

# June 2005 NEWSLETTER



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## June 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Bow Course
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting and BBQ Meat draw	10	11 Garage Sale
12 Kids Derby- no adult fishing during derby	13	14	15 Boat Safety course	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
26 Family Day	27	28	29	30		

## July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 Bass Derby	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24/31	25	26	27	28 Executive meeting	29	30



## Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

Accredited

Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich (519) 668-1130

[phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca](mailto:phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca)

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

## 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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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

### **WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT ALL TIMES**

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.**



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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 last meeting, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either the General or the Executive meetings.

# President's Message

June 2005

It is sure nice to see the warmer weather finally arrive. The trout are active, Fishermen are happy, life is good!!!

Now that spring has sprung, a number of things are happening around the club. I would like to bring your attention to three of them.

Number one. As most of you have already noticed, we have a new piece of equipment on the grounds. Recently we arranged to have a worm-dispensing machine located at the club. I realize the cost is a little more than what we used to pay, but this is more secure and less likely to be short on the money end. As for the club we get 75 cents per dozen worms sold to help pay for hydro. If we have a surplus, the money, it will go to fish stocking. I would like to thank Steve Couture for getting this started.

Number two. In the near future, we will be holding our first all kids fishing derby. If you have a child under 12, bring him / her out for a morning of fun. If you do not have your own, borrow one for the morning and teach our future fisher persons how it is done. There will be food and drinks for the kids and prizes for the winners. Remember this is for the children, no adult fishing until after the derby.

Number three. Near the end of June, we will be having our annual Family Day Celebration. Over the past few years, the attendance has been dropping. I realize that we have many new members that may not be aware of this great day that we put on. If you have never attended one before, come out, have a great time with your family, and meet new friends. There are all kinds of entertainment, good food and fun to be had. Our volunteers put in a great amount of time and energy organizing this event, so please show your support and join us for lots of fun and laughs.

Please note that there are no general meetings in July and August.

See you soon.

*Stan Gibbs*  
668-2609



**There is no smoking in the club at any time.**

## FOR IMMEDIATE SALE

(While the weather is warm and the lawn needs mowing!!)



This Sears Model, 7 hp riding lawn mower has 3 speeds with reverse. It is in good condition and runs excellently and it can be yours for \$ 300. Let's face it, you have to cut the lawn anyway, so why not do it in style. If interested, call Don Colborne at 686-9559.

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## GARAGE SALE

Sat. June 11, 2005  
8:00 till ?  
Rain or Shine

It is time to do some spring-cleaning. Surely, you have items in your garage and basement that just are not used any longer. Why not turn those items into cash by selling them at a garage sale. More prospective buyers come to a group garage sale.

To reserve your table for only \$ 15.00, call Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 668-6257.

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The website is up and running. You can log on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Please visit it often. Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have some pictures, articles or stories about the club to post for all to see. Any submissions can be sent to Lawrence by email at [lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)

## BBQ Meat Draw

Thurs., June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

Nothing tastes better than steaks done up on the barbeque except for the steaks that were won.

Immediately following our shortened June General Meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, we will be drawing for 10 BBQ Meat packages. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that is held in December of each year. Each meat package contains a variety of meats purchased at Courtesy Meats.

Why not come out to meet other members and try your luck. See you there.

### DONATIONS REQUESTED

It is sometimes very difficult to raise funds and obtain donations of door and draw prizes for our Family Day, derbies, euchres or any of our other functions. It is only through the goodwill of sponsors that allows us to have these door prizes and draws.

It would be appreciated if yourself as a business owner or your employer were able to either donate an item or give a monetary amount for any one of our functions.

A formal letter of request is available if required by the sponsor and can be obtained by contacting Teresa Couture. We are fully accountable for all donations received.

If you can assist, please contact Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 668-6257.

### BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Wed., June 15  
6:30 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He provides all instruction and course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your card.

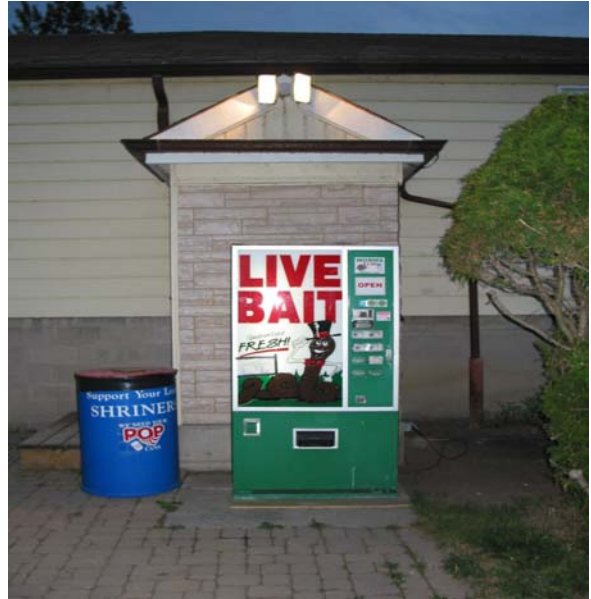
It will soon be the law that boaters, jet skiers, etc must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. So do not delay.

The course runs from 6:00 til 10:30 pm. The cost is \$ 40 for members and \$ 45 for non-members.

To enroll in the course, call Phil at 668-1130 or email him at [phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca](mailto:phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca)

## THEY'RE BACK!!!!

### WORMS FOR SALE



Worms are now available for only \$ 3.00 per dozen from the vending machine located at the club. Some of the regular anglers have already discovered this machine and it is gaining in popularity. The club's portion of the profits from worm sales will go towards offsetting the hydro costs and to fish stocking. If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Steve Couture at 668-6257 (evenings). Steve will be refilling the machine regularly.

Note: For some reason, the worms like to hide at the bottom of the cans so they won't be used as bait.

### WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. The costs are very low while the quality is high.

Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest	\$ 45.00
Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest and your name	\$ 49.00
Tee shirts with Club crest	\$ 10.00
Hooded sweatshirt with Club crest	\$ 28.00
Polar Fleece jacket with crest	\$ 30.00
Ball hats with embroidered Club logo	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered crest – navy only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items call Tom McGill at 652 -2875.

## AUDITORS NEEDED !

Two auditors are needed from the membership to audit the club books.

If you are interested in doing this or would like more information as to what is required, please contact Steve Couture (evenings) at 668-6257 or Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 or come to a meeting.

## Spring Trout Derby

Sunday, May 15th

32 people came to take advantage of the beautiful, warm day. The winners were:

Adult Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gary Pratt	124.5 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Roach	121.5 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wayne Kimmerly	119 cm

Junior Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nicholas Bohdanowicz	98 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ed Sweet Jr.	67.5 cm

(There were only 2 junior participants).

50/50 Draw      Deb Freele

The next derby will be held on Sun., July 10. Watch the newsletter and club bulletin board for details.

## FIRST ANNUAL KID'S DERBY Sunday, June 12

The derby will run from 8:00 til noon.  
Registration is at 7:30 am.

Cost is only \$ 5.00 per child. **The derby is open to children aged 12 and under only.**

**No adults will be allowed to fish anyway at the club during this derby.**

**Regular fishing resumes at noon.** The cost includes prizes and lunch for the children. Lunch is available for purchase for the adults.

**All fish will be counted except bass.** Bass are not in season and should not be targeted. If a bass is caught, put them back in the water as gently and quickly as possible. They don't count towards the child's total fish length.

It is expected that the children will need an adult assistant for this derby. There is only one rod per child allowed. If you don't have children, then bring a grandchild, niece or nephew, or the neighbour's kid.

Call Tom McGill at 652-2875 for details. See you there!

## FOR SALE

Jim Morrow has a 7 month old, sable coloured German shepherd for sale. This dog is neutered with all its shots. The asking price is \$ 100 OBO. Call Jim at (519) 425-8712 to arrange to meet this dog.

Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance. Review the Fishing rules occasionally as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to each membership type. These rules are posted in the Fish Registry Room and just inside the main building.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, would like to update your email address, have an Item for Sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture (Dodge) by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.** The draw is held in March of each year, immediately following the elections.

**Bill Smith won camping knives and binoculars at the May General Meeting. Congratulations Bill !!!**

## WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR CLUB???

The Executive and the Entertainment committee would like your input as to what you want from your club. What kind of things would you like to see at WOFGPA. How about a dance or two? How about a summertime potluck barbeque?

## RAFFLE

Cora Thompson has spent countless hours crocheting a beautiful table cloth (about 3 feet diameter). She has generously donated this to the club for a raffle. This table cloth will be raffled off at Family Day on June 26th. Tickets will be available from the membership booth. Thank you very much Cora for all of your generosity.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.**



The Entertainment Committee is having their next Family Day meeting on Wed. June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Assistance is always welcome and needed for this event. Contact Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 668-6257 for more details.

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## FAMILY DAY

**Sunday, June 26, 2005**  
**Noon til 4:00 pm**

On this day, all members, their families and guests are invited to enjoy the afternoon filled with events, displays and demonstrations that are sure to please all ages.

A few things on the agenda for this year are; displays and demos by the City of London Emergency Services (Fire Department and Canine Unit) as well as the "Snake Lady" who will be arriving with a whole menagerie of creepy, crawly things for you to see (and handle, if you aren't too squeamish). She is well known to most of the children as she often visits the schools in London.



Greg Balch is an environmentalist and a live trapper. Greg will have a host of taxidermy specimens and gives a very informative yet interesting presentation.



We also have a Water Balloon Toss (half the people get a little wet), Canoe Races, Magic Show and Frisbee painting.



There is a lot of great food to be eaten. Did I mention that the kids get tickets at the gate so they eat for free?



We also have prizes for the children and adults (children do not need to be present to claim their prize).

One of our members, Cora Thompson has generously donated a beautiful crocheted table cloth, which will be raffled off.

**The entertainment goes on all afternoon.**  
**Many more surprises in store this year so**  
**mark your calendars. See you there!!!**

Recently, there has been some controversy regarding the club's fishing rules. When they were initiated, all members were given an explanation of the rules. Since some members may not fully understand the rules or may just need a reminder every now and then, an overview is presented below.

## **Fish Limits& Rules**

**Family Membership:** Limit 4 Trout in 1 day with no angler catching more than 2 Trout

**Single Membership:** Limit 2 Trout in 1 day.

**Senior Citizen Membership:** Limit 4 Trout in 1 day with no angler catching more than 2 Trout

**Youth/Sponsored Youth Membership:** Limit 2 Trout in 1 day which are counted as part of the Family limit of 4

**Sponsored Child:** Limit 2 Trout in 1 day which are counted as part of the Sponsor's limit

### **Other**

- \*\* Membership cards MUST BE VISIBLY WORN while on the property while fishing and should be worn while on the property.
- \*\* No one may angle for someone else. Only 1 fishing line per angler and it must be attended.
- \*\* Any Angler catching 2 Trout MUST cease fishing for the Day. All Trout caught must be registered as part of that angler's daily limit (even if you give the fish away).
- \*\* No Trout may be returned to the Pond after it has been caught.
- \*\* All Bass must be returned to the pond with the least possible harm to the fish.
- \*\* Bass must not be intentionally targeted until the official season opening.
- \*\* NO MINNOWS (Dead, Preserved or Alive) and NO CORN are to be used as bait
- \*\* ALL children under 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an Adult Card Holder
- \*\* A Guest is limited to twice per year per membership.

If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact Stan Gibbs at 668-2609 or come to a meeting. Any of the Executive group are also available to answer any of your questions.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES COULD RESULT IN  
SUSPENSION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND / OR TERMINATION OF  
YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**



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