

JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER



790 Southdale Road
London, Ontario N6E 1A8
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January 2006

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February 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.**



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Executive & Committees**

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Steve Couture

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Bill Lippold

Jim Morrow

Gary Carew

Ponds

Steve Couture

Don Finch

John Manvell

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Welfare

Bonnie & Ron Earle

Boat Rack

Stan Gibbs

Gary Carew

Membership

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Safe Hunter Training & Boating Safety

Philip Gingrich

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

With a new year just over the horizon, I like to reflect on all of our times, most of them quite enjoyable that we had at our club this year.

As most of you already know, our event calendar is quite full. It usually starts in January with the planning of making ice rinks, planning Ice fishing derbies and getting ready for the upcoming elections. There is also Tackle Swaps to plan, clean up work parties, Karaoke's, four more fishing derbies, fund raising ventures to consider, dinners, euchres and barbeques. This is only a small portion of what we do at our club to make it more enjoyable for everyone. As I have mentioned before it takes many dedicated volunteers to maintain the level of service that is provided at the Club for you.

Once again, I am asking for your help. If you are interested in a certain aspect of our Club's operation, please get involved. If you can spare a few hours, call one of the committee chairs and offer your services. Every little bit helps.

In closing, I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year.

Stan Gibbs
668-2609

P.S. If you are looking for a New Years Resolution, how about becoming a volunteer at your club.

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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.  
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The newsletter can be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

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

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.

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.

DO NOT MISS THIS ONE!

**WOFGPA
2nd Annual TACKLE SWAP**

If you are interested in setting up a display or demonstration for this event, please contact the club president, Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 as soon as possible as space is limited.

DATE: Sat. Feb. 18th, 2006

TIME: 9:00 am SHARP
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

Free parking Door Prizes 50/50 draw

Local fishing club members will be selling new – used Rods, Reels, Tackle, Trolling motors and fishing related items.

Write your boating exam on site.

Talk to Upper Thames River Conservation Authority reps, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers and many other interesting groups.

See a great taxidermy and mount display. See antique tackle displays and fly tying demonstrations.

Talk with club members about the benefits of belonging to a club.

Hope to see everyone there!

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**ICE FISHING DERBY DATES ARE POSTED ON CLUB BULLETIN BOARDS ONCE THE ICE FREEZES.**  
**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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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

Remember to mark Wed., March 22, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.
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**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. All of WOF&GPA Wear items make great Christmas gifts for that special someone.

- 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

Many items are in stock. To purchase items call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.  
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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.

Teresa Couture

FOR SALE

16-foot trailer (formerly Christmas Tree Lot Trailer)
 Very good condition!
 Suitable for hunting / fishing camp trailer or Construction material or site trailer
 Best offer
 Contact Stan Gibbs at 668-2609
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**On Olden Pond**

Chapter Two  
 By Jim Morrow

It is rather dark here now.  
 Tessie and I are just cruising around looking for something to eat. Every time I go to the surface, I keep bumping my head on the hard water. Why it goes hard I have no idea. At least all those strange looking logs have stopped coming. Now those big creatures are poking holes in the hard water and are offering us food through the holes. Very nice of them I must say. When one of us eats their offering we usually go up and thank them. The odd one comes back down the hole but most of them stay there. Why they would want to stay up there I will never know. I haven't seen Sidney the snapper for a long time now. I think he buries himself in the mud. Yuck. Those squawking Canada geese are mostly gone, yet a few of them are still around. They are funny to watch landing on the hard water. Doris duck has also gone, taking her brood with her. Harry and Helen Heron have gone too. They must go where the water is not so hard. I cannot wait for this hard water to soften so all my friends can come back. I miss the cacophony of croaks, chirps, honks, quacks, caws and whistles. Maybe the big creatures will get all the stuff that fell in the water when it gets soft again. There are things like cameras, fishing rods, cell phones and reels. I learned to understand what they call English and some swear words that you do not want to hear. That usually happens when one of us jumps back down the hole after eating the food they just offered us. I also heard that same language when Sidney the Snapper chomped Percy the Perch in half. I notice they don't say those things when their mates are with them. Speaking of mates, Tessie just cruised up beside me. I think we will just cruise around together and wait for the water to soften. Then all my friends will come back for another season.

See ya later.

Toby

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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.

TURKEY ROLL

Another enjoyable and successful Annual Turkey Roll has come and gone (Dec. 8, 2005). This year, 20 turkeys became part of someone's Christmas dinner. Over fifty people attended. The door prizes were won by: Len Tower, Gord McCurdy, Brian Logie, John Anderson, Don Colborne and Bev Harding. Thanks again to Bill Rodrigues for organizing the purchase of all the turkeys for this year and to all the volunteers who made this night so memorable.

Christmas Tree Sales

Did you know that over 560 man-hours were involved with tree sales plus additional hours for set up and tearing down of the lot? It is the success of initiatives like this one that help to keep membership dues and function costs as low as they are.

Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making the Christmas Tree Sales, which is our largest fundraising event, such a great success. Thank you to Ron Earle for keeping track of the scheduling of volunteers for this event. We hope to see many members get involved with the different functions of their club in 2006.



EUCHRE RETURNS

The next euchre will be on January 28, 2006. 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.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success with almost 80 breakfasts served to our members, their families and guests. A big thank you goes to Stan Gibbs for getting all the supplies and to the cooks and servers: Bonnie Earle, Karen Anderson, Cindy Gibbs, Myra Rodrigues, Val Grahl, Shirley McGill and Teresa Couture. Thanks also to jolly Santa "Tom" for entertaining the children. Thank you also to Karen Anderson and her assistant for organizing the children's craft table.

FOR SALE

5 year old Maytag washer in excellent condition. Asking \$ 200 or best offer. Please contact Don Colborne at 686-9559 to see it.

OFAH ZONE J MEETING

Sunday, January 8, 2006
at WOFGPA

This meeting is open to OFAH Members only!

The meeting starts promptly at 9:00 am, although coffee and donuts are available beforehand and at breaktime. A lunch will be served.

If you have any questions, please contact your OFAH reps:

Bill Rodrigues at 455-7905
Teresa Couture at 668-6257.

KARAOKE NIGHT



Saturday, February 4, 2006
Door opens at 7:30 pm

Cost: Tickets \$ 5.00 per person.
Tickets are available by contacting
Karen Anderson at 685-9217.

Back by popular demand and its great success last year, Karaoke Night is returning to WOFGPA. We are organizing a Karaoke Night to help break up the mid-winter blues. 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.

SIMPLE RULES:

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

Please invite your friends, neighbours and co-workers. Prizes and door prize draws. (Open to members and non-members). Refreshments, munchies and a light lunch will be served. Get your tickets early to avoid missing this fun-filled evening.

Advance tickets help us estimate food and draw prizes that are needed. We also suggest that you purchase advance tickets to guarantee your admission into the club.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE



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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 of at the club by Wednesday, March 8, 2006, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: 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 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 Elections are an important part of this organization. Its 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.