the euchre game following promptly at 7:30 pm.

Ron and Bonnie Earle are hosting the final Euchre and Pot Luck dinner. Please call them to confirm what dish you are bringing to the Pot Luck. Ron and Bonnie can be reached at 672-0765.

Hope to see everyone there and remember to call Ron and Bonnie.

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**WOFGPA Website**

The website is up and running. You can log on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Please visit it often. Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have some pictures, articles or stories about the club to post for all to see. Any submissions can be sent to Lawrence by email at [lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)



**There is no smoking in the club at any time.**

## WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. The costs are very low while the quality is high.

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| 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  |

**To purchase items or for more info, 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 by the washrooms.

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 Dodge by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

Effective May 1, 2004, new badges are being issued for new members and for renewal memberships only. After you have paid your renewal fee, you may obtain your new badge by attending a meeting, contacting the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs.

**You will not be allowed to fish without a valid new badge even if your dues are paid.** As your membership comes up for renewal, you will be sent a reminder.

## PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US

### WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR CLUB???

The Executive and the Entertainment committee would like your input as to what you want from your club. What kind of things would you like to see at WOF&GPA. How about a dance or two? How about a summertime potluck barbeque? Would you like to see more family oriented functions? Would you like to see more conservation-oriented functions? Would you like to see less of something? Please contact any of the Entertainment Committee or the Executive and tell them your ideas. It is your club and let us all make it the best.

### Easter Breakfast with the Bunny

On Sat., March 26<sup>th</sup>, over 80 people came out to enjoy yet another great club cooked breakfast.

Many thanks go to Karen Anderson, Val Grahl, Cindy Gibbs, Bonnie Earle, Pat Lockrey, Myra Rodrigues, Teresa Dodge. You all have put in such hard work making this day a success.

A special thank you goes to Tara and Colton for their help with the crafts and the Bunny. Thanks a bunch.

### NEW KITCHEN

All the ladies of the Entertainment Committee (the ones usually in the kitchen) would like to thank a great group of men on behalf of the membership for all the great work they did in renovating the kitchen.

After many shopping trips and conferences with the Entertainment Committee, they managed to complete their renovations. There was a lot of new paint, a new floor and a new tiled backsplash.

After seeing the new kitchen, you will definitely want to thank Don Colborne, Russel Fralick, Jim Douglas, Lawrence Lainchbury and Ron Earle for their efforts.

We also would like to thank Marian Colborne for the special “homey” decorative touch to the new kitchen.

*The Entertainment Committee*

## SPRING CLEAN UP

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Start time is 8 – 8:30 am**

A lot of help is needed to clean up the club and the property after a long winter, and in preparation for the warmer weather.

If you are at all handy with hand tools, power tools or lawn implements and have a bit of time to spare, come out to help spruce up your club.

This is also a great way to get involved at the club. In a relaxed atmosphere, you are able to meet new members and to see the others that have been hibernating for most of the winter and come away with a sense of accomplishment.

We supply all refreshments and a lunch on the condition that you are here dressed appropriately.

Please contact Steve Couture at 668-6257 and let him know that you will be here. Steve will also have a list of things that we hope to accomplish during the cleanup.

Remember –  
If you are here at the club helping with Spring Clean Up, you probably will not be asked to clean up at home on the same day.

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Each year, after reviewing the club's financial status, the Executive, with input from members, discusses upcoming projects and / or renovations for the club. Of course, due to budgetary restraints, not everything can be done this year.

Sometimes, these ventures are a major undertaking where lots of volunteer assistance is required. At other times, the projects are quite simple and can easily be accomplished in a short time.

Some of the items currently under consideration are new soffet and fascia for the building, heating the bathrooms, as well as renovations to the bar.

We want to hear ideas from the members. The idea may be a renovation/repair or it may be a new function. Please let us know by attending a meeting or by calling any of the Executive.

TROUT STOCKING

Saturday, April 23rd

Trout stocking will be done in two deliveries and has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 2005 (delivery date and times are yet to be confirmed with the supplier).

In the past, the first delivery is usually mid morning and the second around lunchtime.

Come to the club if you can help or just want to see how the pond is stocked.

Tom McGill (652-2875) will post the details on the bulletin boards at the club. Please check the bulletin board for all the details, as the date gets closer.

The winners of the March General Meeting draws are:
Adriel Machado, who won Power Bait and Lures
And
Herman Szielasko, who won a Matt Sundin hat and lures.

Thank you to Brian Erntemen for donating the Matt Sundin hat for this draw.

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## Spring Trout Derby

**Sunday, May 15th**

The derby will run from 7:30 am til noon.

Registration is at 7:00 am.

**NO EARLIER PLEASE.**

The fish will still be in the pond no matter what time you show up to fish.

The cost is:

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

The derby is open to both members and nonmembers (although non-members will be charged a higher entrance fee).

There will be plenty of prizes and a light lunch.

Come out and happy angling.

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