

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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February 2008

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

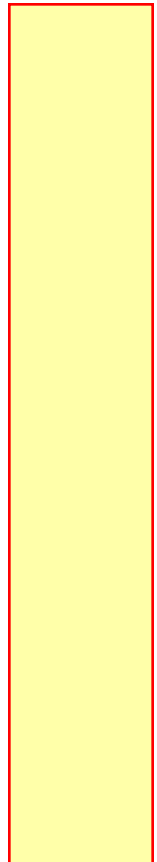
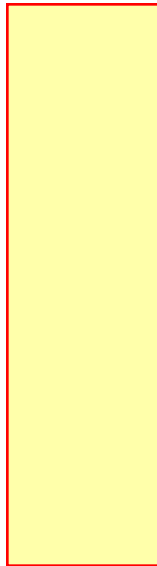
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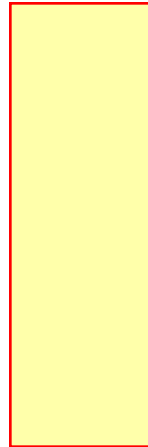
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Our Conservation Pledge

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

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.

President's Message

We thank those who have volunteered their time over the past year. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed. 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 a Texas Hold 'em Poker Night, the 4th Annual Tackle Swap and euchre planned for February. At our General Meeting, Emad Hazboun will be giving a very informative talk about deer vision. An ice fishing derby has been tentatively scheduled, ice conditions permitting, near the end of the month. In March, we have scheduled our elections, Easter Breakfast, and another night of euchre and Texas Hold 'em Poker.

The different committees welcome new ideas for functions, which our members can participate in.

Keep in mind that our general elections are held on March 13, which is the second Thursday in March and I invite all members to attend. It would be nice to great to see some of our new members run for positions or join a committee.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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Our condolences go out to the Spotton family after the passing of Gord's uncle earlier this month.  
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2008, an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter will not be sent to members.

You may obtain the newsletter by visiting the club website at www.wofgpa.org

If you have never visited the club website, now is the time. This site contains our club history, updated information about any functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please contact Teresa Couture by phone in the evenings.

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## ELECTIONS

(Second notice)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2008  
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 2008 – 2009 term will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2008 at 7:30 pm.

### Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 13, 2008 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2009.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 12, 2008, in a sealed envelope addressed to -  
Teresa Couture  
Secretary – WOF&GPA  
RE: Election 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 available for viewing at the club after February 28, 2008.

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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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.
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## 4th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

Attention Fishing/Hunting & Conservation Clubs & related organizations and groups

**DATE:** Sat. Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**TIME:** Doors open at 9:00 am 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 indoors 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 club's activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to the visitors.

There is no registration fee for a table although pre-registration is mandatory. 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 and we will be selling O.F.A.H Lottery tickets.

**Preregistration is mandatory for a table**  
**All registrants must make set up arrangements of their table by contacting Stan Gibbs**

**Stan Gibbs, President of W.O.F. & G.P.A**  
**Phone 668-2609**

**Email [s.c.gibbs@sympatico.ca](mailto:s.c.gibbs@sympatico.ca)**

**Club Website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**

If any WOFGPA members wish to donate items, (excluding guns) to the WOFGPA table at the Tackle Swap, arrangements can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. WOFGPA Executive would like to thank the members in advance for their generosity.

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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

REMINDER – WAITING LIST

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Do not let your membership lapse.** If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. There are currently about 40 people waiting to join the club as members. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it must be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Test your poker skills, have some fun and maybe take home the big pot. If this function proves to be a popular way of breaking up the mid-winter blahs, then additional Texas Hold'em Nights will be held on the second Saturday of each month for the balance of the winter.

Where: WOFGPA Clubhouse

Time: 7:00 pm Sharp until the last player is left

Cost: \$ 10.00 per player

Tournament Guidelines:

- No limit Hold 'em Poker
- Start with 825 dollars worth of chips
- Buy backs allowed up until the first hour
- Blinds increase every 20 minutes
- Top ups allowed during the first hour to all players still playing at a cost of \$ 5.00 for "400 dollars" in chips
- Cards do the talking at the tables
- All players but one at the last table win cash and the total payout of monies will be at least 50% of proceeds (after expenses)
- 50% of the proceeds go to the club

For additional information, please contact Stan Gibbs. An additional Texas Hold 'em Poker night is planned for March 8.

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We are looking for many ideas to keep our members coming to our General Meetings. Last year, several of our members shared their love of their hobby with others by giving a short and informal talk or demonstration. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please contact Stan Gibbs by telephone in the evening.

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### ICE FISHING DERBY Sunday, February 24, 2008 (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.

**The date of this derby is subject to safe ice conditions on the pond and this date will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club, as the date gets closer.**

**Time:** 8:00 am until noon

**Registration:** begins at 7:30 am (no earlier)

**Cost:** Members: \$12.00  
Non-members: \$ 15.00  
Youth (age 12 and under) - \$ 5.00

Each angler registered will receive refreshments, a light lunch and the opportunity to win one of the many door prizes available.

You may also leave your name with Tom McGill at 652-2875, who will phone you to confirm the derby date.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T MISS THIS ONE

Have you ever wondered why sometimes you just haven't had any luck getting the big one? All the conditions seem perfect and then your target "sees" you and leaves before you can get that shot off. Or have you had one of those days, where you don't see anything at all. It could be that the animals can see you as if you were out in plain sight.

Your mother taught you to dress warm but our guest speaker, Emad Hazboun will teach you how to dress right.

Emad gives a very informative talk immediately following a shortened February General Meeting about a deer's vision, how it differs from ours and what a deer really sees.

You will see things very differently after listening to Emad and watching his amazing presentation.

Hope to see a full crowd at the February General Meeting.



The next euchre is Saturday, February 23rd. The \$ 5.00 per player cost guarantees an evening of fun with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

To ensure that you get a seat to play, please arrive no earlier than 6:45 pm. All tables will have 4 players although you do not need to have a partner or a foursome when you arrive.

The winners of the Jan. 26 euchre were:

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| High Man         | Bill Lewis            |
| High Lady:       | Jessie                |
| Mystery Man:     | Archie Graham         |
| Mystery Lady:    | Margaret Wright       |
| Most Lone Hands: | Dave Jefferies        |
| 50/50 Draw:      | Jim Morrow (\$ 25.00) |

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening.

A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.



## Breakfast with the Bunny

**Date:** Saturday, March 22, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 am until 11:00 am  
The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

**Cost:** \$ 3.00 for adults  
\$ 1.50 children 2 – 6 yrs  
No charge for children under two years

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and coffee.

The children can participate at the Craft Table while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Bunny will be handing out an Easter goody bag to children after their breakfast is eaten.

Children, young and old, can have fun creating a special Easter craft while the rest of the adults enjoy their coffee and tea after eating a great breakfast.

**Please note that craft creation is for the children while they are at the club.**

**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)

or

<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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If you 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 TCouture@gapenviromic.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
- 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

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months, on short notice and sometimes time does not always allow the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want to know about upcoming derbies, please leave your name and number with Tom McGill or check the Bulletin Boards regularly or check the club website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) to get all the up to date details.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ANY OF THESE EVENTS**

- February 9 – Texas Hold 'em Poker Night
- February 14 – General Meeting with Guest speaker Emad Hazboun talking about Hunting and Deer Vision  
  
Valentine's Day (don't forget that special someone)
- February 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tackle Swap (details in this newsletter)
- February 24 - Ice fishing derby (tentative)
- February 28– Executive meeting
- February 23 – Euchre
- February 29 – Leap year
- March 8 - Texas Hold 'em Poker Night
- March 13 – General meeting and elections for 2008 – 2009 term (second notice is in this newsletter)
- March 22 - Easter breakfast
- April 5 - Jiggs Dinner (more details in the March newsletter)
- April 12 - Texas Hold 'em Poker Night
- April 26 - Pot Luck and Euchre (more details in the April newsletter)

Ice derbies will be scheduled according to ice conditions so check the bulletin board at the club or the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) regularly for updates.

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