

# JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER



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## January 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 OFAH Zone J meeting	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30	31			

## February 2007

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4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Tackle Swap
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28			

**WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT ALL TIMES TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A WOF&GPA MEMBER**

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

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

**President**  
Stan Gibbs  
**1st Vice President**  
Don Colborne  
**2nd Vice President**  
Tom McGill  
**Secretary**  
Teresa Couture  
**Treasurer**  
Steve Couture  
**Directors**  
Lawrence Lainchbury  
Gord McCurdy  
**Past President**  
Gloria McDonald  
**Onsite Managers**  
Russell & Sheena Fralick

**Worm Machine**  
Steve Couture

**Committees**

**Entertainment**  
Karen Anderson  
Teresa Couture  
Bonnie Earle  
Gord Foster  
Valerie Grahl  
Pat Lockery  
Myra Rodrigues  
**House**  
Don Colborne  
Gord Dowler  
Don Finch  
Lawrence Lainchbury  
Jim Morrow  
Walt Seliske  
**Grounds**  
Steve Couture  
Brian Ernteman  
Don Finch  
Gerry Lampman  
Jim Morrow  
**Ponds**  
Brian Ernteman  
Don Finch  
Gord McCurdy  
Tom McGill  
Gord Spotton  
Walt Seliske  
Herman Szielasko  
**Welfare**  
Tom & Shirley McGill  
**Boat Rack**  
Don Finch  
Stan Gibbs  
Walt Seliske

**Committees (con't)**

**Membership**  
Valerie Grahl  
**Newsletter**  
Teresa Couture  
Lawrence Lainchbury  
**Public Relations**  
Lawrence Lainchbury  
**Political & Environmental Research**  
Steve & Teresa Couture  
Stan Gibbs  
Lawrence Lainchbury  
Herman Szielasko  
**OFAH Rep**  
Bill Rodrigues  
Teresa Couture

**Safe Hunter Training & Boating Safety**  
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)

## ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007  
7:30 PM

### President's Message

How Time flies when your having fun!  
Another year has come and gone, and our Club is doing quite well.  
This year we experienced many good times, fishing derbies, euchres, breakfasts, and dinners, which were all well attended. Many new friendships were started at many of our work parties, and volunteer commitments. It was nice to see many new faces in our volunteer pool. I would like to thank all of our members for their efforts in keeping our club the jewel that it is. From my Family to yours, a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

On a sadder note, Our Club has lost three very special members this year. Please take a moment to remember Jim Douglas, Ron Earle, and Gord Foster whose dedication and commitment to our club will be surely missed.

#### Stan Gibbs

We would like to acknowledge the new members to WOFGPA. They are: the Edwards family, the Starodub family, the Hoy family, the Freeman family, the Mook family, the Pelesh family, the Preston family. Please introduce yourselves to these new members and let them know about all the different things that occur at the club.

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.

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

- Bob Cobban – Reel and line
- Bill Lewis – Ice fishing rod
- George Maudsley – Knife set
- Gord McCurdy – WOFGPA hat and lanyard
- Janice Colborne – WOFGPA crest & Jobmate tool pouch

Congrats to all!

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

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, 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 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

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

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 of 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.

The WOFGPA Annual Turkey Roll was held on Thursday, December 14, 2006. Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for arranging for the 20 turkeys, which were available to be won. The lucky winners were: Gary Carew (2), Gord McCurdy, Bill Smith (2), Mark Stack, Sylvia Lewis, Bill Craig, Myra Rodrigues, Bill Rodrigues, Bev Arnold, Bob Cobban, Gord Spotton, Janice Colborne, Brian Logie, Teresa Couture, George Maudsley (2), Steve Couture and Paul Polischuk. Congratulations to all and bon appetit!

## OFF LIMITS SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA

It has come to the attention of the Executive that some anglers have blatantly ignored the fenced area located along the shoreline at WOFGPA. This area contains young plants that are native to the area and were planted at a considerable cost by local school children in 2004. It was purposely fenced off to allow these plants to grow without damage from people. As these plants mature, they will assist in stopping the erosion that occurred along the shoreline between the two main docks. Each time an angler goes into this area, a few young plants are destroyed.

We understand that each angler has their own "special" spot to cast their line but these "special spots" can be easily accessed from one of the docks or from a boat.

If this practice continues, the angler(s) will be required to provide an explanation of their actions to the Executive and may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include termination of their membership.

### KEEP OUT OF THE FENCED OFF SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA.

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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

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. To obtain a new sticker, please see the onsite caretakers or attend a General or Executive meeting.

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

## OFAH ZONE J Meeting

Sunday, January 7, 2007  
9:00 am start time until 2:00 pm

This is a great way for the Federation members to find out what is happening throughout all the other zones of the Federation. This meeting is attended by members of other clubs, some of who are quite active within their group. Some of the topics covered include issues related to angling, hunting, conservation measures currently being taken or investigated as well as many of the legal and political issues faced throughout the province.

For further details about this meeting, please contact the OFAH reps at WOFGPA:

Bill Rodrigues 519-455-7905

Teresa Couture 519-668-6257

There will be coffee breaks, a hearty lunch, door and draw prizes available.

OFAH memberships can be purchased at WOFGPA at a reduced cost. Contact Val Grahl at 519-453-0659 for OFAH membership information.

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### TIRES AND RIMS - FOR SALE

4 Low Profile

Kumoto Radial Tires 205/40R17 80H

Mounted on Sokudo 17" Mag Rims.

Chrysler bolt pattern

**\$ 300.00 complete**

4 Michelin Radial Tires

185/65R14 M+S

**\$ 50.00 complete.** (Tread fair to good)

If interested, please call Stan at 519-668-2609.

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### Progressive Euchre

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

**DATE:** Sat., Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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. 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, we will be selling O.F.A.H Lottery tickets to generate funds.

Arrangements for set up should be made by contacting Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609.

If you are interested in joining us, please get in touch with me A.S.A.P. **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)**

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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.

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**Christmas Tree Volunteers – TAKE A BOW !**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year has just finished. In spite of the odd mishap, like a snowstorm destroying our canopy and heavy rain during cleanup, our largest fundraiser of the year went off like clockwork.

From tree lot set-up to clean up, 55 volunteers donated over 900 hours to our Christmas tree sales this year. 885 Trees were unwrapped, trimmed and sold this year in just 4 weeks. Over 500 were bagged for the convenience of our customers.

Sincere thanks for the generous volunteer efforts of so many members. You know who you are and it is volunteers that make this club as great as it really is! I must mention two volunteers for their superb effort this year. Bill Rodrigues, and Jim Morrow, the mainstays of the weekday afternoon and evening shifts, donated a combined total of 146 hours in the 4 weeks of our sale. Their spouses, Myra and Gail, deserve recognition and thanks for that as well!

On behalf of the executive and all Club members, Marian and I personally thank you all and wish you a healthy, happy and successful 2007.

Three cheers for our volunteers!

Don & Marian Colborne

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**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#boatproschr>

or

[John Manvell](mailto:John.Manvell@pcoc.ca) 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

<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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<p><b>ISM</b> Innovative Security Management (1998) Inc.</p> <p><b>Gord Fisher</b> President</p> <p>309-148 York St. London N6A 1A9</p> <p>Bus. 519.858.4100 Cell 519.859.3376</p> <p>Toll Free 1.866.ISM.1998 Web: <a href="http://www.ismsecurityinc.com">www.ismsecurityinc.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:gordfisher@ismsecurityinc.com">gordfisher@ismsecurityinc.com</a></p>	<p><b>Your business ad should be here.</b></p>	<p>Price is very reasonable and reaches over 225 new clients monthly.</p> <p>CALL TERESA 519-668-6257 (EVENINGS) FOR DETAILS</p>