

FEBRUARY 2001 NEWSLETTER



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 General Marine Boat House Sale
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting 7:30pm	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting 7:30pm	23	24 Euchre 7:30pm
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MARCH 2001

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Directors of the Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association Executive

President

Ron Earle 672-0765

1st Vice President

Stan Gibbs 668-2609

2nd Vice President

Brian Allen 668-1908

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Lawrence Lainchbury 681-7199

Immediate Past President

Gloria McDonald 686-5496

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General Membership

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Don Colborne 686-9559

Past Presidents

George Fenner 433-8840

Harold LaPointe 672-6733

Bill Rodrigues 455-9785

Committees

Entertainment

Teresa Dodge (Chair) 668-6257

Valerie Grahl 668-7620

Gloria McDonald 686-5496

Cindy Gibbs 668-2609

Bonnie Earle 672-0765

Janice Reichstein 686-4388

Karen Anderson 685-9217

Pat Lockery 681-1656

House

Don Colborne 686-9559

Grounds

Gord Spotton 439-9450

Vince LeFavre 681-8468

Ponds

Brian Allen 668-1908

Welfare

Gary Carew 681-7558

Boat Rack

Stan Gibbs 668-2609

Membership

Valerie Grahl 668-7620

Newsletter

Karen Anderson 685-9217

Public Relations

Tom Bird 681-7959

Safe Hunter Training

Philip Ginrich 668-1130

OPAH Rep

Bill Rodrigues 455-7905

Onsite Managers

Russell & Sheena Fralick 681-2370

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.



Tagged Fish

We have put in 5 tagged trout in the pond.

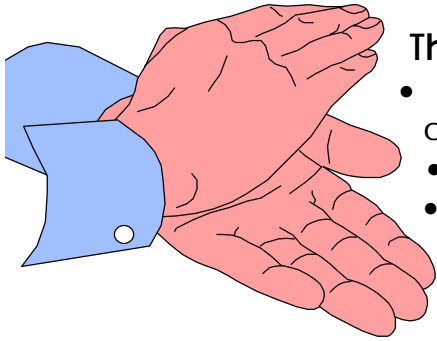
If you catch one (and you'll probably notice when you do) you can claim \$15. To verify the catch & claim the \$15 call Brian Allen at 668-1908. Only 1 has been caught so far!

Treasurer's Report

Lawrence presented the Treasurer's report at the last meeting showing all bills are paid up to date and the bank balance is in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, this is available at either the General or Executive meetings.

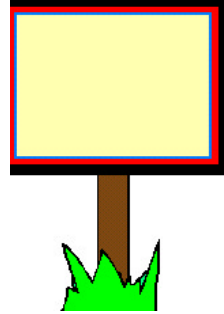


NOTICE There is no smoking during meetings or during meals at Club Events. **Don't forget to wear your Badge!**



Thanks to.....

- Brian Allen for another great Derby. The fish didn't cooperate but a good day was had by all.
- Teresa for the food for the Derby.
- Stan Gibbs and Steve Glass for the rink and snow blower repair.
- Don Colborne for de-icing the roof.

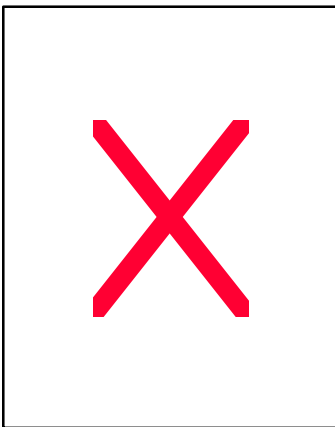


Don't Forget....

Jiggs Dinner coming Up March 17, 2001.

Time: 6pm

Price: \$7.00

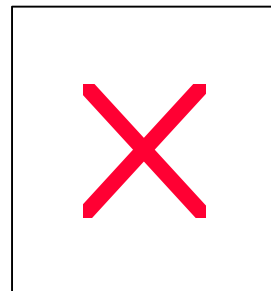


Come Out & Enjoy Corned Beef & Cabbage
Roast Beef

A great Meal at a Great Price!
This is the function to welcome in the new
executive and committees. Everyone is
Welcome. Dessert is "pot luck" so if you can

bring one, please do so. See you there!

Lots of Good Food & fun!



Family	\$115.00 per year
Single	\$95.00 per year
Senior Citizen	\$65.00 per year
Youth	\$50.00 per year **
Sponsor Youth	\$10.00 per year ##

** Attachment only to above Primary
Non-Family less than 16 yr. of age

Note: Arrangements can be made to split the payments using POST DATED CHECKS

Courses Available to Members

Hunter Education \$75.
Canadian Firearms Safety \$70.
Exam for each course \$30.

One Stop (Hunter Safety)
Total \$115.00

Take Advantage of the Reduced Rates
Firearms Verification - No Cost
Contact Phil Gingrich @ 668-1130

Club Members
Reduced Rates for OFAH Membership

\$24.00 (includes Ontario Out of Doors Magazine & Insurance)
An Extra \$5.00 for an OFHA Cap



WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

Anyone not visibly wearing a membership card should **NOT** be fishing in WOG&GPA waters. **POACHING IS A PROBLEM.** If you see anyone fishing without a visible card. Ask to see proof of membership or contact a member of your Executive.

Deadline for Newsletter Submission is the 4th Thursday of the month.

HALL RENTAL FEE SCHEDULE

General

Daily Rates = \$ 300.00

Membership

Daily Rate = \$ 210.00

Hourly Rate = \$ 25.00 / Hr.

(Note: A Minimum Charge of \$75.00 Applies)

(Note: Security Deposit is required)
Please call for details

Note; The above is a general rate table only. A more detailed schedule is available for specific functions. All Rates Are Subject to House Committee Approval.



BUY - SELL - TRADE

Place your free ad in the newsletter by calling **Karen Anderson at 685-9217**, or **submit in writing** or by **email** **AnderKaren@aol.com. FAX 661-0972**

Please submit your entries for the newsletter as soon as possible. Remember the **DEADLINE** is the fourth Thursday of the month. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Submit all materials to Karen Anderson. Thanks for your help.
Ron Earle

Don't forget
Come out to the General Meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE READ THIS

Renewals are trickling in for the rest of the season. Please return your membership renewals as soon as you receive them, via mail or drop off at the Club mailbox. If there are any problems, please call me, as it is important that we maintain an accurate membership listing. **Also, if one of your family members should turn 16, please let us know, because he/she becomes a YOUTH member and he/she requires their own membership card in order to fish. A YOUTH Member cannot use a PRIMARY MEMBERS BADGE. As of July 1, 1999, YOUTH Membership costs \$50.00. Please carry your card with you while on Club Grounds.** Spread the word that membership is always open and your valued membership is required to meet the goals and commitments of the Association.

***Please remember to notify us of a change of address in order that you receive your newsletter promptly.**

New members for the month of January:

Welcome to all.

If you are a new members come to the next General Meeting to be sworn in.

IF YOU MOVE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

Valerie Grahl 668-7620

SAFE BOAT REGULATIONS

(EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1999)

For Canoes, Kayaks, Rowboats & Rowing Shells:

Personal Protection Equipment

1. One Canadian approved personal floatation device or lifejacket of appropriate size for each person on board.
2. One buoyant heaving line of not less than 15 m in length.

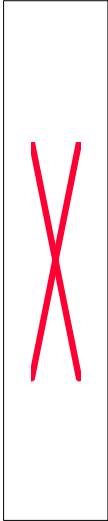
Boat Safety Equipment

1. One manual propelling device **OR** an anchor with not less than 15 m of cable, rope or chain in any combination.
2. One bailer or one manual water pump fitted with or accompanied by sufficient hose to enable a person using the pump to pump water from the bilge of the vessel over the side of the vessel.

Navigation Equipment

1. A sound signaling device or a sound signaling appliance.
Navigation lights that meet the applicable standards as out in the *Collision Regulations* if the pleasure craft are operated after sunset and before sunrise or in periods of restricted visibility.

Silent Auction and Dance Tickets on Sale NOW!



The George Bray Sports Association is pleased to announce that their 15th Annual Silent Auction and Dance will be held on **Saturday, March 3, 2001** At the Masonic Temple (Dufferin Hall) 445 Dufferin Avenue London Ontario

Come out for a Great evening Of Music, Dancing, Food & a Silent Auction. Proceeds from this event will help the league continue to offer a hockey program to children with special learning needs.

Door Prizes: 1St -- Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2 DJ from 7:30 to 1:00 a.m. Lunch Served

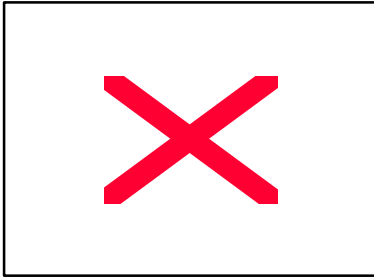
Tickets sell quickly, so please buy as many tickets as you need for yourself and friends. **Hurry Buy Your Tickets NOW, They Won't Last Long.**

Tickets are **\$10.00** each.

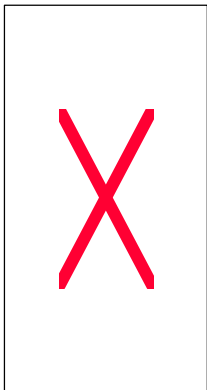
It's a great fundraiser. Have Fun & help raise money for the kids.

For tickets please call Stan Gibbs at 668-2609

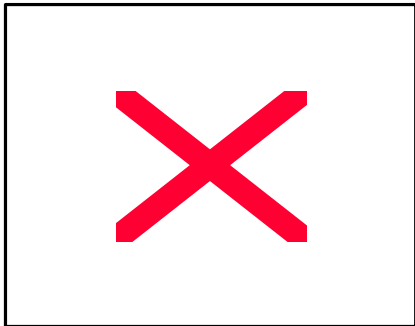
WOF&GPA is a proud sponsor of the George Bray Association.



TROUT DERBY



**Sunday, Feb.11, 2001
Cost: \$5.00 per person
Start: 9:00am
Clearly mark all Holes
Max 2 rods/person
Bait: No corn, No**



Minnows (alive or dead)

Food: Coffee, Timbits, Hot

Chocolate, Soup & up to 2 Hot Dogs - only \$2.00

Additional Hot Dogs - \$.75

Good Luck to All
PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

It was good to see such an excellent turnout for the ice-fishing derby – 40 people attended. Too bad the fish had lockjaw, but at least the weather helped us all enjoy the day. Thanks Brian and Teresa.

March is nearly upon us, and with it, brings not only warming days, but also WOF&GPA elections of officers, committees and directors for 2001. This is an important segment of the way our Club operates for the coming year. All roles are vital to the continuing wellbeing of WOF&GPA. Very few cities can boast of an up-north setting, wildlife, walking trails, fishing and canoeing just a few minutes' drive from any part of town. We are all fortunate to have this experience at our fingertips. That is why it is so important that we exercise our right to elect responsible people to fill the positions that keep our Club operating.

The social side of our Club is a busy and important part of representing to non-members what WOF&GPA has to offer. This is a time of camaraderie amongst our members and allowing potential new members an insight of what we stand for and are all about. This responsibility of many aspects lies with the ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE. Food for any functions that requires buying, preparing and servicing. Euchre nights, Family Day, Easter Egg Hunt, breakfast with Santa and many other fun activities are taken care of by this committee. A minimum of 8 to 10 people are needed (more if possible) to share the workload and keep things happening. It is not necessary to help with all the functions, but to be of assistance when you are available. Do you have a few hours for 2001 that you can spare?

Did you know that the 2000+ trout didn't just hop into our pond, that the water quality doesn't monitor itself, the health and care of the pond doesn't just happen? The docks don't extend or repair themselves, and the fishing derbies don't just happen. They all take place because of the care and dedication of the PONDS COMMITTEE. Help is always needed in this important area – are you interested in helping preserve our pond and fishing? If so, put your name forward to serve on this important committee. You might find it a great learning experience.

From past experience, we have found that the floors don't refinish themselves when they get worn, the lights don't replace themselves when they burn out, the roof doesn't tell us when it is about to leak, the chairs and tables don't automatically reproduce when their time is done, and the walls and ceiling don't repaint each other when they lose that clean fresh look. That's why we have a HOUSE COMMITTEE to keep the hall in good order. It's an important part of the Club to have a place that people want to rent. It's also one of the reasons we have kept our dues as affordable to all. Don't get the impression that you would be expected to do all the work to keep the hall tip-top. Smaller jobs that you are capable of are fine, but the important part of the House Committee is to recommend repairs and improvements to the Executive and to oversee the qualified personnel who do the job.

Tractor not working? Snow blower won't start? Weed eater won't eat? Chainsaw won't cut? Sprinkler system won't sprinkle? These and other problems occur on the grounds. Who do you call? Can it be rectified by a member? These are some of the things encountered by the GROUNDS COMMITTEE. Visual inspections and ideas are part of the requirements needed for this group, along with consultation with the Executive body. Give it a try and be proud of your accomplishments.

Enough already!

I have outlined a few of the important parts of the daily operation of your Club. Help is needed in all categories, so if you can spare a few hours in 2001, please put your name forward. After elections, the various committees will get together and elect a Chair for each group. All of these jobs are a great learning experience, and you will be amazed just how fun and fulfilling they can be.

I know how hectic and busy everyone's life is, but take a break and spend some time in the outdoors doing something that makes a difference. Give a little or a lot, it's up to you. I have devoted my spare time to this organization because I want to see WOF&GPA preserved and passed along to future generations. I'm sure it will because of the endurance and work of present and future leaders.

As President of WOF&GPA for the past 2 years, I would like to thank the entire Executive and committee members I have worked with; I have been amazed by their dedication to the wellbeing of our Club. Thank you all for the privilege of presiding over this organization, and my only wish remaining is to see every member of WOF&GPA attend the March 2001 meeting to elect its new representatives.

I also wish to thank 2 of our longest serving members for the participation and guidance during my term in office – Bill Rodrigues and Harold Lapointe. Thanks also to Stan, Brian, Steve, Lawrence, Don, Gord, Val, Karen and especially Teresa. Great job all! Russell and Sheena – you need no credits because your great job has said it all.

**AGAIN – GET OUT MARCH 8 AND CAST YOUR BALLOT
SEE YOU THERE!**

Ron Earle,
President.



GUESS WHO'S 50!



**TO
BONNIE EARLE**