

January 2005 NEWSLETTER



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January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
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9 OFAH Zone J meeting	10	11	12	12 General Meeting	14	15
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Karaoke Night
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13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre
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ICE DERBIES - DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED (CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FREQUENTLY)



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.**



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Jim Douglas

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Gerald Lampman

Ponds

Tom McGill (Chair)

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Gerald Lampman

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Boat Rack

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Gary Pratt

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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 presented the Treasurer's Report at the last meeting, showing all bills are paid up to date and the bank balance 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

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!

Remember, our general meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. I invite all members to bring forth new ideas to our meetings. Executive meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Together, we can make our Club even better!

Also, keep in mind that our general elections are 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.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

Stan Gibbs
668-6209



DANGER

THIN ICE CONDITIONS

**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 ANY UNSAFE ICE.
ALWAYS USE THE "BUDDY SYSTEM"
OBEY THE SIGNS AND EXERCISE CAUTION AT ALL TIMES ON THE POND ICE.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE
ELECTIONS**

**Thursday, March 10, 2005
7:30 pm**

This notice is to advise you that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2005-2006 year will be held on the above date.

Elections are an important part of this organization and your input and participation is necessary to continue the Club's success.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period.
- Nomination forms may be dropped off at the club by March 8, 2005 (in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary RE: Election Nomination).
- All nominations 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 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, 2005.

**It is your club and your input 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 and Game Protective Association the very best that it can be.**

IT IS EUCHRE TIME AGAIN!



DATE: January 22, 2005

TIME: 7:30 pm **SHARP**

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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.

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 welcomed.

Hope to see everyone at the next euchre.

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Attend a general meeting and 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.

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

Please 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 by the washrooms. Any of the Executives can clarify any questions you have. Please call them (names and numbers listed at front of newsletter).

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**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE  
BUSINESSES THAT  
ADVERTISE WITH US**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Karaoke Night

**Sat. Feb 5, 2005**

Start time is 7:30 pm.

Advance tickets cost \$ 5.00 per person. Advance tickets help is estimating food and draw prizes needed. Tickets are available by contacting Karen & John at 685-9217.

**SIMPLE RULES:**

- Sing your heart out.
- Have lots of fun with good company.
- Lip-syncing is NOT allowed.

Karen and John Anderson have organized a Karaoke Night to help break up the mid-winter blues. The Anderson's are known to throw great parties and we are sure that this will be another one.

Remember to practice your singing voice and to mark this date on your calendar. Come out and enjoy the evening even if you do not plan to sing. Please invite your friends, neighbours and co-workers.

Prizes and door prize draws.

Refreshments, munchies and a light lunch will be served.

Get your tickets early to avoid missing this fun-filled evening.

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WOFGPA COOKBOOK

I am getting recipes from members and their friends and families but I would like to see more. Don't be shy.

I am going to publish a cookbook / collection of recipes that will be shared with other club members and their families.

The categories are: Appetizers and Condiments, Main Courses, Soups and Salads, Desserts, Snacks, and Barbeque Time.

Please submit your recipes to me by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca You can write it down and give it to me at a club meeting or function, or leave it at the club in an envelope.

Tsunami Victims Relief

On December 26th at 7:59 am, 240 kilometers off the coast of Sumatra, two tectonic plates heaved under the sea along a 1000-kilometer fault line. The result was an earthquake with a magnitude of 9. This earthquake caused a Tsunami to form in the ocean. This wave traveled so quickly that there was no warning given to the neighbouring countries. It devastated the shorelines of many of these countries.

It is a week later and the death toll from this disaster reaches nearly 150,000 people, with many still missing. Many people have suffered the loss of multiple family members and friends and are still in shock from all that has happened. Now these areas risk additional loss as many people do not have the necessities of life, such as clean food and water, shelter and are further threatened by the diseases caused from unsanitary conditions.

The Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association has donated to the Canadian Red Cross to assist the Southeast Asia Tsunami Relief.

The Executive of WOF & GPA urges its members, if they are capable, to assist one of the many charities providing aid to this devastated area of the world.

RAFFLE FOR A SIGNED LONDON KNIGHTS HOCKEY STICK

On Sat. Dec. 18th at noon, the draw for the graphite London Knights hockey stick (valued at \$ 300.00) autographed by # 17 Robbie Drummond was held. The happy winner was Jim Douglas.

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets. The raffle is one of many new ideas to raise funds for the club. It is things such as this that help keep your membership fees low and keep the pond stocked regularly throughout the year.

Once again, Congratulations Jim and keep your stick on the ice!

WOF&GPA WEAR

Why not get that special someone a polar fleece jacket or a warm hooded sweatshirt or a toque to keep them warm and toasty in the cold months ahead.

It takes two weeks to get delivery of items ordered if we do not have it in stock. Tom does have a good variety of merchandise available for immediate purchase.

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 or for more info, call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 11th, many came out to enjoy yet another great breakfast with Santa before they chose their Christmas tree.

Many thanks go to all those who helped out. They are Val Grahl, Karen Anderson, Cindy & Stan Gibbs, Bev & Fred Pearce, Pat Lockrey, Teresa Dodge, Steve Couture, Ron & Bonnie Earle.

A very special thank you to Santa "Tom", who once again saved the day.

NEW BADGES

Effective May 1, 2004, new badges are being issued for new members and for renewal memberships only. After you have paid your renewal fee, you may obtain your new badge by attending a meeting, contacting the caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs.

You will not be allowed to fish without a valid new badge even if your dues are paid. As your membership comes up for renewal, you will be sent a reminder to obtain the new badge.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES



Our largest fundraiser of the year was very successful thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with trailer repairs, lot set up and tear down and the selling and trimming of trees. Fundraising functions like this, keep dues low and the pond stocked and offset the costs associated with functions.

A total of 857 trees were sold before the weekend of December 18th. Hats off to everyone involved with this effort!



OFAH - ZONE J MEETING

This meeting is open to OFAH members only.
Sunday, January 9, 2005 at 9:00 am SHARP!

Meet your OFAH board, other OFAH members from affiliate clubs and hear about some of the key issues and initiatives that others are involved with. Refreshments and a hot lunch will be served for a nominal fee. For more details, contact the OFAH Rep, Bill Rodrigues at 455-7905 or Teresa Dodge at 668-6257.

SAVE THE THAMES RIVER Public Meetings

All meetings start at 7:00 pm SHARP!!!

We have a plan to save, enhance and protect the Thames River. We need your help. Please attend and bring a friend. Listed below are the locations of the public meetings to be held locally.

Woodstock: Library – Tuesday, January 11, 2005
St. Mary's: Library – Thursday, January 13, 2005
Mitchell: Town Hall – Tuesday, January 18, 2005
Byron: Library – Thursday, January 20, 2005
Chatham: Library – Tuesday, January 25, 2005

For more information about the issues or meeting details, please contact: **Jim Reihl at 652-3893** (London Sports Fishery) or **Randy Bailey at 457-7972** (Thames River Anglers Association)

For your convenience, WOFGPA has a petition about this cause posted at the club. The petition is located on the bulletin boards by the washrooms. Stan Gibbs and Ron Earle can also answer your questions.

Turkey Roll

Fifty four people came out on Dec. 9th to enjoy the Turkey Roll and try their luck at winning one of 20 turkeys. Many thanks to those individuals that donated to the prize table. They are: Stan Gibbs, Ron Earle, Don Finch, George Maudsley, Dan Bucci. The draw prize winners for December are: Bob Bentley, Joe Richards, Don Colborne, Ron Earle, Bill Rodrigues, Shirley Lewis, Brian Allen and Paul Polischuk. Congratulations everyone!

PENTIUM II FOR SALE

Pentium II computer with many features including a CD ROM, 3 1/2" Floppy drive, Canon fax copier and Photo Realism printer, Logitech Keyboard and Compac 13" monitor.

Don is including lots of software and additional print cartridges. There are just way too many great features to list on this system. Don is asking only \$450. for everything and will guarantee that everything is working and in good order.

For all the details and to check out this great buy, call Don Colborne at 686-9559.

FOR SALE

OAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE



Size: 60" long, 50 " high , 18 " deep
TV opening: 31" by 31"

Built in speakers and lots of storage space and room for other electronics.

Cost is \$ 200.00

Contact Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 (evenings) to view.

WOFGPA Website

The website is up and running. You can log on at www.wofgpa.org. Please visit it often. Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have some pictures, articles or stories about the club to post for all to see. Any submissions can be sent to Lawrence by email at lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca

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

ICE FISHING DERBY DATE – TO BE ANNOUNCED

If you want to get a phone call about the next derby, please leave your name and phone number with Tom McGill at 652-2875.

As most fishermen know, the weather plays an important role in scheduling an Ice Fishing Derby. Quite often, time does not permit advertising in the newsletter although it will be posted on the outside bulletin board at the club. Check the bulletin board frequently.

DO NOT MISS THIS ONE! LIAR'S NIGHT

Thursday, February 10, 2005
7:30 pm

(Immediately following a shortened General Meeting).

We would like to invite you to the 2ND Annual Liar's Night. This tradition began at WOF&GPA and was taken on by Labatt's as it grew in popularity and size. Now it is up to us to carry on this tradition.

All of us have experienced a great adventure or know of one.

Why not come out and tell your tale or listen to others. What a great way to break mid-winter cabin fever.

Bring your family, friends and fishing buddies! Remember witnesses add something to your tale.

Refreshments and munchies available. Prizes for the best stories will be awarded.

If you have a story to tell, please RSVP to Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 as soon as possible.

Note: Please RSVP as soon as possible your intent to speak. Maximum 10 speakers with 15 minutes maximum per speaker.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

TACKLE SWAP

WOFGPA will hold a tackle swap (similar to that held by General Marine) in February (date to be determined). Watch your newsletter and check the bulletin board for details.

We want to hear from you. We would like some fresh ideas for functions. Would you like to see dances, more winter card games, more things for children, etc. Please contact any of the Entertainment Committee or the Executive with your ideas.

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