

MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER



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March 2007

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April 2007

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

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Gord Dowler

Don Finch

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Walt Seliske

Grounds

Steve Couture

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Don Finch

Gerry Lampman

Jim Morrow

Ponds

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Don Finch

Gord McCurdy

Tom McGill

Gord Spotton

Walt Seliske

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Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Don Finch

Stan Gibbs

Walt Seliske

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 presented 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.**

The newsletter can also be obtained online at

www.wofgpa.org

President's Message

I NEED YOUR HELP !

On March 8, 2007, our club and its members will be conducting our general elections.

Our club is alive and prospering because of dedicated people at the helm. If you have any desire to help our club, come out to the elections. There are many positions available that require dedicated people. Some tasks require very little time and others require more.

If you do not wish to run for the executive board, head one of our many committees or assist on one of our many committees, I still need your help. In order for the best people to be put in place, our membership should put them there. So, come and show your support for your club and vote for the right people for the right job.

The current Executive and committee members have a task assigned to them. As a group, they plan on making the general meetings more "member-friendly" and to increase attendance at these meetings by members. One measure to do this might be to have guest speakers or demonstrations, such as fly tying or how to properly cook fish. We feel that many members have such unique skills that they could be shared in a very informal setting.

As a final note, my intention for the upcoming term is that I plan to run for President again. If you feel the job your Executive has done in 2006 – 2007 term warrants another term in office, or if you feel there is someone better suited for the job, please attend the elections meeting in March and let your voice be heard.

Stan Gibbs

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**FOR SALE**

Tires and rims for a Crown Victoria or Grand Marquis. Details: Two Nordic Ice Track Winter tires P225/60R16

- mint condition
- used for less than 1000 km.
- Valued at \$ 485.00 but asking only \$ 300.

Call Ken at 519 – 439 – 1379  
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ELECTIONS NOTICE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2007
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2007 – 2008 term will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions are for a one year period, covering March 8, 2007 through till the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2008.
- Nomination forms may be dropped of at the club by Wednesday, March 7, 2007, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination
OR
provide a written acceptance delivered to the Club Secretary on or before election night.
- All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply).
- One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.
- An updated membership list will be posted at the club after February 28, 2007.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization.

Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

Get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.
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THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOF&GPA**



### Jigg's Dinner

It is WOFGPA tradition that the new Executive serves dinner to the members and their guests. The members can expect a dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies, roll, salads, deserts, tea or coffee.

**Date:** Sat., March 31, 2007

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Cost: ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY**

\$ 10.00 Adults

\$ 5.00 Child (under 12)

Tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 668-6257 (evenings) or from her at a meeting or at any function.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa and let her know as soon as possible.

**The tickets are almost sold out so do not delay and call Teresa to get your tickets.**

### Is Something Wrong with your Crock-pot?

I believe that last year, I mistakenly brought home the wrong stoneware liner with my crock-pot. The one that I have looks new, has a shaped bottom and is a bit too small for my crock-pot. It is very nice but it is not mine. The one that I am looking for looks old, is flat bottomed and has a crack (but doesn't leak). If you are interested in trading to get your stoneware liner back, call Teresa at 668-6257 (evenings).

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone ice 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 by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Non-members caught fishing on club property will be prosecuted for trespassing and poaching.



### Progressive Euchre

The winners of the February 24th euchre games were:

High Man: Damian Smith

High Lady: Darlene

Mystery Man: Don Parker

Mystery Lady: Marian Colborne

Most Lone Hands: Gord Spotton

50/50 draw: Debbie Parker - \$ 33.00

**DATE:** Sat., March 24, 2007

**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP

**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

The games are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. Be sure to arrive early (but no earlier than 6:45 pm) to ensure that you get a seat.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

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Fifty-one anglers came out on February 25 to face the elements and try their luck at the first ice-fishing Trout derby this year.

The only trout was caught by Tom McGill.

Joseph Lawler, one of the many junior anglers present did catch a sunfish. Unfortunately, sunfish are not eligible in a Trout ice fishing derby.

Thank you to Tom and Shirley McGill, Teresa Couture, Stan Gibbs and Lawrence Lainchbury for their assistance with this derby.

DANGER – THIN ICE

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A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person. The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly.

Always use the "Buddy" system and let a "landlubber" know where you are going to be. Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.

Mark your fishing holes – for safety  
Stay off any unsafe ice



**Breakfast with the Bunny**

**Date:** Saturday, April 7, 2007  
**Time:** 9:00 am until 11:00 am  
The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

For a very reasonable price, you can have a club-cooked breakfast of bacon, eggs, hash browns, toast, juice and coffee. The children can participate at the Craft Table while the adults enjoy their coffee. The Bunny will be handing out an Easter goody bag to each child. Children, young and old, can have fun creating a special Easter craft while the rest of the adults enjoy their coffee and tea after eating a great breakfast. Please note that craft creation is for the children while at the club.

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**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

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WOFGPA Merchandise is once again available. All the merchandise is good quality and very moderately priced. For more details about available stock, please see Tom McGill at a meeting or function or call him at 519-652-2875.

**The newsletter is also available on line at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**



**Spring Trout Derby**

**Date:** Sunday, April 22, 2007  
**Cost:** Members \$ 10.00  
Non-Members \$ 12.00  
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)  
**Derby times:** 7:30 am until noon  
**Registration:** 7:00 am (No Earlier)

Come and join us for the Spring Trout Derby. For this registration cost, you will receive a light lunch and you will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Cash prizes go to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

We will to be stocking the pond with Trout before this derby, water conditions permitting. The date and time for stocking will be posted on the club bulletin board once arrangements are finalized.

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If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail, would like to update your email address, have an item listed for sale or an article to share with other members: contact Teresa Couture by phone at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend and add your input so that informed decisions can be made about YOUR club. You may also attend the Executive meeting held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm.

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Draw prizes are available at each General Meeting. The winners of the February monthly draw were:

Cold Heat Soldering Gun won by Steve Couture. A Truck Tool Box Kit was won by Bill Smith who generously donated it back. Paul Polischuk who won the follow-up draw for the toolbox, generously donated it back to be used as a door prize at the Ice Fishing Derby on February 25. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your generosity.

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name will be entered to win a one-year membership and the draw occurs on Election night. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**

**Upcoming Events at WOFGPA (More details to follow in upcoming newsletters):**

**Sunday, May 6 – Make a gift for Mom**

Children can make something just in time for Mom or Grandma for Mother’s Day. Pre-registration will be required so that there are enough supplies for each craft. There is no charge.

**Sunday, June 10 – Kid’s Only Derby**

Children, aged 12 and under can participate in a derby designed just for them. Each angler may have the assistance of an adult to help them with their line and their “Catch of the Day”.

**Saturday, June 16 – Garage Sale and Tackle Swap**

Everyone has tackle and fishing supplies that they just don’t use. Everyone has things in their garage and basement that they haven’t touched in a long time. When you do your spring cleaning, set these items aside and turn them into cash on June 16.



**WOFGPA in the spring**

**PHOTO CORNER**



**Young angler with his Catch of the Day**



**Are you sure the ice is only 8 inches thick?**



**This is what ice fishing is all about!**

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