

JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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July 2008

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

NOTE:

STARTING SEPTEMBER, ALL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR NEWSLETTER IN THE MAIL.

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

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

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Stan Gibbs

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Don Finch

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Gord Spotton

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Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

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Committees (con't)

Membership

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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

A while ago, a member of our club brought it to our attention that we enjoyed one of the cheapest annual dues rates of almost all the Clubs in the surrounding area. It is quite remarkable that we can enjoy the lake, grounds, hall, great functions, and good tasting Trout for such nominal membership fees. We recognize that some members joined the club solely for the benefit of being able to catch Trout regularly in close proximity to their home while others also attend some of our many functions held throughout the year.

When each member joined it was stressed to them that WOFGPA depends on the efforts of its many volunteers, which have kept the membership fees so low over the years.

A choice that we as Club Members will have make in the near future is cost versus time. Unfortunately, our volunteer base seems to be shrinking, getting a little older and the attendance at functions has dropped making some functions operate at a loss. We thank the volunteers that give 110% but we need help from some of the other members who could help lighten the load. If this trend continues, the Executive is considering raising the membership dues, as this has not been done for many years.

Do you enjoy all that the Club has to offer? If so ... lets get involved, supply new ideas and attend some of the many functions throughout the year

This is your club so come out and help polish this "jewel" in the heart of the city. It would be a shame to see that in future years that Canada's "Oldest Conservation Club" was forced to disband due to lack of sustainable volunteer base and financial considerations.

All members should note that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. Membership renewals and sticker distribution will be done prior to Executive meetings from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. If you are unable to attend an Executive Meeting during the summer months, alternate arrangements must be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. Although a few members may choose to mail membership renewals directly to the club, these members must make arrangements to obtain their stickers as fishing privileges are suspended unless a valid badge is worn. Thank you for your participation in this matter.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Hopefully, we will meet each of you at one of the many functions.

Condolences are sent to the Colborne family after the passing of Don's sister in June.

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It was good to see both Bill Rodrigues and Isabelle Carew felt well enough to venture out for a short visit to the club on the day of the yard sale.

REMINDER – WAITING LIST

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Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. There are almost 70 people waiting to become members. Do not let your membership lapse. No longer will the \$ 10.00 penalty be accepted for late membership renewal due to the length of the waiting list. If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the already lengthy waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. Also, if you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it will have to be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing

### BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW

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A great turnout for this function. The winners of the June monthly meeting draw that consisted of a set of BBQ tools were Jeff Weedmark and Ken Teasdale. The winners of the BBQ Meat packs (obtained from Kohn Meat Market) were: Jeff Weedmark (x2), Don Finch (x2), Bill Smith, Brian Allen (x2) and Art Boyle. Congratulations and bon appetite!

OFAH Members

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The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is looking to update their records. Although they do know how many members they have, they are not aware if any of these members are also WOFGPA members. Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly?

Please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at [val.grahl@rogers.com](mailto:val.grahl@rogers.com) and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

### FOR SALE

- Steel Case desk with two drawers, a pullout keyboard tray and keys. Dimensions: 45 x 25 x 30 ". Asking \$ 50
- Filing cabinet featuring two drawers for letter size hanging folders (key included). Dimensions: 18 x 15 x 29 ". Asking \$ 15
- Large desk with small pull out drawer. Dimensions: 60 x 30 x 30 " with an extension measuring 54 x 21 ". Asking \$ 25
- Microwave stand on rollers. Dimensions: 24 x 15 x 34 ". Asking \$ 15

Call Janice at 519-680-0576 to view these items.

## Annual Family Day at WOFGPA

WOFGPA members, their families and guests enjoyed the beautiful sunny afternoon and all the Family Day activities. Here are a couple of pictures showing highlights of the days activities.



The heat is on during the Canoe Race



A little boy just had to ask "So ... just when are they going to draw for the prizes?"



Lots of wet fun during the Water balloon Toss

Thanks to the Executive and the Entertainment group and the volunteers for their work in arranging the different aspects of this function. 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. Karen arranged most of the afternoon's entertainment, filled the goody bags for the children, got many donations and still managed to have all the volunteers organized and ready to go.

KUDOS TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

The winners of the children's prizes were:

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|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fishing Pole _____                       | Bradán Ernteman |
| Badminton set _____                      | Connor Mitchell |
| Basketball _____                         | Rachel Foster   |
| Water Pistols _____                      | Adam McGee      |
| Locker organizer & ICY (Penguin)_        | Troy Remillard  |
| Water slide _____                        | Chris (?)       |
| East Park Water Passes and Water Pistols | Dylan Wright    |
| Girls Gift Bag _____                     | Maddison Roy    |
| High School Musical "Gabriella" _____    | Sarah Boros     |
| Crochet set _____                        | Taylor Mitchell |
| Sleeping bag _____                       | Noelle Hack     |
| Teddy Bears _____                        | Natalie Boros   |

A few youth prizes were not bid on so they will be stored for next Family Day.

The numerous winners of the Adult Draw table were not recorded.

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 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. Our website is www.wofgpa.org. Our site contains our club history, updated information about 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 at Tcouture@gapenviromic.com or at t.couture@live.ca or by phone in the evenings.
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### PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES

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

### Fourth Annual "Juniors Only" Derby

The 4th Annual Juniors Only Derby was open to children only, aged 12 and under. The rules were very simple: a point system for each fish species caught was implemented in an effort to assist children in identifying their catch. The most points determined the winners of first, second and third place. June 8 was a beautiful day for fishing at WOFGPA with lots of fun, fishing and plenty to eat.



Five juniors came out to try their luck by catching and identifying as many fish species as possible. They also perfected their angling skills by taking on-shore casting lessons.

The winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Ryan Kennedy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sadie Priham
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Craig Boudreau

Honorable mentions: Jacob Boudreau and Claire Kennedy

The Executive is quite concerned with the poor turnout at this derby. We recognize the importance of our youth's involvement with their environment as they learn to recognize the impact that their actions will have. As the old cliché says "The youth of today are the future of tomorrow". Help any youth to become an informed participant by setting a good example for them to follow.

### Summer Bass Derby Sunday, July 13, 2008

**Registration** 7:00 am (NO EARLIER)  
**Derby times:** 7:30 am till noon

**Cost:**

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| <b>Members</b>                | \$ 12.00 |
| <b>Non-members</b>            | \$ 15.00 |
| <b>Youth (12 &amp; under)</b> | \$ 5.00  |

A barbeque lunch will be provided to all anglers with their registration. Lunches for non-anglers may be purchased at an additional cost. 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. As the date gets closer, details of the event will be printed in the newsletter and posted at the club and on the website.

General meetings are not held during July and August. Members are encouraged to attend Executive Meetings, which occur on the fourth Thursday of every month.

- Sun., July 13** Annual Bass Derby
- Thurs., July 24** Executive meeting
- Sun. August 24** Volunteer Appreciation Night (By invitation only)
- Thurs., August 28** Executive meeting
- Thurs., Sept. 11** General meeting
- Sun., Sept. 13** Texas Hold 'em Poker
- Sat. Sept. 21 thru Sun., Sept 21** Doors Open London
- Sat., Sept. 27** Euchre resumes

### Summertime safety

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat.

Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing sunscreen with a minimum SPF 45. Read the directions and apply sunscreen accordingly. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (11:00 am till 3:00 pm). Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and fruit juices. Protect your eyes, and your children's eyes, by wearing sunglasses that have a UV protective coating.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. This does not mean that a strong, healthy person is safe. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing.

If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room **IMMEDIATELY**. If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, err on the side of caution at once. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

Have a safe and happy, fun-filled summer.

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ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA**

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