

April 2009 NEWSLETTER



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April 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Jiggs Dinner & Trout stocking
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting & OFAH discussion	10	11 Breakfast with the Bunny
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18 WofGPA Spring Cleanup & Thames River Clean up
19 Spring Trout Derby	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Pot luck dinner & Euchre Trout season opens
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May 2009

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10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 Executive meeting	29	30

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOFGPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2009 - 2010**

President

Stan Gibbs

1st Vice President

Don Colborne

2nd Vice President

Jim Morrow

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Teresa Couture

Treasurer

Steve Couture

Directors

Brian Ernteman

Lawrence Lainchbury

Past Presidents

Bill Rodrigues

John Manvell

Onsite Managers

Russell & Sheena Fralick

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Steve Couture

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Entertainment

Karen Anderson (Co-Chair)

Teresa Couture (Co-Chair)

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Don Colborne (Chair)

Don Finch

George Maudsley

Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Howard Pearcey

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

Teresa Couture

Lawrence Lainchbury

Committees (continued)

Tree Carvers

Herman Szielasko

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Lawrence Lainchbury

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Political & Environmental Research

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Lawrence Lainchbury

Jim Morrow

OFAH Representatives

Bill Rodrigues

Teresa Couture

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

The OFAH website is www.ofah.org

**Please visit these websites regularly and
become an informed individual.
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

A new year has begun!!

First off, let me thank all of you who showed up for our annual elections. Although there was little change in our Executive, the continued support was greatly appreciated. I would like to thank one of our Past Presidents, John Manvell, for officiating the Election process and to a new member, Tina Squire, for being our scribe.

Lawrence Lainchbury, Howard Pearcey and Don Turner have agreed to review the club's financial records for 2008 – 2009 and report back to the Executive and members.

On the previous page is listed the Executive body for 2009 – 2010. The various committees have yet to have their first meetings and the committees finalized so the list from 2008 – 2009 is provided for the members. If you wish to be on a committee, please contact the current chairperson listed.

Over the last 10 or so years that I have been personally involved in the running of our Club, things have been good. We have made great strides in building our Club coffers, keeping the Hall and grounds presentable, and promoting our Club so well that we have a waiting list of over 80 persons.

All this is good, but is it enough. Our Club is supposed to be a "fishing club with a strong connection to conservation"; unfortunately the only conservation efforts made are at our Club".

I'm sure that many of you have heard of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters organization. The O.F.A.H is a club that represents all of our interests in hunting, fishing and conservation efforts. They do this through strong political ties, by lobbying law-makers before these elected officials make decisions and in the courts, where some laws, once passed, may need to be challenged. Did you know that our association is affiliated with the O.F.A.H? At one time every member in our Club was also a member of the O.F.A.H. This partnership was slowly dissolved over the years and now stands at a mere 15 to 20 members belonging to both clubs. After attending the Annual Conference for the O.F.A.H, March 19 - 21, my eyes were opened to all the great things this association does for every hunter, angler and conservationist out there.

In light of this your Executive would like to see 100% affiliation with OFAH once again. Since this initiative may increase the cost of your membership, I am planning a presentation about the Federation and all it stands for at our next general meeting. Please try to attend as your input and opinion matter.

Yours in conservation,
Stan Gibbs

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WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Hopefully, we will meet each of you at one of the many functions.  
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WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

We have a new supplier of WOFGPA merchandise. Be the first one to get your merchandise and wear it proudly at the club.

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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The March General meeting draw was won by: Steve Couture (WOFGPA windbreaker) and Lawrence Lainchbury (hat light) Congratulations! Thanks to Paul Polischuk (Cologne and Fanny pack) and Gord McCurdy (fishing net) for their generous donations toward our monthly General meeting draws.

The winner of a one-year WOFGPA is Don Finch. Congratulations! 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.

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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

**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



EUCHRE RESULTS

March 28th Euchre winners:

High man – Bill Rodrigues

High lady – Don Colborne (played the evening as a female player)

Mystery man – Dave Jefferies

Mystery lady – Debbie Parker

Most lone hands – Cora and Lloyd Thompson, Arlene, and Lynda

50 / 50 draw – Don Colborne - \$ 28.00

The final euchre of the season is Pot Luck and will be held on Saturday, April 25th (hosted by the Executive & Entertainment committee).

This is a Pot Luck with the meal beginning at 6:00 pm with the card games starting at 7:30 pm SHARP. Please confirm which dish you are bringing with either Karen Anderson 519-685-9217 or Teresa Couture 519-668-6257 as soon as possible. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player.

GREYHOUND BUS TRIP BASS PRO SHOP - TORONTO

DATE: Sat. May 2, 2009

PICKUP TIME: Greyhound bus will leave at WOFGPA at 8:00 am

ARRIVAL TIME: 10:00 am arrival at Bass Pro Shop

RETURN: leave at 2:00 pm for the return to London

COST: \$ 25.00 per person with a 50 Person limit

- All money must be paid in advance to reserve a seat on the Greyhound bus
- There will be games and a 50/50 draw on the bus
- This bus trip is open to club members, their families and guests (club member must also be on the bus)
- All money must be paid to Andre Koch in order to reserve a spot for you on the bus.
- Andre will be at club functions and at the clubhouse on April 4 & 5 from 10:00 till noon.
- You can contact Andre Koch at 519-685-5725 for more details or to arrange payment.

**REMEMBER -
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE BUS, THE
FIRST 50 PERSONS TO PAY WILL GET A SEAT.**

DON'T DELAY!



JIGGS DINNER

It is 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, assorted salads and deserts and refreshments.

Date: Sat., April 4, 2009

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 12.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY (NO RESERVING TICKETS OR PAYING AT THE DOOR). At the time of this newsletter only a few tickets are available for purchase.

Your tickets may be purchased by contacting either Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please let them know as soon as possible.



Breakfast with the Bunny

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2009

Time: 9:00 am until 11:00 am
The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

Cost: \$ 3.00 for adults
\$ 1.50 children 2 – 6 yrs
No charge for children under two years

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and coffee.

The children can participate at the Craft Table while the adults enjoy their coffee.

The Bunny will be handing out an Easter surprise to children after their breakfast is eaten.

Children, young and old, can have fun creating a special Easter craft while the rest of the adults enjoy their coffee and tea after eating a great breakfast.



Spring Trout Derby & Trout Stocking

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Cost: Members \$ 12.00
Non-Members \$ 15.00 (open to the public)
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

Derby times: 7:30 am until noon. All anglers fishing from the shoreline and all boats will start at 7:30 from the dock. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

After the derby ends, members may fish with the catch limit determined by your membership type. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards your daily limit.

Registration: 7:00 am (No Earlier Please)

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 on Saturday, April 4 in 2 deliveries at 10:00 and noon (approx.)

Quite a bit of help is needed when the truck arrives to unload the Trout quickly. If you have some time to spare and would like to be involved, come dressed to get a bit wet. This is also a great spectator event for children, young and young at heart.

FOR SALE

2004 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE Extend a cab (4 doors)

Very well maintained, with lots of extras. The oil was changed every 5000km. New this year: brakes, battery, catalytic converter and tires.

This truck has many extras which include: keyless entry, remote start, chrome billet grill, tubular running boards, heavy duty mud flaps(4), Box liner, wheel well tool boxes(2), tunnel cover (4 panel fold up), extra leaf springs for towing and trailer hitch.

Body is in fair shape and still under warranty with Ziebart.

Most of the 250,000 km is highway miles. Asking \$9995.00 with certification.

Call Stan Gibbs @ 519-668-2609
WOFGPA SPRING CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 18th is the date of our Spring Clean up. Thanks to John Toman for the countless hours he spent raking the front lawn. This is one project that is no longer on our "To Do" list and it looks great. 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

THAMES RIVER CLEANUP 10TH ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, April 18th, the Friends of the Thames invite you to participate in cleaning up the Thames River. Last year almost 1800 environmentally concerned volunteers, landowners, clubs, organizations and municipalities got involved to clean up almost 200 km of the river and its tributaries. The organizer of this event is NOAH Conservation Club. All registered participants in the Thames River Cleanup will be eligible to win a brand new canoe donated by Nova Craft Canoe. All high school students can get their volunteer time this way.

The Executive has decided to spend their efforts cleaning up our club property. They encourage all members to attend either of the two clean up ventures: WOFGPA or Thames River.

GET OUT AND GET INVOLVED.

The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 families 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

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.

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. 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 by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately.

Non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

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 your club. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

The committees for 2009 – 2010 are still being formed, so if you would like to be on any of the committees, please contact the current chairperson listed previously in this newsletter.

Watch your newsletter, check the club Bulletin board or visit the club website at www.wofgpa.org for details.

The event calendar for the 2009 – 2010 year hasn't been finalized. Once approved, the upcoming events will be listed.

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| Sat. April 4 | Jiggs Dinner (a tradition at WOFGPA where the new Executive body serve dinner to the old Executive body and club members and their guests) |
| Thurs. April 9 | General Meeting |
| Sat. April 11 | Breakfast with the Bunny (another great club cooked breakfast with a visit from the Easter Bunny) |
| Sat. April 18 | Thames River Cleanup
WOFGPA Spring Cleanup |
| Thurs. April 23 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. April 25 | Pot Luck dinner and Euchre |
| Thurs. May 14 | General Meeting |
| Mon. May 18 | Victoria Day (Statutory) |
| Thurs. May 28 | Executive meeting |



WOFGPA Executive for 2009 – 2010 (Left to right: Steve Couture, Don Colborne, Stan Gibbs, Teresa Couture, John Manvell, Jim Morrow, Brian Ernteman, Lawrence Lainchbury)



Past President, John Manvell swears in Stan Gibbs as President



Door prize draws at WOFGPA

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THAT ADVERTISE WITH US**

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