

August 2004 NEWSLETTER



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Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

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Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich (519) 668-1130

phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

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

<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

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 all bills are paid up to date and the bank balance in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either the General or the Executive meetings.



**THERE IS NO SMOKING
IN THE CLUB AT ANY TIME**

President's Message

The purpose of today's article is to clear up a misunderstanding concerning our Life Membership qualifications.

Some of our members are of the understanding that once you reach the age of 65 and have ten years as a member of our club, you will automatically become a life member.

This is not so.

In neither the old, nor the revised editions of our "Constitution" or the "Rules and Regulations" does it state that the above mention is true.

The only way for a person to be granted a "Life Membership" is:

1. to be awarded one from the current Executive
2. the person can earn one by being a member in good standing for ten years and serve on the Executive for at least 7 years.

I hope that I have not upset any body with this information. I feel that when you reach the age of 65 and get a reduced rate (almost half), that this is a good deal. Furthermore, if we were to give Life Memberships away on the basis stated at the start of this letter, the rest of the members would have to pay higher rates to make up the difference.

It is quite possible that a previous Executive did give Life Memberships in this way, but since it is not in the Constitution, we as the current Executive choose not to.

Stan Gibbs

The website is up and running. You can log on at 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

Over 30 % of the members are receiving their newsletter by email, which reduces printing and postage. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, 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

Please patronize the businesses that advertise with us.

NEW BADGES

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 or by contacting Stan Gibbs only. There is no General Meetings in July and August. **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 to obtain the new badge. Please have patience, as it will take a year to completely replace all badges.

Why not buy a ticket for the monthly draw when you attend the General Meetings. In addition, anyone attending the General meetings can have their name entered to win a one-year membership. The draw takes place immediately following the Elections in March. **One ballot per membership per General Meeting.**

WOF&GPA WEAR

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.

ATTENTION BOATERS

The next boat safety course will be held at the club on Sept. 22, 2004 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. The cost is \$ 40.00 for members and \$ 45.00 for non-members.

To sign up, call Phil Gingrich at 519-668-1130 or email him at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

Fish Cleaning Table

As you clean your catch of the day on the stainless table, please toss all unwanted parts into the bushes or shallow water and the raccoons will routinely eat these trimmings. Do not put these wastes in plastic bags or in the garbage cans as they will only smell and attract bugs.

Please rinse the table off when you are done so that it ready for the next angler. The water from this hose is not treated city water and is not meant for drinking.

6th Annual Bass Derby

Twenty-four anglers showed up with rods and tackle in tow on July 11. The sky was clear, it was not hot and humid and the winds were light. These anglers managed to keep the spotters busy as they waved their flags to signal that they needed a fish measured so they could return to angling their next catch.

They winners in the adult division were:

1. Adriel Machado 77.5 cm
2. Robert Machado 75.0 cm
3. Steve Machado 75.0 cm

The largest Bass was caught by Nathan Wales (37 cm).

In the Junior Division, the rules were modified to allow the children to combine the lengths of any fish species caught. The winners were:

1. Ed Sweet Jr. 600 plus cm
2. Taylor Blewett 381 cm
3. Brandon Blewett 361 cm

Congrats to everyone. Thanks to the many corporate sponsors and the volunteers that help to make the day a success.

Hope everyone makes it to the next derby so watch the newsletter for further details.

TO MEMBERS OF WOFGPA

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to all those who donated and attended the fund raising we held on behalf of our granddaughter Emilie.

We were able to give her \$ 3,000.00 towards her medical and care expenses.

Special thanks to Stan Gibbs for all the help and assistance in getting items for the silent auction and also to Steve Couture and Teresa Dodge for all their work and support.

Again, a sincerest THANK YOU to all.

John & Karen Anderson

WEST NILE VIRUS

West Nile virus is transmitted by mosquitos to humans. It has been found in Southern Ontario and is rapidly spreading. Late July and August are the peak months for transmission of this virus. The symptoms usually appear as a mild flu, but serious complications can occur in some individuals. If you have been bitten by a mosquito and develop symptoms, please contact your physician.

It is recommended to reduce the risk of infections by eliminating the places where mosquitos breed and to take a few precautionary measures.

Get rid of all standing water, including water in planters, bird baths, wading pools and eavestroughs. Compost piles should be turned frequently.

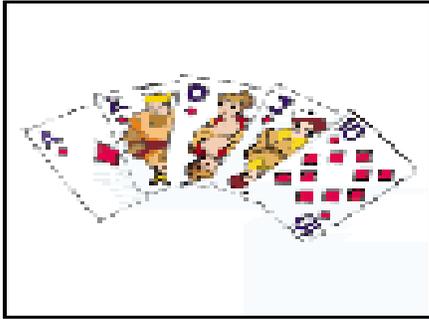
Insect repellants containing DEET, can be lightly applied. Remember that the product should contain no more than 30% DEET when used on adults and no more than 10% DEET when used on children. Clothing should be long sleeved or pants and be light coloured.

For more info contact www.HealthyOntario.com or you can call 1-877-234-4343 for a brochure.

Other places to get valuable and accurate information about West Nile Virus are your physician, your pharmacist, London Middlesex Health Unit, local library or internet search.

Be informed, be prepared and enjoy all your outdoor summer activities.

EUCHRE



The first euchre of the season is set to begin. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company and a lot of laughter.

DATE: Saturday, September 25, 2004

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

The games are open to members and non-members.

You do not need to have a partner or foursome to play.

Be sure to arrive early (not any earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat.

A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Hope to see you there.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to vacation schedules, the August Executive meeting will be held on week earlier. The new date is Thurs., August 19 at 7:30 pm.

Best wishes are extended to both Ron Earle and Guy Nofle as they recuperate from recent illness.

I want to tell everyone about someone very special.

You have probably seen him around the club fishing in the early morning hours. You have probably seen him sometime through out the week going about his business at the club. He is often seen tinkering or fixing something or just doing an errand or two for the club.

His name is Jim Douglas. Unfortunately, when doing the list of volunteers for the dock repair work party, his name was missed and he was not given any credit for his hard work. On reflection, his assistance on the dock repair project is such a small portion of what he really does to make this organization just a bit better each day.

I would like to extend both my apologies and a very sincere thank you to Jim for all that he does. If you see Jim, shake his hand and let him know how much you appreciate all that he does.

Teresa Dodge

on behalf of WOFGPA membership

Seniors Visitation Day

This is a day where a small group of residents from Dearness Home visit WOFGPA for an afternoon of fishing. If you can volunteer for the afternoon and can donate the use of a rod and tackle, it would be appreciated. Please call Ron and Bonnie Earle at 672-0765

WORMS

Worms are no longer available at the club. If a member or their child is interested in selling worms to other anglers, please contact any of the Executives.

In the mean time, many of our local stores sell worms.

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