

July 2009 NEWSLETTER



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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

The Treasurer's Report is presented 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 and up to date club information
can be obtained on our website at
www.wofgpa.org

The OFAH website is www.ofah.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did we miss it? Summer I mean.

Although the weather has not lived up to the steamy days of summer that we enjoyed last year, I have been told that the good sunny warm days of summer are just around the corner.

With the warm days of summer comes Bass fishing, and the annual bass derby is just around the corner. I understand that there are a couple members that are anticipating an upset at this year's derby, I welcome all comers to try, but it is hard to beat me if you don't have the secret bait (anyone going to Tims). I am looking forward to seeing old and new friends alike next week.

Our Family Day celebration was held on last Sunday and unfortunately the wet weather kept the attendance low. As luck would have it the sun came out just after the start of our event and gave the members that did show a warm and sunny afternoon. I think everyone that did attend had a good time.

Keep an eye on the web site; I will be forwarding some interesting pics of the day's events.

On a final note, please research all you can on the O.F.A.H so that in October of this year you will be able to vote on 100% affiliation with sound judgment. (see Motion on right side of this page)

Have a safe and happy summer.

Yours in conservation,
Stan Gibbs

WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

We have a new supplier of WOFGPA merchandise. Be the first one to get your merchandise and wear it proudly at the club.

Jackets with embroidered crest	\$ 40.00
Hooded fleecce sweatshirt with crest	\$ 30.00
Caps with embroidered crest	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered fish crest	\$ 10.00
T-shirts with embroidered club crest	\$ 13.00
T-shirts with silk-screened club crest	\$ 10.00
Lanyards / key fobs	\$ 5.00

All taxes are included in the price.

To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 families each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at tcouture@gapenviromic.com

WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Remember to introduce yourself at one of the many functions.

At the June 11, 2009 General Meeting, Stan Gibbs stepped down as President (for a few minutes) to present this motion; seconded by Steve Couture. CARRIED.

Whereas the WOFGPA has as its guiding principle, "... to serve and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its soils, minerals, waters, forests, air and wildlife ...", and this principle is conservation-based and is also the guiding principle of the OFAH; and,

Whereas the WOFGPA has identified a need to improve the conservation efforts and education of the Club members in regard to Club's guiding principle; and,

Whereas the WOFGPA traditionally has been affiliated, in part or in whole, with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters since the inception of the OFAH; and,

Whereas the OFAH is an organization that promotes conservation, on behalf of its many member clubs, and also provides many opportunities for its members to participate in educational and "hands-on" conservation initiatives that benefit all Ontarians;

Be it resolved that all types of WOFGPA membership (Single, Family, Senior and Life) shall be required to become members of the OFAH, either upon joining the Club as a new member, or upon renewal of an existing 2009 membership, and that a vote shall be taken, by secret ballot on October 8, 2009, at the General Meeting. (A majority vote of all present at the Meeting will rule.)

And further, that any increase in the WOFGPA current membership fee that is necessary to cover the cost of said OFAH membership shall be decided by vote of members present at the 2010 Annual General Meeting (March 11, 2010), in accordance with Article 11.4.1 of the WOFGPA Constitution.

And further that said vote at the 2010 Annual General Meeting be a vote by secret ballot prior to the Election of the Executive and Directors for the 2010 year.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES & SAFE BOATING

If there is sufficient demand, extra courses will be scheduled.

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Paul General
905-765-4627
pgeneral@sixnations.ca

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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WOFGPA ANNUAL FAMILY DAY

The day started off as being overcast and rainy but soon cleared up for the Family Day events.

Many thanks to the many volunteers, both members and non-members who helped to make this day enjoyable for WOFGPA members, their families and guests. Your countless hours of working “behind the scenes” has paid off once again. Kudos on a job well done.

The winners were:

Pie Eating

Youth	Iain Locke Autumn Ernteman
Adult	Rebecca Anderson

Canoe Races

1 st	Connor Remillard & Gord Spotton
2 nd	Jacob Boudreau & Bob Smale
3 rd	Troy & Lisa Remillard

Scavenger Hunt

1 st	Jake
2 nd	Autumn Ernteman
3 rd	Tyrel

The children’s door prize winners (not in order) were: Autumn Ernteman, Connor Remillard, Jalen Ellison, Bradan Ernteman, Morgan Boudreau, Brandon Edwards, Lyra Bellchamber, Kaden (?), Siobhan Braithwaite, Troy Remillard.

The winners of the adult draw prizes were not recorded. Congratulations to all the winners of events and draws.

Sponsors: Northern Marketing, UTRCA, Stan Gibbs, Karen & John Anderson, Bob & Diane Smale, Bonnie Earle, Steve & Teresa Couture, Home Hardware, Don & Debbie Parker, Papa John’s Pizza, East Park, Slo Pitch City, Foster Automotive, Dave Jeffries, Pat & Ken Lockrey, and Bill & Sylvia Lewis and Greg Balch. Please accept my apologies if your name was missed.

... Just a few of our Family Day 2009 photos:



Canoe racing – ready, set, go



Juniors Pie Eating Contest and not feeding time.



Autumn Ernteman can’t believe that Mom just told her “We are having pie for desert!”



Tim Locke as he “chows down” on pie.



Adult Pie Eaters: (left to right) Rehecca Anderson, Lisa Remillard and Tim Locke.



Greg Balch definitely has the Smaile grandchildren totally enthralled with his display and knowledge of the wildlife in Southern Ontario.



Greg Balch proudly displays the Wild Turkey “tom” that WOFGPA sponsored.



Hermann makes fine measurements to his work



The tree carvers have forever carved into the tree for all eternity, the face of one of WOFGPA’s members. Can you guess who?

If you have some extra time on your hands, drop by the club to see Hermann and Howard at the tree carving. They always welcome help. Even if you have never carved before, your assistance will be appreciated. If you were willing to do a “Timmies” run or better still, show up with “Timmies” in hand.

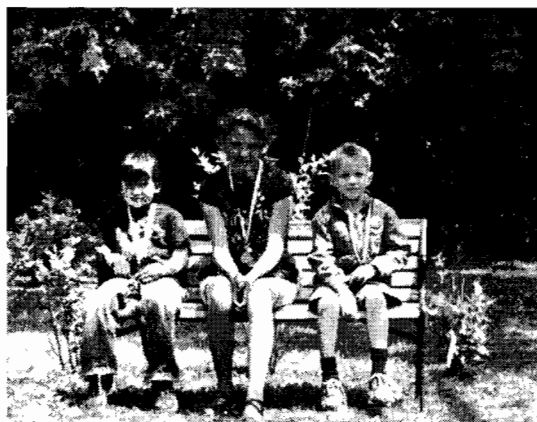


The Heron’s view of the club parking lot

The 5th Annual Juniors Only Derby was held on June 7. With great weather at hand, it was good to see such a great turnout of young anglers and their assistants and volunteers. The anglers were able to identify the different species of fish caught throughout the morning.

The winners were:

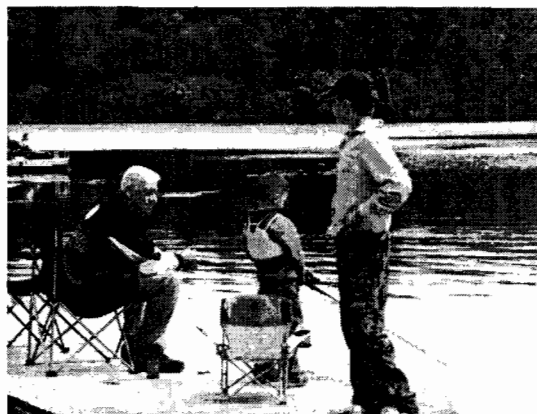
1 st place Autumn Ernteman	73
2 nd place Thomas Jermy	48
3 rd place Justin Bishop	39



WOFGPA Fifth Annual Juniors Only Derby winners –
June 7, 2009



Darren and Zack inspect their catch



Jim, Liam & Bobbie



This little lady shows off her "Catch of the day"

Many thanks to all the assistants and volunteers for their help. Your actions will leave an impact on these young anglers who will hone the skills they learned today.

Annual Bass Derby
Sunday, July 12, 2009

Derby times: 7:30 am til noon

Registration starts at 7:00 am (no earlier)

Boats may be put in the water prior to 7:30 am. All registered anglers will start the derby at 7:30 am from the front shore area.

Cost: Members	\$ 12.00
Non-members	\$ 15.00
Junior (age 12 or under)	\$ 5.00

Only derby participants may fish during this derby. Derby rules will be posted on the day of the derby. Regular fishing by members will resume after 12:00 noon. A barbeque lunch will be provided for registered anglers.

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 website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW

Our annual barbeque meat pack draw was held on June 11 at the General Meeting. The winners were: George Maudsley, Jack Gerard (x3), Tony Dukic, Don Colborne (x2) and Tom McGill.

Congratulations and bon appetit.

FLAGSTONE WALKWAY INSTALLATION

The installation of a flagstone walkway from the parking lot to the south dock has been on the agenda for a while now. Now it is just a matter of arranging for all the supplies to arrive so that work can begin.

If you are able to assist with this project, please contact Steve Couture (Grounds chairman) at home in the evenings by calling 519-668-6257. Steve will set the July date for this project when details are confirmed.

As of September 15, 2009, all operators of motorized pleasure craft will need an Operator's Card. To obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, candidates need to pass an accredited test. Visit www.tc.gc.ca and search "operator card" for more information.

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, you will get a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

You may obtain your valid membership card when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT.**

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately.

Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching.

Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

The winners of the June monthly meeting draw were: George Maudsley and Andre Koch (both men won a BBQ package) and Tony Dukic (box of Truffles). Congratulations George, Andre and Tony.

Please note that General Meetings are not held during the months of July and August. See your calendar for dates of the Executive meetings, which are open to all members.


DOORS OPEN AT WOFGPA

This year our club was not selected as one of the sites for Doors Open London. We are considering opening our doors anyway on the weekend of Sept. 19 - 20 to the public. If you are interested in assisting, please leave your name with Stan Gibbs, who will be heading this venture.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better this very unique organization. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter, posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website. The event calendar for 2009 - 2010 is available on the website www.wofgpa.org

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| Sun. July 12 | Bass Derby |
| Thurs. July 23 | Executive Meeting |
| Thurs. Aug 27 | Executive meeting |
| Mon. Sept. 7 | Labour Day (Statutory holiday) |
| Thurs. Sept. 10 | General meeting |
| Thurs. Sept. 24 | Executive meeting |
| Sat. Sept. 26 | Euchre |

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