

August 2006 NEWSLETTER



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Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

Accredited

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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Philip Gingrich

519-668-1130

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

It has been a very hot summer this year and I hope that everyone is enjoying it, despite the extreme heat and humidity at times.

Although the club does not hold General meetings or many functions during the summer months, there is still plenty to do. We have already begun to plan for the different functions for the fall and winter months. The Executive and Entertainment committees feel that these functions are numerous and are often attended by many members and their families and friends. Each function is planned to give the members a variety of events to attend or to participate in as well as allowing them ample time to enjoy the pond and the grounds.

It has shocked me many times to see that it is the same small group of individuals that assist with most of the functions. This trend cannot continue any more.

At the meetings, there have been discussions as to how to create a variety of events so that all members will find something to interest them.

"Exclusive clubs" have membership fees that are considerably higher than WOFGPA and many also charge for fish taken from their waters and have higher entrance fees for their events.

WOFGPA has always taken pride in the fact that we can have such low membership fees and still offer a variety of things to do when not fishing. This has been due to the tireless efforts of the volunteers throughout the years. **This is your club!** Why not make the most of your membership by getting involved. It is great way to meet other members who share similar interests and the rewards are endless. Call any of the Executive or Committee members to give us some fresh ideas and that you plan to be more active member. Your club is a jewel in the heart of the city so why not make it shine.

As you continue to enjoy the last half of the summer, please remember to use sun block and insect repellent, stay hydrated, wear your life jacket while on the water and always make sure that there is a worm on your hook. Happy angling.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs



Fred Pearce and his 43.5 cm Catch of the Day

Bass Derby

On Sunday, July 16, despite the heat and humidity, anglers were out trying their luck at the Annual Bass derby.

The Adult Division winners are:

1 st Place	Stan Gibbs
2 nd Place	Todd Stewart
3 rd Place	Nathan Wales

Junior Division winners are:

1 st Place	Ryan Kennedy
2 nd Place	Perri Delellis
3 rd Place	Lawson Burnett

Largest Bass: Fred Pearce (43.5 cm)

WE HAVE WORMS!

The worms cost just \$ 3.00 per dozen. If you have any issues with the machine or the worms, please contact Steve at 519-668-6257 (evenings). Steve regularly checks the machine and feeds the worms.



There are no General Meetings during July and August.



There is no smoking in the club at any time.



BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Phil Gingrich is offering the **last** boat safety course at the club on September 18, 2006.

He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your Safe Boating card. It will soon be the law that all boaters, jet skiers and watercraft operators must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. Phil anticipates a high demand for this course as the deadline quickly approaches. Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

**The cost is \$ 40 for members
\$ 45 for non-members.**

This is the last time that Phil will be offering this course. He has indicated that the method to obtain this card is going to change, probably in October of 2006. Anyone wishing to obtain their Safe Boating Card after that time will have to take additional hours of instruction offered in a few sessions, which **Will NOT BE OFFERED AT WOFGPA.**

Don't miss this last opportunity to obtain your Safe Boating Card or delay in contacting Phil, who can be reached at 519-668-1130 or email Phil at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**

FOR SALE

ASKING \$ 450

12 foot Aluminum boat with electric motor and battery. This boat also comes with a pair of oars and two life jackets. If you want more details and want to see this boat, contact Harry Lukings at 519-685-0013

WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

Lined jacket with embroidered crest	\$ 45.00
Lined jacket with embroidered crest and 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 – only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

One of our members, Brian Logie has been working very hard for quite a few months on research involving the history of Westminster and Delaware Townships. Numerous hours have been spent in libraries and talking to many people who have old records and photos about these townships. The hard work of many people is finally ending, as they get ready to publish a two-volume set. If you are interested in getting more information about this set or would like to reserve a copy for yourself, please contact Brian Logie by email at brianlogiehockey@rogers.com

Dearness Residents Visit

In the afternoon on Sunday, September 10, 2006, we are hoping that a few of the Residents of the Dearness Home will be able to come to the club and enjoy an afternoon of fishing. Plans have yet to be confirmed with the Dearness Home staff, but assistance will be needed to provide refreshments and assist the guests with fishing. We will also need solid chairs (patio style, not collapsible) and donated rods, and lures for the afternoon. If we can count on your assistance, please contact Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 or Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257. It is quite an enjoyable afternoon as the residents usually share their fond memories, many of which are about the club from years past. Please note that the visitation is still in the planning stages and has yet to be confirmed.



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN!

DATE: Saturday, September 23, 2006

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP
(Arrive earlier to ensure you get a seat to play, but no earlier than 6:45 pm).

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

The first euchre game of the season starts soon so mark your calendars.

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. Be sure to arrive early (but no earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

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 Couture by phone at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

Please patronize the businesses that advertise with us.

Some additional thank you are due for Family Day as these people were missed. Thanks for assisting with setup: Dan Clark, Bill Dice, Brian and Brad Ernteman, Walt Seliski and Gord Spotton. Thanks also to Don & Marion Colborne for their sponsorship.

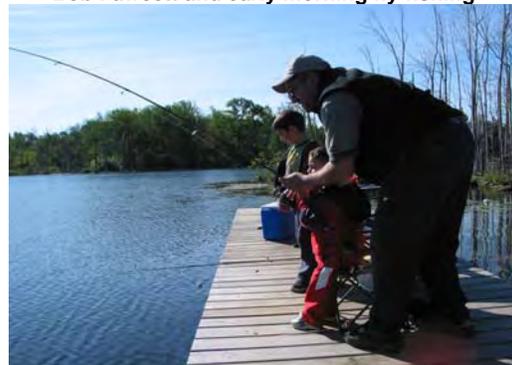
Photo Corner



President Stan Gibbs and his prize catch!



Bob Fawcett and early morning fly-fishing



Young anglers perfecting their technique



Fred Pearce's second largest bass today

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