

# FEBRUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER



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## February 2007

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## March 2007

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**ICE DERBY DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED – CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES**

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

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Don Finch

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Jim Morrow

**Ponds**

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord McCurdy

Tom McGill

Gord Spotton

Walt Seliske

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**Boat Rack**

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Philip Gingrich

519-668-1130

**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 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](http://www.wofgpa.org)

## President's Message

Many thanks to all who have volunteered their time over the past year. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unrewarded. Our club and the grounds have improved immensely and that is all thanks to you!

Many functions have been planned to stop the mid-winter blues so check the calendar at the front of the newsletter. We have the Annual Tackle Swap, an Ice Fishing Derby and euchre planned for February. In March, we have scheduled another night of euchre and possibly another ice fishing derby, weather and ice conditions permitting. Other functions that our members may find appealing have also been added to the calendar. The different committees welcome new ideas for functions, which our members can participate in.

Keep in mind that our general elections are held on the second Thursday in March and I invite all members to attend. It would be nice to see some of our new members run for positions or join a committee.

**Stan Gibbs**

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One of our members, June Foster, passed away at the end of January. On behalf of all members, the WOFGPA Executive and Directors offer our sincerest condolences to her children – Bonnie Earle, Rick Foster and Kim Macfarlane; and to their families and friends during this difficult time. June was a long-standing Senior member and all her Euchre night friends will dearly miss her.

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The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please attend and add your input so that informed decisions can be made about YOUR club. You may also attend the Executive meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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Draw prizes are available at each General Meeting. The winners of the January monthly draw were:

- Don Finch - \$ 20.00 gift certificate to East Side Mario's
- Gord Spotton – pair of binoculars

Congrats Don and Gord! The WOFGPA Executive would like to thank Gord who generously donated the binoculars to be used as a door prize at the first ice fishing derby of the year.

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name will be entered to win a one-year membership and the draw occurs on Election night. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**

## ELECTIONS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007  
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 2007 – 2008 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

**Note:**

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 8, 2007 through till the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2008.
- Nomination forms may be dropped off at the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2007, 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, 2007.

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.

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### FOR SALE

Tires and rims for a Crown Victoria or Grand Marquis.  
Details:

Two Nordic Ice Track Winter tires P225/60R16 are in mint condition as they were used for less than 1000 km. The asking price is only \$ 300.

Call Ken at 519 – 439 – 1379

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES  
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOF&GPA**

**WOFGPA**  
**3rd ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP**  
**Attention Fishing/Hunting & Conservation Clubs**

**DATE:** Sat. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**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

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. Previous years have been a great success with many different clubs promoting their clubs activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to the people that passed through our doors.

There is no registration fee for a table although pre-registration is required due to the limited space. 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 refreshments for sale to help offset costs.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with Stan Gibbs A.S.A.P. Arrangements for set up should be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. Preregistration is required for a table

**Stan Gibbs, President of W.O.F. & G.P.A**  
**Phone 668-2609**  
**Cell 521-5501**  
**Email [s.c.gibbs@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.c.gibbs@sympatico.ca)**  
**Club Website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**

**If any members would like to contribute hunting or angling items to the Tackle Swap, they should contact Stan Gibbs to make necessary arrangements.**

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**Is Something Wrong with your Crock-pot?**

I believe that at the Jigg's dinner last year, I mistakenly brought home the wrong stoneware liner with my crock-pot. The one that I have looks new, has a shaped bottom and is a bit too small for my crock-pot. The one that I am looking for looks old, is flat bottomed and has a crack (but doesn't leak). If you are interested in trading to get your stoneware liner back, call Teresa at 519 - 668 - 6257 (evenings).



**Progressive Euchre**

The winners of the January 27<sup>th</sup> euchre games were:  
High Man: Jim Morrow  
High Lady: Shirley McGill  
Mystery Man: Dave Jefferies and Archie Graham  
Mystery Lady: Monique Moody and Debbie Parker  
Most Lone Hands: Janice Colborne and Tom McGill  
50/50 draw: Tony Dukic - \$ 28.50

Please join us for an evening of euchre with good company and plenty of laughs.

**DATE:** Sat., Feb. 24, 2007  
**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP  
**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

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 no 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 welcome.

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**ICE FISHING DERBY**

Sunday, February 25, 2007

**(Tentative date)**

We are hoping that the weather stays cold and the ice grows much thicker to hold our first ice fishing derby of the year.

**Time:** 8:00 am until noon  
**Registration:** begins at 7:30 am (no earlier)  
**Cost:** Members: \$10.00  
Non-members: \$ 12.00  
Youth (age 12 and under) - \$ 5.00

If this derby does go ahead on this date, it will be posted on the bulletin boards at the club. You can also leave your name with Tom McGill at 652-2875, who will phone you to confirm the derby date.

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Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone ice 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 by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Non-members caught fishing on club property will be prosecuted for trespassing and poaching.



### Jigg's Dinner

It is WOFGPA tradition that the new Executive serve dinner to the members and their guests. The members can expect a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

**Date:** Sat., March 31, 2007

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Cost: ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**  
\$ 10.00 Adults  
\$ 5.00 Child (under 12)

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 668-6257 (evenings) or from her at a meeting or at any function.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa and let her know as soon as possible.

**The tickets sell very quickly so do not delay.**

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### 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](mailto: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

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WOFGPA Merchandise is once again available. All the merchandise is good quality and very moderately priced. For more details about available stock, please see Tom McGill at a meeting or function or call him at 519-652-2875.

The Easter Breakfast with the Bunny is Saturday, April 7. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

**The newsletter is also available on line at**  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

### GEORGE BRAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION Silent auction and dance

**WHEN:** Sat., March 3, 2007  
7pm till 1 am

**COST:** \$ 10.00 per person  
(Available in advance or at the door)

**WHERE:** Dufferin Hall – Lower level  
(located at 445 Dufferin Ave)

**WHAT'S GOING ON:**

There will be dancing all night long. A light lunch will be served around 11 pm and there are many fantastic items for you to bid on. There are also many door prizes available.

George Bray Hockey Association is a unique, non-profit hockey organization for children with special needs. WOFGPA has sponsored a hockey team in this organization for many years. This fundraiser is important to them as they raise much needed money for the next season.

Come out for an evening a fun, entertainment and prizes. If you want more details or wish to purchase tickets in advance, please call Steve Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings).

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### Spring Fishing Show

International Centre  
6900 Airport Road  
Mississauga

Shop for the latest gear, boats and electronics. Learn tips from the pros or plan a getaway. Bring the kids along, as there is plenty to do and see.

**February 15 thru 18, 2007**

Thursday 1 – 8 pm  
Friday 11 am – 8 pm  
Saturday 9 am – 6 pm  
Sunday 9 am – 5 pm

Adult admission is \$ 12.00  
Children under 12 are free  
Parking is free

[www.springfishingshow.com](http://www.springfishingshow.com)

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### DANGER – THIN 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
- Always use the "Buddy" system and let a "landlubber" know where you are going to be
- Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety
- Stay off any unsafe ice as well as any ice that you do not know the condition of

## Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS)

Viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) is a viral disease previously found in several species of freshwater and saltwater fish in Europe, Japan, and the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of North America, that has recently been discovered in fish in the lower Great Lakes.

VHS does not pose a threat to human health but it does pose a threat to Ontario's fish stocks.

Fish with VHS are safe to eat. The disease was first found in Ontario in association with a die-off of freshwater drum in April 2005 in the Bay of Quinte on Lake Ontario. VHS was also found in yellow perch, muskellunge and round gobies that died off in 2005 and 2006. VHS has since been found in many species of fish from lakes St. Clair, Erie and Ontario, as well as from the Detroit, Niagara and St. Lawrence rivers. Emerald shiners and bluntnose minnows – both used as live bait fish in Ontario – are two of the 37 species known to carry VHS elsewhere in the world.

There is a serious risk that moving live bait fish infected with VHS from southern Ontario into the waters of central and northern Ontario will spread the virus. There is a significant concern that this will damage fish populations.

The Ontario and Canadian governments are working together to better understand this threat and agree that taking immediate action to stop the transfer of potentially infected bait fish into new waters is necessary.

Ontario is putting in place interim restrictions on the transfer of live bait fish to control the spread of VHS through restrictions on commercial bait licences. The province has been divided into [an infected zone, a buffer zone and a virus-free zone](#).

Effective immediately, **live bait fish** cannot be commercially harvested in the infected zone, although stored bait in the infected zone can be sold. There are also restrictions about moving these fish from one zone to another as part of the effort to control VHS. Please check the MNR website to view the different zones and the restrictions.

All responsible anglers should be aware of this viral disease, which is infecting baitfish in Ontario. For further details, contact the local Ministry of Natural Resources or visit their website [www.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca)

Extracted from the MNRs website

## Boating Safety Course and Test Information

Recently I had to discontinue offering the Boating Safety course at Western Ontario Fish & Game.

I have had some inquiries since about where and how members could obtain their Pleasure Craft Operator's card and get training in the safe use of boats. Following are several options with contact information. Take a course or challenge the test with London Power and Sail Squadron:

<http://london.cps-ecp.org/cpseduc.html#boatprosch>

or

[John Manvell](mailto:John.Manvell@519-455-3627) at 519-455-3627

The PCOC Course – “Boat Pro”

Take a course or challenge the test on line:

<http://www.boaterexam.com>

<http://www.tc.gc.ca/BoatingSafety/providers/on.htm>

<http://www.boatsmartcanada.com>

Prices vary depending on how you want to do it.

Phil Gingrich

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If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, would like to update your email address, have an item listed for sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture by phone at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

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Braving the elements to enjoy a morning of ice fishing

Check the Bulletin Board to confirm when the Ice Fishing Derby will be or leave your name with Tom McGill to get a reminder.

<p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b> 2 Jutta Cr. London ON N6E 3R2 Phone: 519-685-3392</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p>	<p><b>Investors Group Financial Services, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Audrey Dakin, CFP</b> Financial Consultant</p> <p><b>Peter Dakin</b> Consultant</p> <p>Call for a complete Financial Review 519- 686-1402</p> <p><a href="mailto:peter.dakin@investorsgroup.com">peter.dakin@investorsgroup.com</a> <a href="mailto:audrey.dakin@investorsgroup.com">audrey.dakin@investorsgroup.com</a></p>	<p><b>A.E.A.</b></p> <p><i>Anderson Entertainment Agency</i></p> <p><b>John Anderson</b> 600 Southdale Rd E London, ON N6E 1A6</p> <p>519- 685-9217 <a href="mailto:aeamusic@aol.com">aeamusic@aol.com</a></p>
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