

JULY 2007 NEWSLETTER



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July 2007

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August 2007

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Committees (con't)

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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 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

President's Message

General Meetings are not held during the months of July and August.

I hope that our Annual Family Day activities were enjoyable for all who attended. The weather was sunny and not too hot or humid. We had a number of new events held throughout the afternoon.

Have you considered how much planning and time goes in to organizing an event of this size? Contacts must be made for demonstrations and prizes. Food must be purchased and prepared, the grounds must be cleaned and set up and there must be enough volunteers available throughout the day. At the end of the day, everything must be taken down and the grounds cleaned again. As you can see, each function that our club organizes involves many hours and individuals to ensure that our members enjoy themselves.

As President, I would like to personally thank all of our volunteers (both members and nonmembers) and the various sponsors for the superb effort they give to this organization.

Assistance, whether it is for a few hours, a day or more regularly, is always welcomed and very much appreciated. I would like to hear from members as to things that they would like to see or events to hold in the future. If you are a new member and would like to get involved but are not sure how, please feel free to contact any of the Executive or just come out to any of the functions mentioned in the newsletter.

This is your club so get involved. Give us new ideas to help make your club the very best in London.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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The Executive and committee members wish Herman Szielasko better health and hope to see him bring his cheery smile and sense of humour back to the club soon.

Thank you to Janice Colborne, whose generosity to the club for offsetting the cost of mailing newsletters has been greatly appreciated over the past years.

## Junior's Only Derby

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juniors Only Derby was open to children only, aged 12 and under. An adult volunteer could assist each child. The rules were very simple: the total length of all fish caught was recorded to determine the winners of first, second or third place. 265 fish, which included one trout, were caught on this sunny Sunday morning.

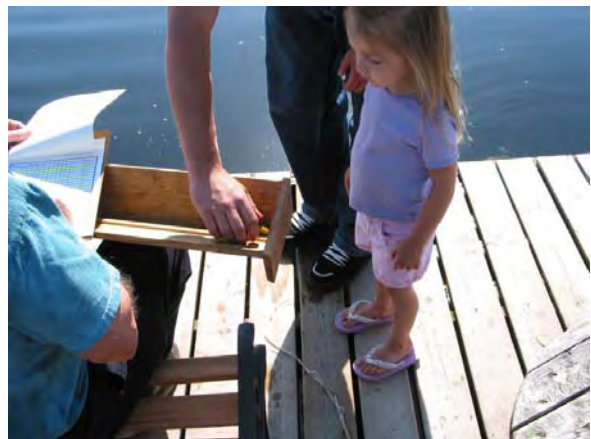


**Mom, I got one. What do I do next?**

The winners were:

|                       |                 |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | Shawna Ratko    | 1007.5 cm |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | Dillon Mitchell | 345.5 cm  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | Jayden McCoy    | 272.0 cm  |

Congratulations to all winners and we hope that all the young anglers had a lot of fun. We hope to see many of these anglers back at the Summer Bass Derby on July 15.



**Making sure Daddy measures her fish right.**

**Summer Bass Derby**  
**Sunday, July 15, 2007**

**Registration** 7:00 am (NO EARLIER)  
**Derby times:** 7:30 am till noon  
**Cost:**           **Members**                 \$ 12.00  
                  **Non-members**           \$ 15.00  
                  **Youth (12 & under)**     \$ 5.00

A barbeque lunch will be provided to all anglers with their registration. Cash prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in both the Adult and Youth Divisions. Door prizes available to be won. Come out and try your angling skills. Details will also be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club.

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGES**

**First** - Please avoid angling directly in the spawning beds located at the most southerly dock. The sunfish are currently in these beds and disturbing them will eventually reduce the amount of food for other fish species in the water.

**Second** - If you see "goose – poo" on the dock, take a few moments to wipe it off the dock and into the water with the brooms provided. Did you know that sun hardened "goose-poo" comes off much easier if wetted with water and swept away a few minutes later. If you do this, you will set the example for others. With less "goose-poo" around, a happy member will spend more time angling and less time complaining. Lets work together on this ongoing issue.

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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 at 519-652-2875.

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If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, update your email address, 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 [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

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

The Barbeque Meat Draw was held immediately following a shortened General Meeting on June 14. The winners of the BBQ Meat packs (from Courtesy Meats) were: Jim Morrow, Pat Lockrey, Teresa and Steve Couture, Paul Polischuck (x2), Bill Smith, Karen Anderson (x2) and Russell Fralick. The winner of the BBQ Utensil set was David Roney. Congrats & Bon appetit to all.

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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

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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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The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm (except July and August). Please plan to 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.

## FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 24, 2007

WOFGPA members, their families and guests enjoyed the beautiful sunny afternoon and all the Family Day activities.

Thanks to the Executive and the Entertainment group for their work in arranging the different aspects of this function. Many of the members from these groups were also volunteers doing one or more of the many tasks required throughout the afternoon. Thank you also to the many volunteers for their hard work with finding donations and demonstrations, the set up and cleanup, for greeting the members and their guests, for the cooks who displayed their culinary skill, for those who oversaw the games and races and for the talents of the crafts and face-painting artists. Thanks to Greg Balch for his amazing and informative wildlife display.

A special kudos for an amazing job well done goes to Karen Anderson, who arranged most of the afternoon's entertainment which included the Sweet Adelines, Steve Seguin (juggler) and the musical talent of "After The Rain", filled the goody bags for the children, got many donations and still managed to have all the volunteers organized and ready to go.

Thank you to the following sponsors whose generosity assisted in making this day special: Iron Horse Festival – St. Thomas, Greg Balch, Bonnie Earle, Ted & Colleen Dilts, Bill & Myra Rodrigues, Marie House, Val Grahl, Dan Clark, Don & Marian Colborne, Pat & Ken Lockrey, Bill & Sylvia Lewis, Don & Deb Parker, Anderson Entertainment Agency, Stan Gibbs, Steve & Teresa Couture, Dairy Queen, Canadian Tire, Tim Horton's, Home Hardware, London Quality Dairy and Wholesale and Shoppers Drug Mart. If anyone's name was missed, please accept my apologies and let myself, Teresa Couture, know at (519-668-6257).

**KUDOS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

The winners of the Children's Door prizes were:

|                                              |                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Desmond Ahrens</b>                        | Parking centre with cars                   |
| <b>Angela Barraclough</b>                    | Light up lap desk & art supplies           |
| <b>Siobhan Braithwaite</b>                   | Girls gift bag of assorted toys            |
| <b>Liam Braithwaite</b>                      | Bike helmet, bell & bug container          |
| <b>Anik ? and Stephanie Morrow</b>           | Super soaker water guns                    |
| <b>Katrina Clark</b>                         | Cow pillow, blanket & trays                |
| <b>Dylan Mitchell</b>                        | Rescue Races game, Carz art set            |
| <b>Nick DeLuca</b>                           | Wiggling Waterprinkler                     |
| <b>Destiny Benson</b>                        | Dora Backpack, Sky Dancer & skipping rope  |
| <b>Connor Remillard</b>                      | Bearington Bear                            |
| <b>Teresa Barraclough and Nicholas North</b> | Hot Wheels backpacks filled with surprises |
| <b>Tyrell Ali</b>                            | Baseball glove and ball                    |
| <b>Emily ?</b>                               | Binoculars, camera, watch and paddles      |
| <b>Pauline DeLuca</b>                        | Saddle seat & Plane kit                    |
| <b>Katie Bell</b>                            | MP3 player                                 |
| <b>Connor Mitchell</b>                       | Tackle box                                 |
| <b>David Barraclough</b>                     | Dale Earnhardt jacket                      |
| <b>John DeLuca</b>                           | Rusty Wallace jacket                       |

The names of the adult draw prizes were not recorded.



OPP Auxilliary Constable Doxtator & Constable Bowcock with the Sweet Adelines.

## MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Val Grahl and mom, Marie House at the Ticket Booth



Checking out pond life in a tank made by Ted Dilts.



Lining up to start the Canoe Race.



Cindy Gibbs and Rob MacFarlane show off their BBQ skills.



Even the cook, Bill Lewis, has to eat!

Hope to see everyone at next year's Family Day.

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### Upcoming Events at WOFGPA

#### September 22 and 23 – Open Doors London

Teresa Couture will be heading the committee. You can contact her to give her ideas or to offer some time to this event by calling her at 519-668-6257 or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca) WOFGPA has been selected as one of the sites this year for the OPEN DOORS LONDON weekend. The Executive and Committee members would like to show other Londoners about our history, what we stand for and have to offer so please give us your ideas to polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city.

September 22 – Progressive Euchre resumes

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