

JUNE NEWSLETTER



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JUNE 2011

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JULY 2011

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10 Summer Bass Derby (official)	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Executive & Committees for 2011 - 2012**

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Todd Stewart

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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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and 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.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL NON-SMOKERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB, SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

FINAL MAILING OF WOFGPA NEWSLETTER

We have all been impacted by the rising costs. The club has also been faced with the increasingly high cost of printing and mailing newsletters to members each month. In an effort to reduce our costs, keep your membership dues as low as they are and to save some trees, **regular mailing of the monthly newsletter will stop effective July 2011 newsletter.** All membership renewal forms will continue to be mailed as memberships become due.

As always, the newsletter is available on-line at www.wofgpa.org. It can be read online or easily be printed out for further reference. Copies will also be available at the club for pickup.

I understand that some members do not have computer access and others may still wish to receive their newsletter by mail. In order to accommodate these individuals, **you must contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to have your name continued on a mailing list.** Only those members who request mailing of the newsletter before July 1st will receive it mailed to their home after that time.

Thank you for your understanding through this transition.

Teresa Couture

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has reached one of life's many milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

At this time, a few of our members have been having health issues and would welcome a phone call to say hello. If you get a few moments, call Don Turner, Bert Smit or Lori Tratjnek.

Happy belated 90th Birthday to Roy Gross, who is one of WOFGPA's long-standing members.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, mailing your membership renewal payment is not acceptable.**

ANNUAL DRAW – FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting you attend, you will receive a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

At each General Meeting, we hold a draw. The winners of the May General meeting draw were: Stan Gibbs (T shirt and filet knife) and Larry Holtzman (hat)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the June 9th General Meeting, a guest speaker, Randy Bailey will be updating club members about the Springbank Dam updates. Immediately following his presentation, we will hold our BBQ Meat Draw.

Now that the warm weather is here with a vengeance, there are even more opportunities to drop a line in the water at the club. 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 angler. Do not cast your line across theirs or crowd them into a small area of the dock. The anglers in boats should not venture too close to the docks where other anglers are. Bass are out of season and will soon start spawning. Please do not target these fish. If you do catch one by accident, please return it to the water as soon as possible in a non-stressful manner. Also, take a few moments to review the limits associated with your membership type.

I would also like to remind all those using the fish cleaning station to properly clean both top and bottom shelf when done. Discard any fish parts into the bush where they will be quickly eaten by raccoons. If each angler took a few moments to sweep the goose poop off the dock, there would be no reason to complain about a buildup. The geese are here to stay and we have to learn to work with them.

Under no conditions, should children be on the docks unsupervised. Please drive slowly on the property and driveway. This will reduce kicking up gravel that will cause potholes and can scratch cars. Watch for pedestrians at all times.

Our two areas for parking are the main lot and in the back by the boat racks, both of which are large enough to accommodate all vehicles. Parking is **not permitted** in the main driveway just north and west of the building. This area seems to have become popular lately due to the shade trees. Please be considerate to others by not parking in this narrow main driveway and limiting their access.

It has also come to the Executive's attention that some anglers have altered their hooks so that they can catch Trout, bring them in close and then allow the fish to get off the hook before it is landed. This practice tires the Trout and can stress them to the point of death. **It is a form of catch and release, which will not be tolerated.** If you are currently doing this, stop immediately. If you wish to feel the "fight" of the fish without landing it, please choose another body of water for this purpose.

Happy angling.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

FOR SALE



This 27 ft - 2 door Wildwood Trailer (2006) has a large electric slide out. It is on a cement slab with patio at Kenorus Campground and RV Resort. There are too many details and pictures of this beauty to publish in this newsletter. The owners are asking only \$ 19,000 which includes the 2011 seasonal rate. For more details, contact Frank and Lori at 519-679-2431 or at lorlyvne@hotmail.com. You won't be disappointed.



COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

If any member wishes to be on a committee for 2011 – 2012 term, please contact the current committee chairperson listed at the front of this newsletter. The new committees are starting to form now. Of course, as a member, you are welcome to join a committee at any time. Some individuals may find that their schedule does not allow for them to make the continuous commitment as a committee member. We understand how busy life can get with work demands, family and other interests. If you can only assist occasionally, please let the chairperson know. Your fresh, new ideas and assistance will always be welcomed.

Weekly Fishing League

The league meets each Wednesday night at 5:30 pm at the club. The cost is \$ 2 per night and you can join the league at any time. There is a weekly prize.

At the last update, Gord Spotton was currently in the lead.

For more information, please call Stan Gibbs.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education. All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members. Please contact Ed Connor at 519-808-1777 for more information and to register for one of these courses. The fee charged for these courses are among the lowest to be found.

2nd ANNUAL LADIES ONLY DERBY

This event was held on May 29th. It was a beautiful day for all the ladies and their assistants for angling.

Many thanks to Andre Koch and all those, especially the kids, that helped him throughout the day. Everyone enjoyed the shish kabobs and salad lunch.

Unfortunately, the names of the winners and photos will appear in the June newsletter.

Every member must display a valid membership card, observe your fishing limits and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website (www.wofgpa.org) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, contact Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com or by telephone listed at the front of this newsletter.

2nd ANNUAL KIDS ACTIVITY DAY Sun. June 26

Last year, the tradition of WOFGPA Family Day was broken and a Kids Activity Day was held instead. It was very well received by those in attendance. The details are being finalized for the 2nd Annual Kids Activity Day. The day will start with a kid's only derby in the morning. Lunch will be served and then the afternoon will be filled with a variety of events (both inside and outside) for the kids.

Mark the date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun. Hope to see everyone there.

For more details, contact Stan Gibbs who is the host for this day.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.



BBQ MEAT DRAW

On June 9th, immediately following our General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw. The format is similar to the Turkey Roll that we hold each December. The meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free meat from the barbeque. We will also have a guest speaker at this General Meeting.

Hope to see everyone there.

YARD SALE

Sat. June 18
(Rain or shine)
7:30 set up time

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the yard sale. You can get a few extra dollars for all those items that just are not used any longer.

At the same time, you are invited to sell any unwanted fishing, hunting (no guns allowed) or camping items that you might have

Call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 to reserve a table for only \$ 15.00. Don't delay, as there is a limited number of tables.

Thanks to Larry Holtzman for rebuilding some of our benches. They look great.

Ron Dennis would like to thank all those, and especially the kids who came out to assist with the fish stocking. It is great to see how enthusiastic the young persons were about stocking and getting involved with the club.

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY DRIVE

There have been some concerns expressed about the discrepancy in accuracy of the pellet guns used during the meat shoots.

Because of this concern, Howard Pearcey is holding a drive for Canadian Tire money. With the "CT money" he collects, he plans to purchase identical pellet guns for the meat shoots.

If you have "CT money" that you are willing to donate, please contact Howard Pearcey at 519-280-3080 or see him at a meeting.

In advance, thank you for your contributions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. **There are no General meetings in the months of July and August due to many vacation schedules, although the Executive meetings are still held.** Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

- Thurs. Jun. 9 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
- Sat. Jun. 18 Yard Sale (Rain or Shine)
- Thurs. Jun. 23 Executive Meeting
- Sun. Jun. 26 Kids Activity Day
- Sun. Jul. 10 1st Summer Bass Derby (official)
- Thurs. July 28 Executive Meeting
- Sun. Aug. 7 2nd Summer Bass Derby (unofficial)
- Thurs. Aug. 25 Executive Meeting
- Thurs. Sept. 8 General Meeting
- Thurs. Sept. 22 Executive meeting
- Sat. Sept. 24 Euchre (two hosts are still needed)
- Sat. Oct. 1 Meat Shoot (for turkeys)
- Thurs. Oct. 13 General Meeting
- Sat. Oct. 15 Trout stocking (tentative)
- Sat. Oct. 22 Euchre
- Sun. Oct. 23 Fall Trout Derby
- Thurs. Oct. 27 Executive Meeting
- Sun. Oct. 30 Kids Halloween Party

MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE EVENTS SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THAT THE CLUB HAS TO OFFER ITS MEMBERS.

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER TO BE MAILED TO CLUB MEMBERS.

IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE A MAILED NEWSLETTER, CONTACT TERESA COUTURE BEFORE THE END OF JUNE.

THE NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON LINE AT www.wofgpa.org AND CAN EASILY BE PRINTED AT HOME. COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB FOR PICKUP.

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