

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER



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April 2010

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May 2010

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

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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

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.**

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The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Attention All Members

It was brought to the attention of the Executive that we as a club may be falling behind in our pledge to “**Obey all Fish and Game Laws**”.

Boating and canoeing have been a major part of our Club's activities for many years.

Since the year 2009, it is law that everyone that operates a watercraft under motor power must have in his or her possession a valid Safe Boaters Card. This means a watercraft with an electric motor, as most of us do use.

If your impression is that because we are on private waters, a Safe Boaters Card is not required, then you are mistaken. If you do not have a card, then I suggest you obtain one as soon as possible. A check system will be put in place. (Card shown at time of renewal) to comply with our liabilities.

Now, for those of you that operate a boat or canoe without a motor you also have responsibilities. In every watercraft on the lake there must be properly sized life jackets for everyone in the boat and they should be worn. Also needed is a signaling device, a bailing device, a towrope and an anchor. It would be wise to check out the Government of Canada web site for full requirements, as they will be enforced.

Please take this as an official notice from your Executive, that anyone not complying will be asked to take their craft out of the water until all conditions are met.

As a final note the Club has in its possession a number of life jackets that we do not need, if anyone would like some for their water craft please call me (519-668-2609) and I will assist in getting them for you. There is a limited number, so first come gets them. Just a reminder that a life jacket must be sized for the individual wearing it and the size rating is located on the inside of the life jacket.

I would like to thank one of our Past Presidents, John Mavell for officiating at the Elections on March 11.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

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If you know of a member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

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Our website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org).  
This website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter. If you have photos of the club, which you would like to share, please contact us.

## TREE CARVING NAME

It has been almost 1½ years since Hermann Szielasko first proposed the idea of carving the old Poplar tree on the main lawn rather than just bring it down. Thank you to all the members who made submissions for the official name of the tree. After much deliberation, the official name of the Tree Carving is: The Goodwill Tree of Life

One member, John Anderson put pen to paper and composed this poem as part of his submission for the tree name. It really should be shared with the rest of the members.

### The Goodwill Tree

I know of a Goodwill Tree  
Down by the pond for all to see.  
Conceived by Herman, carved with pride,  
Howard helping at his side.  
Every day they could they worked  
From their task they never shirked.  
Through wind and rain and sun and snow.  
For near two years to work they'd go.

They'd carve and whittle most every day  
The people would drop by and say  
How much they liked to watch the show  
And bring them Timmies, don't you know.  
They carved out things that swam and flew  
Yes so creative were those two  
That people came from miles around  
To watch them play in their playground.

Soon there were no spaces left  
All carved by chisels oh so deft  
And then this work of art was done  
To be enjoyed by everyone.  
So there it stands the Goodwill Tree  
A symbol of the club you see.  
Where fellowship is much admired  
And conservation is desired.

A fitting tribute to the past  
The monument will surely last.  
We thank you and the powers that be  
For giving us the Goodwill tree.

With thanks to Hermann Szielasko, Howard Pearcey and all who helped.

John Anderson. 6 /3/2010

The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [tcouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:tcouture@gapenviromic.com)



### BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

**Date:** Saturday, April 3, 2010

**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, baked beans, toast, juice and coffee.

The children can participate at the Colouring Table while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Bunny will be handing out an Easter goody bag to children after their breakfast is eaten.



### EUCHRE

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. April 24th, 2010. This is a Pot Luck Euchre and the final Euchre of the season. The Pot Luck meal will begin at 6:00 pm with the card games following at 7:30. Please touch base with Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to let her know what you will be bringing.

The winners of the March 27th Euchre games were:  
High Man – Jerry  
High Lady – Sylvia Lewis  
Mystery Man – Archie Graham  
Mystery Lady – Grace Sanders  
Most Lone Hands – Fred Sanders  
50/50 draw – \$ 28.50 - Dave Jefferies

Many thanks to Steve & Teresa Couture for hosting the March Euchre game.

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. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play, as your place will continually change throughout the evening. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening.

Hope to see everyone there.

### BRICKLAYER NEEDED

The club needs a bricklayer to rebuild the Barbeque Pit that was damaged this winter. We are hoping to relocate it and possibly build an enclosure on the front lawn. If you are a

bricklayer or know of someone, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.

### TROUT STOCKING

We have the date set that trout will be stocked in the pond. On Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup> around 10:00 am, the first of two loads of trout will be brought to the club. Many hands are needed to assist in getting the trout into the pond as soon as possible so they do not suffer from shock. It is also very interesting to watch just how it is done.

### SPRING CLEAN UP Sat. April 10 8:00 am start

For details about the cleanup or to confirm your attendance, please contact the new Grounds Committee Chair, Howard Pearcey at 519-280-3080.

As with every spring, there is always a list of things that must be done after the winter to keep WOFGPA looking presentable for the members and their guests.

Some of the tasks scheduled for this cleanup are: raking the ditch area and the lawn, patch the driveway; trim trees and general clean up around the club. Bring your own rake and lawn tools. We will provide refreshments and a hearty lunch to all the volunteers.

There will also be an adult guided tour around the pond for the youth who are willing to pick up the garbage that has collected in this area. This is also a great way for high school students, who are related to club members, to complete a part of their 40-hour volunteer community service before they graduate. Please let the secretary, Teresa Couture (519-668-6257) know that you have a child to participate and she will direct you accordingly.

### FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education.

All courses will be held at Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association.

Please contact **Ed Connor at 519-680-9872** for more information and to register for one of these courses.

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. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot. The winner of the one-year free membership in 2010 is Tony Dukic. Congratulations Tony.

At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winners of the March draw were: Brian Ernteman (WOFGPA hoody) and Don Colborne (\$ 10 Tim Horton's card). Congratulations Brian and Don.

## VOLUNTEER REMINDER

The committees are starting to form for the 2010 – 2011 season. Each committee will start to their “To Do” list of projects and start to implement them. Some of the plans and functions will be quite detailed and will require many hours of volunteer time while other plans will take just a couple of hours.

If you are a new member, this is a great way to meet other members who share the same passions for WOFGPA while fulfilling your obligation to assist where needed. Simply contact the Chairperson listed for the function, any of the Executive, attend a meeting or simply show up at any of the functions and ask where you can help.

For not so new members, we want to see you at the club getting involved and not just trying to catch your daily limit.

Remember that all members, as part of their pledge at initiation swore to give of themselves and to assist where needed. You can join any committee at any time but make it sooner so you don't miss out on all the fun.

Now is the time for all members to get involved with their club, as your assistance is very much needed. We want to see some new faces, hear new ideas and plans and to start implementing them.

Thank you to Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch for their new ideas, many of which have been implemented. Kudos.

Now is the time to polish this jewel in the heart of the city and to make it shine as best it can.

### MEAT SHOOT Sunday, May 16 Start at 12:30 pm

One of our members, Andre Koch, has planned a Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets. The cost is \$ 2.00 per package, which will give you 5 shots at the target. If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

Andre is hoping to have a minimum of 10 shooters attend. For more details, you may contact Andre at 519-685-5725

## CO-ED DART LEAGUE

One of our members, Alex Duffitt is organizing a fun filled co-ed dart league to be held at WOFGPA. The dart league is open to members and their guests. Registration will be in August with the league starting in early September. The dart league will meet each Wednesday for 26 weeks. The cost of joining the dart league is \$ 100.

More details will follow, as the date gets closer. Make sure you mark this one on your calendar.

## WANTING TO BUY

I am looking for a reasonably priced canoe. If you can help me out, please call Lisa at 519-691-0426

### IMPORTANT REMINDER MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

**You may obtain your valid membership sticker  
when you pay your membership renewal  
at any meeting  
or  
through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only.**

### DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT OR LEAVE IT WITH SHEENA OR RUSSELL, THE CLUB'S CARETAKERS

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching. Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

## UPCOMING EVENTS / FUNCTIONS AT A GLANCE

The General meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. The Executive meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members are encouraged and invited to attend all meetings.

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| Sat. April 3         | Easter Breakfast with the Bunny   |
| Thurs. April 8       | General meeting                   |
| Sat. April 10        | Trout stocking<br>Spring Clean up |
| <b>Sun. April 18</b> | <b>Spring Trout Derby</b>         |
| Thurs. April 22      | Executive meeting                 |
| Sat. April 24        | Pot Luck & Euchre                 |
| Sun. May 16          | Meat Shoot                        |
| Sun. May 30          | Ladies Only Derby                 |
| Sun. June 6          | Ladies derby rain date, if needed |
| Thurs. June 10       | BBQ Meat Draw                     |
| Sat. June 12         | Garage Sale                       |
| Sun. June 26         | Kids Olympic Day                  |
| Sat. July 17         | Campfire Night                    |
| Sun. July 18         | Bass Derby                        |
| Sat. Aug. 7          | Dart League registration          |

**Get informed and get involved.  
Enjoy the fun and meet new friends.**

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