

FEBRUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER



790 Southdale Road
London, Ontario N6E 1A8
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February 2006

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March 2006

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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.**



**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees**

WEBSITE: <http://www.wofgpa.org>

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668-1130

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 the accounts are 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

February 2006

"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 and Game Laws."

Does this sound familiar! It should. It is the pledge we read at the start of every General and Executive meeting and upon the initiation into our club. I think that a few of our members have forgotten this, because on my last trip out on to the ice to do a little fishing I came across an area that looked more like an ash tray rather than a beautiful lake. Please remove all your garbage from the lake and grounds and deposit them in the garbage barrels that are provided for you.

Lets keep our Club Beautiful!

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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Best wishes for good health in the upcoming year goes to Lawrence Lainchbury.

Happy Birthday Sheena Fralick

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A MINIMUM OF FOUR INCHES OF CLEAR ICE IS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE WEIGHT OF A PERSON. THE ICE CONDITIONS ON THE POND WILL BE POSTED. STAY OFF UNSAFE ICE. OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION AND ALWAYS VENTURE ONTO ICE WITH A BUDDY AND NEVER ALONE.

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ICE FISHING DERBY DATES WILL BE POSTED ON CLUB BULLETIN BOARDS ONCE THE ICE FREEZES. CHECK IT REGULARLY.

WE ARE HOPING THAT WINTER WILL FINALLY ARRIVE AND THE POND FREEZES ENOUGH TO HOLD AN ICE DERBY, POSSIBLY IN MID FEBRUARY. IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE OF UPCOMING DERBIES, PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME WITH TOM MCGILL AT 652-2875

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PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.

WOFGPA 2nd ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

Attention Fishing/Hunting & Conservation Clubs

It is once again time to shake off those winter blues and enjoy a few hours of interesting information on fishing, hunting, and conservation efforts. You may also want to sell some of that old equipment you have lying around. The Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Assoc. Inc. is once again hosting the Annual Tackle Swap at our clubhouse at 790 Southdale Rd. East in London. We are looking for clubs to join in this venture. Last year was a great success with 10 different clubs promoting their clubs activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to over 200 people that passed through our doors.

There is no registration fee for a table. Tables will be assigned to clubs as they register. To help attract the public, we as the Host club are asking all participating clubs to bring a prize to be given away as door prizes. The Host club will have food and beverages for sale to help offset costs, we will be selling O.F.A.H Lottery tickets to generate funds.

The event will take place on February 18, 2006 from 9:am until 1:pm. Set up will take place on Friday, February 17, 2006 at 7:pm. Since we had people lining up before 9:am on the day of the event, all set up must occur the night before.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me A.S.A.P.

Stan Gibbs, President of W.O.F. & G.P.A

Phone 668-2609

Cell 521-5501

Email s.c.gibbs@sympatico.ca

Club Website www.wofgpa.org

DATE: Sat. Feb. 18th, 2006

TIME: 9:00 am (**No earlier**)
Until 1:00 pm

LOCATION: 790 Southdale Road East
London, Ontario
(located on the north side of Southdale Road between Wellington Rd and Adelaide St South)

COST: No entrance fee

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## On Olden Pond

Chapter Three  
By Jim Morrow

Boy !!! Was I an idiot or what?

I was under the mistaken idea that we trout were going up to the surface to thank the big creatures for their offerings of food. Not likely. I was just cruising around, minding my own business, when all of a sudden I could hear this chopping sound. So, not being able to mind my own business, I swam over to where I heard the noise. All of a sudden, a hole appeared in the hard water. After a few minutes, a green gob of stuff came down through the hole and I could see one of those big creatures up there with a silly grin on his face.

I looked at that green gob to see if it was edible. I sniffed it and it didn't smell like anything special. I know it wasn't a mayfly or any other bug, (excuse me but my mouth is watering), that I hadn't eaten before. I swam around it a few times to see what it would do, but it just sat there enticing me to eat it. So I did. What a mistake that was. All of a sudden, my world exploded! I had this green gob caught in my throat, and some irresistible force was taking me up to that hole in the hard water. As I was getting close to the hole, I could see the big creature standing there with a stupid leer on his face. All of a sudden that irresistible force stopped. I was so disoriented that I just hovered where I was. I looked up and the big creature was jumping up and down yelling, "my line broke, I can't believe my line broke". I was just about to swim away when he bent down to the hole and caught the rest of the line. He started pulling this line and all of a sudden, that irresistible force began all over again. I was just at the hole when his line broke again. Well I am glad Tessie wasn't around to hear all the really bad language. That green gob of stuff didn't taste all that bad, but now I'm swimming around with this line hanging out of my mouth. My throat is a little itchy too. Oh well, I'll just have to watch my diet from now on. See ya later.

### WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. The costs are very low while the quality is high.

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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 call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.



## EUCHRE RETURNS

Winners of the Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> euchre:

High Man: Gord Foster and Neil McRae  
High Lady: Marlene Grube  
Mystery Man: Don Parker  
Mystery Lady: Deb Parker  
Most Lone Hands: Ed Brown  
50/50 - \$ 24.00 winner's name not recorded

The next euchre will be on February 25, 2006.  
The euchre games for the balance of the season are on March 25 and April 29<sup>th</sup> (Pot Luck and Euchre).  
Mark your calendars.

The games start at 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive anytime after 6:45 pm to ensure you 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 is open to everyone. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play as players move around throughout the evening. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening

## BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Wed., March 22, 2006  
6:30 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on March 22, 2006. He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your card.

It will soon be the law that boaters, jet skiers, etc must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested.

Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

The course runs from 6:00 till 10:30 pm. **The cost is \$ 40 for members and \$ 45 for non-members.**

To enroll in the course, call Phil at 668-1130 or email him at [phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca](mailto:phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca)

Remember to mark Wed., March 22, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.

The newsletter can be obtained online at  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

# ELECTIONS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006  
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2006 – 2007 term will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

**Note:**

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 9, 2006 through till the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2007.
- Nomination forms may be dropped off at the club by Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in a sealed envelope addressed to -  
Teresa Couture  
Secretary – WOF&GPA  
RE: Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination  
**OR**  
provide a written acceptance delivered to the Club Secretary on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be posted at the club after February 28, 2006.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization.

Our members input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

# WANTED TO BUY

I am looking for an older model truck that has been gently used but is still working. This truck must be a four-wheel drive extended cab model. Please call me with any leads to aid in my search.  
Karen Anderson 685-9217.

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Please send any submissions or items to sell to Teresa Couture at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca or drop it off in person at a meeting or leave it with the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick.

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If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.** The draw is held in March of each year, immediately following the elections.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. The winner of the January General Meeting draw was Brian Ernteman, who won a Filet Knife set with two blades. Congratulations Brian!

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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 Couture by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

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Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance. 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. Happy angling.

## **George Bray Sports Association 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Silent Auction & Dance**

**DATE:** Saturday, March 4, 2006

**TIME:** 7:00 pm

**COST:** \$ 10.00 per person (advance tickets only)

**CONTACT:** Steve Couture 668-6257

(WOFGPA- Treasurer)

Murray Howard 685-3392

(GBSA – President))

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WOFGPA has sponsored this hockey program for children with special learning needs for many years. It is a parent participating non-profit organization. Each year, this organization holds a Silent Auction and dance as their main fundraising venture. Some of WOFGPA members have been involved with this organization for many years as Executive members, coaches, mentors and parent volunteers.

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Donations of items for the silent auction portion of the evening are gratefully accepted. Please contact either Steve Couture or Murray Howard if you would like to get your tickets, have a donation or would like to learn more about George Bray Sports Association.

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| <p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc</b><br/> <i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs</i><br/> <i>A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i><br/> <b>Murray Howard, President</b><br/> 2 Jutta Cr.<br/> London ON N6E 3R2<br/> Phone: 685-3392</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p>Serving the Community since 1968</p> | <p>City Centre 519-672-0550<br/> 380 Wellington St<br/> London, ON<br/> N6A 5B5</p> <p><b>TED DILTS JEWELLERS</b><br/> <i>"Your Personal Jeweller"</i></p> <p>DIAMONDS, GOLD FINE JEWELLERY,<br/> APPRAISALS</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p><b>A.E.A.</b><br/> Anderson Entertainment Agency</p> <p><b>John Anderson</b><br/> 600 Southdale Rd E<br/> London, ON N6E 1A6</p> <p>(519) 685-9217<br/> <a href="mailto:aeamusic@aol.com">aeamusic@aol.com</a></p>         |
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