

December 2004 NEWSLETTER



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December 2004

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5	6	7	8	9 General meeting & Turkey Roll	10	11 Breakfast with Santa
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 London Knights Hockey Stick Raffle Draw
19	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

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9 OFAH Zone J meeting	10	11	12	12 General Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29



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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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

As I sit at my computer writing this message to you, snow is falling for the first time this winter. This time of year is very special for people and their families. It is a time to celebrate the joy of giving the Christmas brings. When I think back over the past Christmas's that I have enjoyed, the look of gratitude on peoples faces when they receive something, no matter how big or how small is what warms my heart the most.

I received a very special gift this year and it was from every member who gave a little time to do something for our club. I am very thankful that our Association has members that enjoy giving of themselves to help our cause. I hope the smile on my face shows the gratitude that I feel. I would like to extend to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

Stan Gibbs
668-6209

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Best wishes for speedy recoveries go out to Isabelle Carew and Bill Craig.

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WOFGPA COOKBOOK

I am getting recipes from members and their friends and families but I would like to see more. Don't be shy.

I am going to publish a cookbook / collection of recipes that will be shared with other club members and their families.

The categories are: Appetizers and Condiments, Main Courses, Soups and Salads, Desserts, Snacks, and Barbeque Time.

Please submit your recipes to me by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca You can write it down and give it to me at a club meeting or function, or leave it at the club in an envelope.

IT IS EUCHRE TIME AGAIN!

Thirty-six players came to play euchre on Saturday, November 27th.



The winners were:

- High Man:**Gord Spotton
- High Lady:** Gloria McRonald
- Mystery Man:** Don Colborne & Gord Foster
- Mystery Lady:** Elaine Lockrey & Jesse Ward
- Most Lone Hands:** Heather Anderson
- 50/50 Draw** – Martin Siroski - \$ 26.00

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 not any 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 welcomed. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. Hope to see you at the next euchre.

DATE: January 22, 2005

TIME: 7:30 pm **SHARP**

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

There is no euchre held in December due to the Christmas holiday season. The next euchre after that will be January 22, 2005.

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The winner of the November General meeting draw was Tom McGill, who won a fly rod case and Gibbs lures. Congratulations Tom !!!

Attend a general meeting and your name is entered to win a one-year membership. One ballot per membership per month is allowed. The draw will be held in March of each year, immediately following the elections.

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE
BUSINESSES THAT
ADVERTISE WITH US**
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Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance.

Please review the Fishing rules occasionally as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to each membership type. These rules are posted in the Fish Registry Room and just inside the main building by the washrooms. Any of the Executives can clarify any questions you have. Please call them (names and numbers listed at front of newsletter).

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## WOF&GPA WEAR

Why not get that special someone a polar fleece jacket or a warm hooded sweatshirt or a toque for Christmas.

Please place orders for Christmas by December 10, which is one week later than originally advertised. It takes two weeks to get delivery of items ordered if we do not have it in stock. Tom does have a good variety of merchandise available for immediate purchase.

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| 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.**

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## 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, contacting the caretakers, Russel and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs.

**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.

# Turkey Roll

## Thursday, December 9, 2004

(Immediately following a shortened General Meeting at 7:30 pm)

We once again are having our annual turkey roll with 20 turkeys weighing between 5 to 7 kgs. each. Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for picking up all the turkeys for this year.

Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company.

Hope to see everyone there!

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## RAFFLE FOR A SIGNED LONDON KNIGHTS HOCKEY STICK

**Tickets are \$ 1.00 each**

**Draw to be held on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the Christmas Tree Lot**

Ms. Stephanie Turnbull of the London Knights organization has generously supplied us with a hockey stick signed by London Knights Forward # 17 Robbie Drummond (valued at \$ 300).

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase. You may purchase tickets at any of the following:

- From any of the Executive
- At a euchre
- At the Breakfast with Santa
- At the Turkey Roll
- At the Christmas Tree Sales
- At a General or Executive Meeting

**Do not Delay!**

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## WOFGPA Website

The website is up and running. You can log on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://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](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)

Over 25 % of the members are receiving their newsletter by email. This has greatly reduced the cost of postage and printing.

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 Dodge by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

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## MARK YOUR 2005 CALENDAR

### Karaoke Night

Sat. Feb 5, 2005

Karen and John Anderson are organizing a Karaoke Night to help break up the mid-winter blues. Remember to practice your singing voice and to mark this date on your calendar. Tickets will be available for \$ 5.00 per person and are available by contacting Karen Anderson at 685-9217. Prizes and door prize draws. Refreshments, munchies and a light lunch will be served. Watch your newsletter for further details.

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## OFAH - ZONE J MEETING

Sunday, January 9, 2005 at 9:00 am SHARP!

This meeting is open to OFAH members only.

Meet your OFAH board, other OFAH members from affiliate clubs and hear about some of the key issues and initiatives that others are involved with.

Refreshments and a hot lunch will be served for a nominal fee. For more details, contact the OFAH Rep, Bill Rodrigues at 455-7905 or Teresa Dodge at 668-6257.

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## PENTIUM II FOR SALE

Pentium II computer with many features including a CD ROM, 3 ½ " Floppy drive, Canon fax copier and Photo Realism printer, Logitech Keyboard and Compac 13" monitor.

Don is including lots of software and additional print cartridges. There are just way too many great features to list on this system.

Don is asking only \$ 450. for everything and will guarantee that everything is working and in good order.

For all the details and to check out this great buy, call Don Colborne at 686-9559.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 til 11:00

Come out and enjoy a hot breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, orange juice and coffee.

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (6 years and under)
- Children under two years old – no charge

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. Each child will receive a treat from Santa.

After this, the family can go outside to pick out their Christmas tree.

Hope to see everyone there!

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## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
till all trees are sold

Tell all your friends, neighbors and co-workers that we are selling fresh cut Christmas trees again this year.

**Spruce trees**  
**Scotch pine trees**  
**Balsam trees**

**\$ 22 each – any size**  
(Freshly trimmed the way you like it).

Xmas tree bags - \$ 2.00 each

**Ticket for London Knights graphite hockey stick signed by Robbie Drummond – \$ 1.00 each.**

**Candy canes are free**

**The smiles on everyone's face this holiday season – priceless.**

Our volunteers will trim your tree to your specifications and give you tips on how to care for the tree over the Christmas season.

# SAVE THE THAMES RIVER

## Public Meetings

All meetings start at 7:00 pm SHARP!!!

We have a plan to save, enhance and protect the Thames River. We need your help.

Please attend and bring a friend.

Listed below are the locations of the public meetings to be held locally.

**Woodstock:** Library – Tuesday, January 11, 2005

**St. Mary's:** Library – Thursday, January 13, 2005

**Mitchell:** Town Hall – Tuesday, January 18, 2005

**Byron:** Library – Thursday, January 20, 2005

**Chatham:** Library – Tuesday, January 25, 2005

For more information about the issues or meeting details, please contact:

**Jim Reihl at 652-3893**  
London Sports Fishery

**Or**

**Randy Bailey at 457-7972**  
Thames River Anglers Association

For your convenience, WOFGPA has a petition about this cause posted at the club. The petition is located on the bulletin boards by the washrooms. Stan Gibbs and Ron Earle can also answer your questions.

# FOR SALE

## OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



Size: 60" long, 50 " high , 18 " deep  
TV opening: 31" by 31"

Built in speakers and lots of storage space and room for other electronics.

Cost is \$ 200.00

Contact Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 (evenings) to view.

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Our website has been moved to a different server as of November 28th, so it may appear slightly different when using Explorer or Netscape. The address is still www.wofgpa.org Give it a try. Let Lawrence Lainchbury know what you think or if you have any problems by contacting him at lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca

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On behalf of the Executive Board, the Directors, the committee members and the onsite managers: the Fralick's, I wish to extend best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

*Teresa Dodge*

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| <p>George Bray Sports<br/>Association Inc<br/><i>A Hockey Program for Children with<br/>Special Learning Needs<br/>A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i><br/><b>Stan Gibbs, Vice-President</b><br/>48 Parliament Cr London ON N6C 2Y1<br/>Phone: 668-2609<br/><br/>Email: <a href="mailto:stangibbs@execulink.com">stangibbs@execulink.com</a><br/><br/><i>Serving the Community since 1968</i></p> | <p>City Centre 519-672-0550<br/>380 Wellington St<br/>London, ON<br/>N6A 5B5<br/><br/><b>TED DILTS<br/>JEWELLERS</b><br/><i>"Your Personal Jeweller"</i><br/><br/>DIAMONDS, GOLD FINE<br/>JEWELLERY, APPRAISALS</p> | <p><b>A.E.A.</b><br/>Anderson Entertainment<br/>Agency<br/><br/><i>John Anderson</i><br/><b>600 Southdale Rd E</b><br/><i>London, ON N6E 1A6</i><br/><br/>(519) 685-9217<br/><a href="mailto:aeamusic@aol.com">aeamusic@aol.com</a></p> |
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