

# JANUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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## January 2008

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**CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES ON CLUB FUNCTIONS  
WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**

**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A MEMBER**

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

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Don Finch

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Gord McCurdy

Tom McGill

Gord Spotton

Herman Szielasko

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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

How Time flies when your having fun!

Another year has come and gone, and our Club is actively planning many functions for its members. We are always open to new ideas for functions, as well as guest speakers and demonstrations at our meetings.

This past 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 amazing to see so many new faces in our volunteer pool and comforting to see those who regularly volunteer again.

As the weather has become colder, the pond has begun to freeze and ice-fishing derbies will be scheduled. Please check the club bulletin board or [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) for updates or leave your name with Tom McGill. Please observe all posted signs about ice conditions. A minimum of four inches of clear ice is needed to support an adults weight and never venture out on the ice alone.

I would like to thank the many 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.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

### ~~~~~ 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](http://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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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.

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

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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The December monthly meeting draws were won by: Janice Colborne (bottle of Bailey's Irish Crème) and by Wayne Kimmerly (bottle of Kahlua).

## 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. 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 to generate funds.

**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)**

### ~~~~~ **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. There are currently about 35 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.

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

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

### ~~~~~ **Christmas Tree Volunteers – KUDOS on a job well done**

Our biggest fundraiser of the year has just finished. In spite of the odd mishap, our largest fundraiser of the year went off like clockwork.

From tree lot set-up to clean up, the volunteers donated many hours to our Christmas tree sales this year.

Sincere thanks for the generous volunteer efforts of so many individuals. There are too many names to mention but it is the dedication and giving of these persons that make this club as great as it really is.

A special thanks to Don Colborne whose volunteer efforts throughout this venture often resembled a full time job. Don took it on himself to secure a new supplier of trees while organizing the lot set up. He then co-coordinated the many volunteers and time slots so that coverage for all shifts was sufficient. He occasionally had to make phone calls when tree sale shifts were not sufficiently manned.

Due to stormy weather on the two key weekends, the tree sales were less than expected and a few very good trees remained on the lot. On December 23, the A Channel in London was contacted and asked to announce that the club had Christmas trees to generously give away beginning the morning of December 24. A special thank you to the A Channel London staff for their speedy announcement to the public during their morning show.

The Executive and all club members wish to extend their appreciation to all the volunteers involved for this fundraising venture. Give yourself a pat on the back and much kudos on a job well done.

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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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**TEXAS HOLD 'EM POKER NIGHT**  
**Saturday, January 12, 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.

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**OFAH ZONE J Meeting**

Sunday, January 6, 2008  
9:00 am start time until 2:00 pm (approx)

The Zone J meeting 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 regional clubs, some of who are quite active within their group. Some of the topics covered include issues related to angling, hunting and 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 a hearty lunch with 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



Euchre is now in full swing. The next euchre is Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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.

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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)

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](mailto:TCouture@gapenviromic.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

### 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.

### Turkey Roll

The WOFGPA Annual Turkey Roll was held on Thursday, December 13, 2007. Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for arranging for the turkeys, which were available to be won. Thanks to all the volunteers and ticket sellers.

The lucky winners of turkeys were: Bill Smith (x2), Brian Ernteman, Pat and Ken Lockrey, Bill and Myra Rodrigues, Jim Morrow, Bonnie Earle, John Findlay, Don Colborne (x2), Janice Colborne, Russell Fralick and Tony Dukic. Congratulations to all and bon appetit!

The door prize winners were: Don Heffernan, Gary Carew, John Anderson, Brian Logie, Bill Smith (x2), Gail Morrow, Pat and Ken Lockrey, Bill Lewis, Wayne Kimmerly, Ed Vallos, Lawrence Lainchbury, John Findlay and Paul Tack. Janice Colborne won the DVD player.

Breakfast with Santa was a great success with over 100 breakfasts served. Thank you to all the ladies involved with purchasing supplies, cooking and cleaning up, the filling of goody bags and crafts. Thank you to Santa for taking time from his busy schedule to visit with the children before the big day arrives.

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

- January 6 - OFAH Zone J meeting at WOFGPA (details in this newsletter)
- January 10 – General meeting
- January 12 – Texas Hold 'em Night (details in this newsletter)
- January 24 – Executive meeting
- January 26 - Euchre resumes (details in this newsletter)
- February 9 – Texas Hold 'em Night
- February 14– General meeting
- February 14 – Valentine's Day (don't forget that special someone)
- February 16 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tackle Swap (details in this newsletter)
- February 28 – Executive meeting
- February 23 – Euchre
- February 29 – Leap year
- March 13 – General meeting and elections for 2008 – 2009 term (first notice is in this 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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