

APRIL 2008 NEWSLETTER



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April 2008

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**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**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees**

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

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Welfare

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Boat Rack

Jim Morrow

Committees (con't)

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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 presents 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

Well, the elections have come and gone and I am sorry to say that I was very disappointed in the turnout. A rough estimation of about 225 active members that were eligible to participate, only a few showed up.

Some might say that the reason for such a low count was that members are happy with things and they don't feel a change is warranted. I am glad that we are doing such a good job for you all, but some input would be greatly appreciated.

When you, were inducted as members into our Club, you all promised to "Give assistance in club activities", I understand that some of you may be restricted physically, and some of you may be restricted by employment commitments, but surely most of you could at least commit to one night and support our Club Elections. I don't mean to sound so down, but it takes a lot of time and energy to keep things going smoothly and I am afraid of losing good people due to burnout.

Currently we are looking for some help on all of our committees, it would be nice to see some new faces involved. Please note that the new list of committee members will be finalized in the near future. If you wish to join a committee, please contact any of the Executive who can direct you to the person you need to speak with.

I would like to thank Tom McGill for his past service as 2nd Vice President. His dedication and efforts in Club activities was tireless. His shoes will be hard to fill.

Jim Morrow will assume the post of 2nd Vice President. He is a very capable and competent person and I am sure he will be a valuable asset to our Club.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

IMPORTANT NOTICE

For the last few months of 2007, our members were informed by newsletter that effective January 1, 2008, the newsletter would not be sent and that the newsletter would be available to members on the website. Unfortunately, we now realize that enough of the members have not visited the website and have not viewed the newsletter and up to date information about club functions. For this reason, newsletters will be sent by email temporarily until another solution is found. We apologize for this inconvenience. At any time, you may obtain the newsletter by visiting the club website at www.wofgpa.org



Jigg's Dinner

It is a WOFGPA tradition that the new Executive serves dinner to the members and their guests. The members can expect a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

Date: Sat., April 5, 2008
Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm
Dinner served at 6:00 pm
Cost: **ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**
(NO RESERVED TICKETS)
\$ 12.00 Adults

Your advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217. Tickets will also be available at each function. If you can bring a salad or desert, please call or email Teresa @ Tcouture@gapenviromic.com (519-668-6257 – evenings) and let her know as soon as possible.

The tickets sell very quickly so do not delay.

Emad Hazboun has agreed to give a talk about Deer Communication at the shortened May General meeting on May 8. He formerly gave a talk about deer vision, which was outstanding. We are sure that this presentation will give all hunters much more of an advantage as they venture out for a day of hunting. Definitely don't miss this one.

Emad is planning a bow-hunting course in June. If anyone is interested in signing up for this course, please contact him by email at emadhaz@hotmail.com

REMINDER – WAITING LIST

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Do not let you membership lapse.** If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. There are currently about 40 people waiting to join the club as members. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it must be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing.

The winner of the free one-year membership, drawn at the Annual Elections is Gord Spotton. Congratulations Gord and Jeanette!

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

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

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We are looking for many ideas to keep our members coming to our General Meetings. Last year, several of our members shared 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 in the evening



### Pot Luck and Final Euchre

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The final euchre of the year is April 26. This is a Pot Luck euchre. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the card games start at 7:30 pm SHARP!

To ensure that you get a seat to play, please arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm. All tables will have 4 players although you do not need to have a partner or a foursome when you arrive. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening.

Please contact Teresa Couture and confirm which dish you plan on contributing to the Pot Luck.

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

If you 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 [TCouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:TCouture@gapenviromic.com)

## TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT Saturday, April 12, 2008

Test your poker skills, have some fun and maybe take home the big pot. If this function proves to be a popular way of breaking up the mid-winter blahs, then additional Texas Hold'em Nights will be held on the second Saturday of each month for the balance of the winter.

**Where:** WOFGPA Clubhouse

**Time:** 7:00 pm Sharp until the last player is left

**Cost:** \$ 10.00 per player

### Tournament Guidelines:

- No limit Hold 'em Poker
- Start with 825 dollars worth of chips
- Buy backs allowed up until the first hour
- Blinds increase every 20 minutes
- Top ups allowed during the first hour to all players still playing at a cost of \$ 5.00 for "400 dollars" in chips
- Cards do the talking at the tables
- All players but one at the last table win cash and the total payout of monies will be at least 50% of proceeds (after expenses)
- 50% of the proceeds go to the club

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For additional information, please contact Stan Gibbs.

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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](http://www.wofgpa.org)

If you have never visited the club website, now is the time. This site contains our club history, updated information about any functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please contact Teresa Couture at [TCouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:TCouture@gapenviromic.com) or by phone in the evenings.

### ~~~~~ OFAH Members

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is looking to update their records. Although they do know how many members they have, they are not aware if any of these members are also WOFGPA members.

Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly?

If you are an OFAH member or wish to become one, please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at [val.grahl@rogers.com](mailto:val.grahl@rogers.com) and provide her with your OFAH membership number.

**MAKE A GIFT FOR MOM**  
**Sunday, May 4 @ 9:00 am**

This year, all children and grandchildren are invited to come to make either a cedar birdhouse or a cedar flower planter for Mom. The children can assemble their project on May 4 and have a week to decorate it at home before they give it to Mom or Grandma.

There is no charge for this craft day. Pre-registration is mandatory so that there are enough supplies for each of the children present.

Please register with Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 no later than Friday, April 2.

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The winners of the March General meeting draw were:
Tony Dukic Smoke detectors
Don Finch WOFGPA Touque
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**Spring Trout Derby**

**Date:** Sunday, April 20, 2008  
**Cost:** Members \$ 12.00  
          Non-Members \$ 15.00  
          Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)  
**Derby times:** 7:30 am until noon  
**Registration:** 7:00 am (No Earlier)

Come and join us for the Spring Trout Derby. For this registration cost, you will receive a light lunch and you will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes go to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

The pond will be stocked before the derby so check the bulletin boards at the club for details. If you wish further info, please contact Stan Gibbs.



**Walt and Jim stock the pond in Spring 2007**

**SPRING CLEAN UP**

Although the date has not been set as yet, there are a few things to be done after the winter and the club grounds are in need of a cleanup. We have a few things on the "To Do" list and some other things that we would like to be done. If you are able to assist for a few hours, please come out. Please bring any small hand and power tools with you if possible. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Contact Steve Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) to confirm that you are available to help once the date is confirmed.

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An Evening of Murder Dinner
(An Irish Wake)
and Silent Auction

John and Karen Anderson's granddaughter, Emilie, is constantly in need of costly treatments, which are not covered by health care. Emilie was born microcephalic, is blind and is unable to walk or even support herself.

The Anderson's have organized an Evening of Murder Dinner event to assist the family with Emilie's treatments. The theme of the evening is an Irish Wake where the dinner guests will all be a part of the festivities. All profits from this venture will go directly to Emilie's care.

Many items will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Door prizes, a very special menu and cash bar are available.

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2008
Cost: \$20.00 per person (advance tickets available by contacting the Andersons)
Where: Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association

On June 8, come to the club to meet Emilie and her family. The Andersons may be reached at 685-9217 for more details, which will also be provided in the May newsletter.

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**Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, June 14**  
**Time: 8:00 am til ?**

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the garage sale. You can get cash for all those items that just are not used any longer. At the same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting or camping items that you might have. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to reserve a table, which cost only \$ 15.00 each.  
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Family Day at WOFGPA

Although this function is not held until June, the planning must begin now. The Executive and Entertainment Committee are hoping that some members will bring forth some fresh ideas for our Annual Family Day function. We want this to be an enjoyable day for the members and their families. Please contact us with your ideas for events, functions and guests that you would want to see at Family Day or at any other function.

This is also the largest function of the year and much volunteer time is spent organizing the day's festivities. If you can assist in any capacity, please contact Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

Photo Corner



WOFGPA in the spring



A young man's "Catch of the Day"

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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| Saturday, April 5 | Jigg's Dinner – details in this newsletter |
| Thursday, April 10 | General Meeting |
| Saturday, April 12 | Texas Hold 'em Poker Night – details in this newsletter |
| Sunday, April 20 | Spring Trout Derby – details in this newsletter |
| Thursday, April 24 | Executive Meeting |
| Saturday, April 26 | Pot Luck and Euchre – details in this newsletter |
| Sunday, May 4 | Children's Project – Make a Gift for Mom – details in this newsletter and pre-registration required with no cost to participate |
| Thursday, May 8 | Emad Hazboun will give a talk about Deer Communication following the General Meeting |
| Thursday, May 22 | Executive Meeting |
| Sunday, June 8 | Kids Only Fishing Derby – details in next months newsletter |
| Sunday, June 8 | Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser for Emilie – details in this newsletter |
| Thursday, June 12 | General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw – details to follow |
| Saturday, June 14 | Garage Sale – details in this newsletter |
| Sunday, June 22 | Family Day – details to follow |
| Thursday, June 26 | Executive Meeting |
| Sunday, July 13 | Annual Bass Derby |

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