

## DECEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



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### DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8 Superbowl party meeting	9 General meeting & Turkey Roll	10	11 Breakfast with Santa
12	13	14	15	16 Executive meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day
26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	

### JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23/30	24	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

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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**

The Treasurer's Report is presented 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.**

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The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

**THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE  
WITH US WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE.**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Here we go again!!!

As in years past, the month of December is a very special and busy time around our club.

Recently we received our first load of Christmas trees. This event as you already know, is our biggest fundraiser of the year and the one that uses the most volunteers. I would like to thank Don Colborne and all his helpers who have given and dedicated time to this endeavor.

This year we also have another crew that has stepped up to the plate. Hermann Szielasko and his crew have been busy making beautiful Christmas wreaths. So far there is a lot of interest in these items.

In addition to our tree lot, our Christmas Breakfast is coming on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 9 – 11 am with a visit from Santa around 10:30 am. He will be spreading good cheer and surprises for all the good little boys and girls.

One final function of our busy December is our annual Turkey Roll. This event takes place on the eve of our General Meeting. This can be a lot of fun. There will be card games and a hockey game on the tube if there is one on. Come out, bring a friend and possibly take a Christmas Turkey home, or one of the many door prizes. (This event is open to both members and non-members.)

Please take some time to enjoy some of the functions that your club puts on. It makes it all worthwhile in the eyes of the volunteers that do the work.

As a last note, my family and I would like to extend a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

**FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES**

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education.

All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members.

Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses.

Club website is  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)



**CHRISTMAS TREE SALES**  
**\$ 28 each – any type**  
**\$ 40 – larger 8 – 10 ft trees**  
**(Trimmed the way you like it).**

**Decorated Wreaths - \$ 12.00**  
**Commercial size wreaths - \$ 40.00**  
**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. Tree Sales started on Sat., Nov. 27th and will continue till all 950 trees are sold. The wreath brigade has set themselves a goal of selling 200 real wreaths this year. We ask that the people selling trees take an extra moment to point out the selection of decorated wreaths on the display rack.

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.

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If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wishes for better healthier days ahead go to Karen Anderson and Tony DeLuca as they recover.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

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You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, do not mail your payment or leave cash / cheque with Russell and Sheena, the Club's caretakers.**

**Superbowl Party Meeting**  
Wed. Dec. 8 at 7:00 pm

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On the above date, Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt will host a meeting to organize a Superbowl party on at the club. If you are interested in assisting with organizing this function, please come to this meeting or contact either of these men.

The party will be held on Sun. Feb. 6 at 4:00 pm at the club. Game kickoff time is 6:00 pm. The cost of the tickets for this party is \$ 15.00 per ticket. There will be lots of food, raffled items and door prizes throughout the evening. To obtain a ticket (available by advance purchase only), please see Andre Koch, Alex Duffitt or Stan Gibbs. More details will follow in later newsletters

## Wreath Brigade

Hermann Szielasko and Teresa Couture have organized meetings of the Wreath Brigade. This group will meet regularly on:

Tuesday 7-8:30 pm  
Friday 10 – 12:30 am  
Sunday 1 – 4 pm



A few of the Wreath Brigade members

Due to the sudden popularity of these wreaths, we need to make as many as possible in order to offer a good selection. As sales start to pickup, someone will be in the basement of the club working on wreaths at other times. If you are at the club and want to help out, just wander to the basement and we can get you started. No experience is necessary as Hermann is teaching everyone in the art of making real Christmas Wreaths.

**Made here in Canada, eh!!!!**



The Wreath Brigade workshop



Howard Jaeger and Mary Degan proudly display one of the wreaths.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 11, 2010

9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy 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 will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the Tree lot.**

**Do you know an outstanding volunteer?  
At WOFGPA?**

Does the name of any club member stand out for their long-standing and committed volunteer efforts at the club? Is this well-rounded individual involved with more than one aspect of their efforts with WOFGPA?

If so, you can nominate the member to be officially recognized for their volunteer efforts by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration by forwarding their name to any of the Executive as soon as possible. All nominations will be discussed at a meeting before their name is submitted for official recognition.

## CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

- Inspect wires on light strands carefully to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or “suspect” lights. New LED lights are much safer than the “old” ones and very energy efficient.
- Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.
- Keep all real Christmas trees well watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible.
- Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness.
- Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to small animals? As tempting as it seems in the holiday season, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food.
- Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked during the holidays as we enjoy the festivities.
- Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time.
- Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.** Have your guests’ stay overnight or call one of the numbers below for a safe and sober ride home for them.

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**ABOUT TOWN                    519-432-2222**

**CHECKER LIMOUSINE            519-659-0400**

## SNOW BLOWERS AND SHOVELERS NEEDED

Howard Pearcey, chair of the Grounds Committee is seeking help with snow blowing or shoveling from the patio area and the walkway and steps leading to the apartment and the stairs into the main hall. If you wish to use the club’s snow blower to clear the snow away, you can ask the Fralicks to open the shed for you.

Please use sand and / or Ice Melt on the steps and walkway.



## TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 9, 2010

At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 7-8 kgs each.

Light snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs and Good Company. Refreshments available.

Hope to see everyone there!

## DANGER – THIN ICE

We know that it is hard to imagine ice fishing with the record breaking warm November temperatures we have had. Now that December has arrived, the temperatures are falling and soon ice will form on the pond. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

- A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the front dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration pipes. We anticipate that this area may stay as open water or may have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area, as it will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet’s weight. Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice.
- 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. Please stay off any unsafe ice or ice where conditions vary. Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. **When in doubt, stay off the ice**
- Always use the “Buddy” system and never venture out alone
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety and consideration of others

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice does not always allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.



## ANNUAL DRAW – FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting you attend, you will get a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

The winners of the November General meeting draw were:  
Ron Dennis – club T-shirt and \$ 20 Tim Horton's card and  
Rob Hughes – Snowbrush and club baseball cap.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE IS AVAILABLE

For purchase and in stock; we have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order in lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name.

These items make ideal gifts and stocking stuffers. The date has passed to order custom merchandise for Christmas delivery but orders for these items can be placed anytime.

Please contact Tom McGill to order any items listed.



## EUCHRE

Ken and Pat Lockrey hosted the Euchre games held on Sat. November 27.

The results were:

High Man – Rob Carpenter (79)

High Lady – Arlene (67)

Mystery Man – Tony Dukic

Mystery Lady – Bonnie Earle

Most Lone Hands – Karen Anderson and Bill Lewis (5)

50/50 draw – Jerry

If you would like to host a Euchre in the New Year, please let Teresa Couture know. New hosts are always welcome. Euchre is held on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. The cost to play Euchre is only \$ 5.00 per player.

The games start at 7:30 pm sharp. Arrive early enough to socialize with others. 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

The next Euchre game is Saturday, January 22, 2011

Display a valid card, observe your fishing limits and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Please note that ice-fishing derbies will be scheduled according to ice conditions. Often time does not allow to notify everyone by newsletter. Fishing derbies will be posted on the website ([www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)) and on the Bulletin boards at the club. Leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs if you would like telephone notification of a derby.

Wed. Dec. 8	Superbowl party meeting
Thurs. Dec. 9	General meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 11	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 23	Executive meeting
Thurs. Jan. 13	General meeting
Thurs. Jan. 22	Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch
Thurs. Jan 27	Executive meeting
Sun. Feb. 6	Superbowl Party at WOFGPA hosted by Alex Duffitt, Andre Koch and Stan Gibbs
Thurs. Feb. 10	General meeting
Sat. Feb. 19	Tackle Swap – Stan Gibbs will be the contact
Thurs. Feb. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 26	Euchre
Thurs. Mar. 10	General meeting and elections
Thurs. Mar. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar. 26	Euchre
Sat. Apr. 9	Jigg's Dinner – where the new Executive serve the members and the outgoing Executive
Thurs. Apr. 14	General meeting
Sat. Apr. 16	Pot Luck and Euchre (held one week early this year)
Sat. Apr. 23	Breakfast with the Bunny
Thurs. Apr. 28	Executive meeting



**May you enjoy happiness, health and prosperity over the Christmas holiday season and continues in 2011.**

**WOFGPA Executive**

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