

AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER



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

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, ALL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL.

**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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Gord Spotton

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Boat Rack

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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.**

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

President's Message

A member suggested that personal fishing, hunting, camping, or any unique outdoor trip might be worth sharing with the rest of the membership. Well, here is mine.

My long time fishing partner and good friend, Richard does this trip every year about the second week of July. Why July you ask? Because Bass season doesn't open till the end of June and for those of you who know me, you know I love to fish for those big old bucket mouths. Weeks before our trip we start shopping for all the latest line, rods, reels, and tackle that will attract and land that big five pound plus Lunker, that every bass angler dreams of getting. Hours are spent on learning new techniques and stories being told about past trips where sometimes we got them and sometimes they got away.

Well, the day finally comes and we are joined at this favorite fishing spot of many anglers, to a beautiful warm but slightly overcast day. The water is calm and warm; the weeds are thick and green, just perfect for bassin. We start fishing the weed-infested shoreline and I have immediate success with a wacky rig setup for rubber worms. The bass are plentiful but nothing too big to brag about. Richard sticks with his Texas worm rig and nets a nice bass, again nothing to brag about. As the morning wears on, the sun comes out, and a breeze picks up. This usually sends the bass down deeper, so we started using crank baits, without much success. So we went back to our favorite rigs, Wacky and Texas and did a slower presentation, this netted many bass, but again nothing too big.

We knew there were big bass in this lake; we just had to find them. Near lunchtime, and only minutes before we had decided to call it a day, we tried a favorite spot of mine, where we had both caught big bass before, I dropped my Wacky rig and let it float to the bottom around a tree that was partially submerged. After it touched bottom, I twitched it a couple of times, and was rewarded with a hefty pull on my line. At first I thought it was a smaller bass, because it was coming up for his tail kicking show, but after he broke the surface, my heart skipped a beat. This was a BIG OLE LUNCKER! After all was said and done, with the help of my good friend Richard, the 4.5 lb, 20 inch long bass was netted, measured and photo taken, then released in good health to fight another day.

That is my story, and I suppose you are wondering where this honey hole is, and how to get there. That's easy; just go to 790 Southdale Rd in London, ON. It's the best bass fishin' hole I know.

If you have any interesting story to share, we would love to hear about it.

The September 2008 newsletter and all those following will be mailed to all members. This decision was made after many members expressed having issues with the electronic versions.

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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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 site contains our club history, updated information about 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 or by phone in the evenings

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**September 20 – 21, 2008**

During the Doors Open London weekend, a number of displays, demos and talks have been planned for the guests. Of course, there is also the "behind the scenes stuff such as planning and set up" for this event.

Volunteers will be scheduled in short shifts of a few hours so that there will always be an adequate number of members at the club to meet and greet the "Doors Open London" guests.

This is a great time for any new members to volunteer at a club function. Not only will you get to meet other members in a fun and social atmosphere but you will also learn much about the history of your club, WOF&GPA. If you can assist in any way or would like more details, contact Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 or Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

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REMINDER – WAITING LIST

There are almost 70 people waiting to become members. **Do not let you membership lapse.** No longer will the \$ 10.00 penalty be accepted for late membership renewal due to the length of the waiting list. If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the already lengthy waiting list if you choose to rejoin. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it will have to be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing

DOORS OPEN LONDON AT WOFGPA

**Saturday, September 20, 2008
and
Sunday, September 21, 2008**

During these two days, many buildings and historical sites will be open to the public. Experts at each site will introduce you to the sites history and its significance to London. There are over 50 sites in total. Doors Open London is the once-a-year chance to fully explore your city.

During this weekend, come out and celebrate our heritage in the community. The sites range from places of worship, to natural areas, to businesses and grand homes and estates. There is something for everyone to see and something for all to learn.

This year, WOFGPA is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of the sites. As Canada's oldest conservation club (established in 1875), we offer a very unique history to the city. There have been many changes to the club as it has evolved over the past 132 years. During this time, the membership has also been involved in many joint conservation ventures with other organizations in the area.

The Executive and Committee members would like to show other London and area residents about our history, what we stand for and have to offer. Please give us your ideas to polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city.

For more information about this weekend's sites which are open to the public, please visit the DOORS OPEN LONDON website at

<http://www.doorsopenlondon.ca>

Come join us on September 20th and 21st!

CLUB HISTORY / MEMORABILIA NEEDED

We are looking for any documented history of the club, the property, old photos or any paraphernalia you might have. If you are willing to loan them to the club or allow us to make a copy, please call either Stan Gibbs or Teresa Couture. Any items donated to the club for this weekend will be returned to its owner following this event.

Summer Bass Derby Sunday, July 13, 2008



Stan almost kisses the Largest Bass of the derby

As you can see by the smile on Stan's face, Mother Nature could not have presented anglers with a more perfect day.

The winners of the Adult Division were:

1 st place	Nathan Wales
2 nd place	Bob Smale
3 rd place	Robert Powell

The winners of the Junior Division were:

1 st place	Tom Lorence
2 nd place	Blake Lutzi
3 rd place	Curtis Lutz

The next scheduled derby is the Fall Trout Derby on October 19. Watch further newsletters for more details

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? With the membership you will receive the Outdoors magazine delivered to your home.

Please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at val.grahl@rogers.com and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also gladly accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT
Saturday, September 13, 2008

Test your poker skills, have some fun and maybe take home the big pot.

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.

Additional Texas Hold'em Nights will be held on the second Saturday of each month for the months of September thru April.

For additional information, please contact Stan Gibbs.



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members.

DATE: Saturday, September 27, 2008
TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive earlier than 6:45 to ensure you get a seat to play).
COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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. 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. As the date gets closer, details of the event will be printed in the newsletter and posted at the club and on the website.

Sun. August 24	Volunteer Appreciation Night (By invitation only)
Thurs., August 28	Executive meeting
Thurs., Sept. 11	General meeting
Sun., Sept. 13	Texas Hold 'em Poker
Sat. Sept. 20 thru Sun., Sept 21	Doors Open London
Thurs., Sept. 25	Executive meeting
Sat., Sept. 27	Euchre resumes
Thurs. Oct. 9	General meeting
Sat., Oct. 11	Texas Hold 'em Poker
Sun. Oct. 19	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs. Oct. 23	Executive meeting

Photo Corner



Fred Manuel enjoys taking in the beauty of the club and tries his luck on a sunny afternoon



Fred and Grace Sanders enjoy a leisurely canoe ride around the pond.

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