

June 2006 NEWSLETTER



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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

<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

emadhaz@hotmail.com

<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

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.



There is no smoking in the club at any time.

President's Message

Finally! I think spring has sprung.

With the warm temperatures and daylight savings time thrown in to the mix, there are more opportunities to wet a line.

With so many unused fishing rods being put into action after a long cold winter, the possibilities of crowding our docks is inevitable.

At this time, I would like to remind everyone that proper fishing etiquette be observed.

Take care not to crowd another fisherman, do not cast your line across another fisherman's line, and respect your fellow angler.

I would also like to remind all the people who use our fish cleaning station to properly clean all surfaces (top and two shelves) after you are done.

Please remember to drive slowly on the property and driveway. Driving slower reduces kicking up gravel, which creates potholes and scratches vehicles. Watch for pedestrians at all times. Do not park in the main driveway or on either side of the driveway by the club hall and boat rack. The drive is quite narrow in these areas and limits access for others. Our two parking areas: the main lot and at the boat rack are large enough to accommodate all vehicles.

Thanks.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

WE HAVE WORMS!

The worms cost just \$ 3.00 per dozen.

As many anglers have already discovered, the worm machine at the club has been filled. If you have any issues with the machine or the worms, please contact Steve at 668-6257 (evenings). Steve regularly checks the machine and feeds the worms.

Best wishes to June Foster who is recovering at home after a brief illness.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. The winner of the May General Meeting draw was D. Clark who won lures and Power Bait.

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.

Catch and Release

At the May General Meeting, a motion was brought forward to allow Catch and Release of Trout to be practiced by the anglers who chose to do so, after being shown the proper technique. A lengthy discussion occurred with input from the members present regarding all the good and not so good points and how each would affect other anglers.

The Executive decided that Catch and Release will not be permitted at WOFGPA and that the current fishing rules stand. They agreed that although Catch and Release was good practice, it was not in the best interest of the majority of the membership. It is time to review the club's fishing rules and how each applies to you, which is determined by your membership.

Family: Limit is 4 Trout in one day with no angler catching more than two Trout

Single: Limit of 2 Trout in one day

Senior Citizen: Limit 4 Trout in one day with no angler catching more than two Trout

Youth / Sponsored Youth: Limit two Trout in one day, which are counted as part of the Family membership.

Sponsored Child: Limit two Trout in one day, which are counted as part of the Sponsor's limit.

- Membership cards must be visibly worn while on the property while fishing and should be worn while on the property.
- No one may angler for someone else. Only one 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 once it is 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, alive or preserved, and no corn are to be used as bait.
- All children under 16 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult cardholder. A guest is limited to twice per year per membership.
- If you have any questions or comments about the rules, please contact any of the Executive members or attend a meeting.

Barbeque Meat Draw

At the June General meeting, on Thursday, June 8, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. The format is the same as the Turkey Roll in December. There are 10 Barbeque meat packs to be won. Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you won.

2nd Annual Juniors Derby

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. The child may be assisted by one adult (BUT remember adult assistants are only there to help). Rules: Total length of all fish caught wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize.

When: Sunday, June 11, 2006

Times: 9 am until 12 Noon

Registration: 8:30 am

Cost: \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch

The Tackle Swap, which was to be on Sat. June 3, was cancelled due to lack of interest.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOFGPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

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.

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 by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US.



BOAT SAFETY COURSE

Wednesday, June 21, 2006

6:00 pm start time

Phil Gingrich is offering a boat safety course at the club on June 21, 2006. He provides all instruction, course materials and the test. Upon passing, he will issue your Safe Boating card.

It will soon be the law that all boaters, jet skiers and watercraft operators must have taken this course and provide proof by showing their card when requested. Phil anticipates a high demand for this course as the deadline quickly approaches. Our club President, Stan Gibbs, could not stress more how important it is for everyone (both water craft operators and passengers) to know boat safety and how it relates to you.

The course runs from 6:00 until 10:30 pm.

The cost is \$ 40 for members

\$ 45 for non-members.

To enroll in the course, call Phil at 668-1130 or email him at phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

Remember to mark June 21, 2006 on your calendar once you are registered with Phil.

The Entertainment Group puts in many hours organizing the functions of the club. Some of the latest ideas that have been implemented are: The Barbeque Meat draw, Karoke Night and the Juniors Only Derby. We would like to see more members enjoying all that the club has to offer. It would help if members could give some input to what they would like to get from their club. Please contact any of the Entertainment Group members with your ideas.

Thanks to Don Finch and Lawrence Lainchbury for all their hard work with the planters and the yard at the club. Thank you for a job well done.

CRAFT SUPPLIES NEEDED

Karen Anderson is collecting craft supplies to be used for the children. Items of interest are old, scratched CD's, yarn, felt, material pieces and notions. Leftover pieces from your crafts are also welcomed. Call Karen at 685-9217 if you can assist her.



Garage Sale

Sat. June 17 from 8am till?
Rain or Shine

Now that you are done your spring-cleaning, what are you to do with all the things that you really do not use or do not want anymore? Why not turn those gently used items into cold hard cash.

Tables are going quickly, so do not delay.

Please call Teresa at 668-6257 to reserve your table for only \$ 10.

On Olden Pond

Chapter 7
By Jim Morrow

I do not know why, but we fish seem to be at the bottom of the food chain. I know that I will eat worms, bugs, and such, but everybody wants to eat me. There is always some big creature out to get me. It does not matter if it is raining or the sun is shining or if it's freeing out. If it is not the big creatures, it is Sidney or Sonia the snapping turtles. I do not know why they could not be more like Sebastian and Sofia Squirrel and eat nuts. Even Ruby and Rory Raccoon will eat us when they catch us. I have even seen the Raccoons catch and eat Ferdinand and Florence Frog. Harry and Helen Heron sure like their frog dinners too. I tried frog legs once but they gave me gas so I never bother with them again. As far as the big flying creatures go, they do not bother us at all, except for Kirk and Kathleen Kingfisher. They will usually go after Sam and Suzy Bass's young ones because we trout are much too big for them. I always see Gregory and Greta the Canada Geese munching grass on the big creatures lawn. Dick and Doris Duck are always eating under vegetation. I am not sure what Terrance and Teresa Turkey eat because the only time I see them is when they are chasing Gregory and Greta off the lawn. I guess they do not like them in their area.

I do not see Carl and Carroll Carp that often. I think they stay on the bottom. I am not sure what they eat. They could be eating mud for all I know. It is starting to get too warm so I will have to stay a little deeper where it's nice and cool. This warm water really helps my arthritis so I can get away from Sidney easily enough. I think I see a mayfly or two so I will see you later.

Toby

Bass Derby

When: Sunday, July 16th

Derby Times: 7:00 am til Noon

Registration: 6:30 am (NO EARLIER)

Costs: Members:	\$ 12.00
Non-members:	\$ 15.00
Youth (12 and under):	\$ 5.00

All registered anglers will receive a lunch and refreshments and are eligible to win door prizes.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is the effort of WOFGPA volunteers that make this club such a jewel in the heart of the city. There are many functions throughout the year where assistance is required. Our next large function is Family Day, which is usually attended by over 250 to 300 people. Your assistance is needed with set up, arranging events, acquiring donations for children's door prizes and adult draw prizes and clean up. If you can assist with Family Day, even if only for a short time, please call Karen Anderson at 685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 668-6257.

FOR SALE

11 foot Wedco plastic canoe in very good condition. I am asking \$ 200 or best offer. Please contact Chris 936-4119 to see this canoe

One of our members, Brian Logie has been working very hard for quite a few months on research involving the history of Westminster and Delaware Townships. Numerous hours have been spent in libraries and talking to many people who have old records and photos about these townships. The hard work of many people is finally ending, as they get ready to publish a two-volume set. If you are interested in getting more information about this set or would like to reserve a copy for yourself, please contact Brian Logie by email at brianlogiehockey@rogers.com

WOFGPA FAMILY DAY

Sunday, June 25, 2006

Noon til 4 pm

A fun filled afternoon for the whole family. On arrival, each child will be given refreshment tickets, a goody bag and one draw ticket. Adults may purchase refreshment tickets for themselves and adult draw tickets at a nominal cost.

For your enjoyment this year, we have;



representatives of the City of London's different emergency services (meet and greet firemen, the OPP and the Canine unit)



Canoe Races (one adult and child per canoe)



"the Snake Lady" Val Williams comes with a menagerie of creatures



Taxidermy and Wildlife display by Greg Balch



Pie Eating Contest
(new this year)



Water Balloon Toss

(clean cool fun on a hot afternoon)



Face Painting and clowns



Surprise mystery entertainment



Musical entertainment

Also:

Refreshment Tent (we serve burgers and hot dogs, French fries, an assortment of cold drinks and ice creams)

Ticket / Membership booth: This is where you may purchase additional tickets and view all the prizes.

A schedule of the afternoon's activities will be posted around the grounds at the club.



Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets to sit on.

Come out and have some fun with other members and their families before the long hot days of summer arrive.

See you there!

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