




DECEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER

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December 2008

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7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting / Turkey Roll	12	13 Breakfast with Santa
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January 2009

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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

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Don Finch

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Membership

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Newsletter

Teresa Couture

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Committees (continued)

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OFAH Reps

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Teresa Couture

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

This time of year is very special for members and their families. It is a time to celebrate the joy of giving that Christmas brings.

When I think back over the past Christmas' that I have enjoyed, the look of gratitude on peoples faces when they receive something, no matter how big or 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.

As many of you are aware, the Christmas tree sale is our largest fundraiser. The proceeds from this venture assist in keeping your membership fees as low as they are and also keep the pond stocked with trout for your angling pleasure. There are a few time slots for tree sales where additional assistance is needed. If you are able to assist, please let Don Colborne know as soon as possible.

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting in December, we will be holding our annual Turkey Roll. Here is an opportunity to win your turkey for Christmas. There will be 15 turkeys available to be won and an assortment of door prizes will be available to be won.

Also, at the December General Meeting, we will have Dr. Craig Woodward from UWO coming to the club to do a short presentation for the members. He is studying pond compositions over time. During his study, he will be sampling the water to observe the aquatic life and also to take core samples from the bottom of the pond. His observations at WOFGPA will be compared to other ponds of similar nature. At the end of the process, he will provide a summary for the club. This pond is one of many that he will be studying. He will also be very interested in speaking with members who are knowledgeable of the history of the area.

I would like to extend to you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

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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CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

\$ 28 each – any size, any type
(Trimmed the way you like it).
Xmas tree bags - \$ 2.00 each

Candy canes are free

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

Volunteers are needed to assist with tree sales. The shifts last only a few hours. It is a great way to meet other members and to help our organization make its biggest fund raising event of the year successful. Do not delay as the time slots are quickly filling up.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low and funds many events throughout the year. It ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond. Join the fun!

Please leave your name with Don Colborne if you can assist with set-up or tree sales.

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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](http://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.  
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OFAH Zone J Meeting  
Sun. Jan. 11, 2009  
9:00 am start time  
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Here is the opportunity for OFAH members to meet other members from the different clubs within Zone J. They will be updating members on current issues that are relevant to Zone J OFAH members. You will also be updated on current legislation changes and get factual information about the OFAH's efforts with hunting, fishing and conservation matters. This is your opportunity to be more involved as an OFAH member.

There will be a hearty lunch served for a nominal fee. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

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The winners of the November General Meeting draw were: Don Finch – toque and gloves and Jim Morrow - \$ 10 voucher for Tim Horton's. Congratulations!  
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Stan Gibbs has organized a group which will arrange for guest speaker, demo or talk for each General Meeting. Their mandate is keep these meetings interesting for members.

Stan will gladly welcome new ideas for the General Meetings.

Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 11, 2008

At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Light snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Refreshments available.

Hope to see everyone there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 13, 2008

Served from 9:00 till 11:00 am



Invite your friends, neighbours, hockey team and co-workers to a great club cooked breakfast.

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (2 to 5 years)
- Children under two years old – no charge

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

Bacon and eggs,
Hash browned potatoes and baked beans
Toast (white or whole wheat)
Orange juice
Tea or coffee

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this large reasonably priced breakfast, the family can wander out to the tree lot and pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot.

Santa will visit the children around 10:30 am.

OFAH 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 by phone or by email at valgrahl@rogers.com and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also gladly accept renewals and new OFAH memberships

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA**

WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

We have a new supplier of WOFGPA merchandise. Be the first one to get your merchandise and wear it proudly at the club.

Get your spouse or yourself any article of our club's clothing. We will be placing an order on December 5th to assure delivery by December 19th, just in time for Christmas.

Jackets with embroidered crest	\$ 40.00
Hooded fleece sweatshirt with crest	\$ 30.00
Caps with embroidered crest	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered fish crest	\$ 10.00
T-shirts with embroidered club crest	\$ 13.00
T-shirts with silk-screened club crest	\$ 10.00
Lanyards / key fobs	\$ 5.00

All taxes are included in the price.

To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the temperatures so warm in early November, but there was ice on the pond on Nov. 30th. Just a friendly reminder that:

- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person
- The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly
- Stay off any unsafe ice
- Always use the "Buddy" system
- Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety
- When in doubt, stay off the ice

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months, on short notice. Unfortunately, such short notice does not always allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want to know about upcoming derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs or check the Bulletin Boards regularly.

The members would like to thank Don Colborne for supplying the video for the November General meeting.

The video was taped at the 80th Annual OFAH meeting early in 2008. The keynote speaker, Shane Mahoney, held the audience captive as he went into descriptive details during his speech. Once again, thank you Don.



EUCHRE RESULTS

Kudos to Bill and Sylvia Lewis for their fantastic job of hosting the November euchre games.

The winners were:

High man – Jim Morrow

High lady – Cora Thompson and Marie House

Mystery man – Don Colborne

Mystery lady – Marian Colborne

Most lone hands – Janice Colborne

50 / 50 draw – Don Colborne

The next euchre is Saturday, January 24, 2009 and will be hosted by Ken and Pat Lockrey. Cards start at 7:30 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:45 pm. Please arrive early enough to get a seat to play. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter and are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play.

We serve a light snacks. Door prizes are available at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club. As the date of each events gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

Thurs. Dec. 11	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 13	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 18	Executive meeting (One week early due to Christmas)
Thurs. Jan. 8	General Meeting
Sun. Jan 11	Zone J Meeting
Thurs. Jan 22	Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 24	Euchre resumes
Thurs. Feb. 12	General meeting
Thurs. Feb. 24	Executive Meeting

Christmas Time Safety Tips

- Inspect wires carefully to make sure they are not cracked or broken.
- Throw away damaged or "suspect" lights.
- Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords during the holiday season.
- Keep all real Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources and fire places. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible.
- Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals? Do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays.
- Never leave candles unattended or on surfaces that could catch fire.
- Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO.** Call a taxi or have them stay overnight.

U NEED A CAB	438-2121
ABOUT TOWN	432-2222
CHECKER LIMOUSINE	659—0400



The Executive of WOFGPA would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and all the best to its members in the year 2009.

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