

February 2010 Newsletter



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**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA
OBSERVE POSTED ICE CONDITION SIGNS AND STAY OFF UNSAFE ICE**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2009 - 2010**

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House

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Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Howard Pearcey

Walt Seleski

Bob Smale

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Tony Dukic

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Walt Seleski

Bob Smale

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

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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)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Remember last summer when everyone complained about the heat and wondered when it would end. The winter has been on the mild side for southern Ontario but that is no reason to hibernate. We try to keep a variety of functions going throughout the winter months to fend off cabin fever.

We have a new instructor, Ed Connor, for the Firearm Safety course. One of our members, Alex Duffitt, is organizing a co-ed dart league. Each month we have an evening of progressive euchre. Ice derbies are scheduled according to the ice conditions.

Both the General Meeting and the Executive meeting are always open to members.

We would like to see you involved in YOUR club. A club is only as good as the membership makes it. If you wish to attend any of the functions, more details are included within this newsletter. If you have any new ideas of things that you would like to see or have happen, please call me. New ideas are always welcome.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

### ~~~~~ DANGER – THIN ICE

The thickness of ice is not the same on all areas of the pond. Members are asked to stay back 50 feet from the area where the windmill aerators are located. There may only be a thin ice covering in this area. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

- A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the middle dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration bubbles. **We anticipate that this area may stay as open water or may have a very thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area by at least 50 feet, as it will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.**
- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person. Additional ice thickness is needed if you are with a buddy or a group of anglers.
- The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly.
- Stay off any unsafe ice. Stay off the ice if you are unsure of the current ice conditions.
- Always use the "Buddy" system and never venture out alone.
- Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for everyone's safety.

## ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

7:30 PM

(Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2010 – 2011 term will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

### Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 11, 2010 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2011.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 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, 2010.

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 the very best that it can be.

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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 to know about upcoming derbies, please leave your name and phone number with Stan Gibbs and check the Bulletin Boards and website regularly.

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If you know of a 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.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only.

### **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT OR LEAVE IT WITH THE CARETAKERS.**

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching.

Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

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

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

This website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter. If you have photos of the club, which you would like to share, please contact us.

### **BINGO SHOOT**

**Where:** Wellington Street Sportsman's Club 2290  
Slo-Pitch Road (off Elgin Road)  
Dorchester

**When:** Last Thursday of every month

**Time:** 7:30 pm till 9:00 (approx.)

**Cost:** \$ 3.00 per round (5 shots at card)

Everyone is welcome, including children.

.22 caliber rim fire (no scopes)

No firearms license required

No gun? Our members will share (with guidance)

For more details, contact **Gary Cameron** (Vice President of Wellington Street Sportsman's Club) by telephone at **519-685-1025** or by email at [wssvice@hotmail.com](mailto:wssvice@hotmail.com)

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## EUCHRE

The winners of the January 23rd Euchre games were:

High Man - Don Parker

High Lady - Bev Arnold, Cora Thompson, Jessie Ward

Mystery Man - Jerry, Jim Arnold

Mystery Lady - Mary

Most Lone Hands - Sylvia Lewis

50/50 draw - \$ 26.50 - Jerry

Many thanks to Richard and Barbara Toner for hosting the January Euchre games.

This function is open to members as well as non-members. The next Euchre will be held on Sat. February 27, 2010. Progressive Euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. The card games begin at 7:30 pm SHARP so please arrive anytime after 6:45 pm for a bit of socializing first. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play as your place will continually change throughout the evening.

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.

Hope to see everyone there.

### **WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!**

We have some items in stock for immediate purchase while some items may need to be ordered.

|                                        |          |
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| Jackets with embroidered crest         | \$ 40.00 |
| Hooded fleece sweatshirt with crest    | \$ 30.00 |
| Caps with embroidered crest            | \$ 12.00 |
| Toques with embroidered fish crest     | \$ 10.00 |
| T-shirts with embroidered club crest   | \$ 13.00 |
| T-shirts with silk-screened club crest | \$ 10.00 |
| Lanyards / key fobs                    | \$ 5.00  |

All taxes are included in the price.

To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875. Don't delay and get some WOFGPA merchandise for yourself or as a gift for that special someone.

Herman Szielasko is asking that all members donate any unwanted wreath materials to WOFGPA to offset the costs of making wreaths next Christmas time. Herman may be contacted at 519-681-6507.

**6th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP**

**DATE:** Sat. Feb. 27, 2010  
**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 indoor 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 club 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. 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.

**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 519-668-2609 (evenings)**

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**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 Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association.

Please contact **Ed Connor at 519-680-9872** for more information and to register for one of these courses.

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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 as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winners of the January General meeting draw were: Jim Morrow (WOFGPA toque) and Herb Lukings (Ice fishing supplies). Congratulations Jim and Herb!



**JIGGS DINNER**

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

**Date:** Sat., March 20, 2010  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$ 15.00 per adult

**ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**

Due to the popularity of this dinner, tickets sell out very quickly. Do not delay in getting your tickets and miss out on a great dinner with good company and a lot of laughter.

An accurate head count is needed to purchase the food for this well attended function. For this reason, tickets must be purchased in advance and no tickets will be reserved or paid for at the door.

Your advance tickets may be acquired at every function or by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa Couture as soon as possible at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or email her at [Tcouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:Tcouture@gapenviromic.com)

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CO-ED DART LEAGUE

One of our members, Alex Duffitt is organizing a fun filled co-ed dart league to be held at WOFGPA.

Alex will host a meeting at the club on Wed. February 10 at 7:00 pm to outline the rules and to set the dates to play darts. The league will be co-ed format and all full dart rules will apply.

Please come out to register. Alex may also be contacted at 519-432-3903 (evenings).

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**UPCOMING EVENTS / FUNCTIONS AT A GLANCE**

Ice Fishing Derby dates will also be posted at the club on the Bulletin Boards.

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| Thurs. Feb. 4   | General meeting<br><b>(One week early)</b> |
| Sun. Feb. 14    | Valentine's Day                            |
| Mon. Feb. 15    | Family Day (STAT holiday)                  |
| Thurs. Feb. 25  | Executive meeting                          |
| Sat. Feb. 27    | Euchre                                     |
| Thurs. March 11 | General meeting and Elections              |
| Sat. March 20   | Jiggs Dinner                               |
| Thurs. March 25 | Executive Meeting                          |
| Sat. March 27   | Euchre                                     |

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| <p><b>Stacey</b><br/><b>HEATING &amp; PLUMBING SUPPLIES</b></p> <p><i>Steven Legg</i></p> <p><b>GENERAL MANAGER</b><br/>280 Burwell St, London, ON</p> <p>519-432-6759</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>Mr. Leaks</b></p> <p><b>Alex Duffitt</b><br/>519-200-6452<br/><a href="mailto:alex@mrleaks.ca">alex@mrleaks.ca</a></p> <p><b>Fast and reliable 24 hour service</b></p> <p>General property maintenance and repair including: Basement leaks and dry wall repairs, mold removal, eaves trough repairs and cleaning, fence repair, painting, plumbing, exterior caulking</p> | <p><b>Foster Automotive Repair Ltd.</b></p> <p><b>All Major &amp; Minor Repairs<br/>Class "A" Mechanic</b></p>  <p><b>Rick Foster</b> 519-452-3511</p> |
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