

March 2009 NEWSLETTER



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April 2009

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5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Breakfast with the Bunny
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18 Thames River Clean up
19	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Pot luck dinner & Euchre Trout season opens
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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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Stan Gibbs

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Don Finch

George Maudsley

Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

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Don Finch

Howard Pearcey

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

Teresa Couture

Lawrence Lainchbury

Committees (continued)

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Lawrence Lainchbury

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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 can also be obtained
online at www.wofgpa.org**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is Spring on the way??

Even though it is quite cool outside, I am starting to see hints that Spring is just around the corner. The sun seems to be staying high in the sky longer, I see lots of birds and small critters scouring in the patches of grass that have been uncovered from warmer days and rainy weather and my Maple Leafs are heading to the Golf course shortly.

With the coming of Spring, everything has a chance at starting new once more. Even though mother nature has its own way of sprucing things up, she could use some help. So as the snow melts and garbage becomes apparent, take the time to collect and dispose of anything that does not add beauty to our world.

If you are interested in doing a group cleanup venture, our club holds a Spring Clean-up in April, to beautify our club and the surrounding woods. Keep an eye on the Newsletter for dates.

Another sure sign of spring is the ice coming off the pond. At this time the Ice appears safe, but looks can be deceiving, please take care while on the ice and watch for soft spots, and thin ice.

Yours in conservation,

Stan Gibbs

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WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Hopefully, we will meet each of you at one of the many functions.  
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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 fleece 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.

Our website is www.wofgpa.org

ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009
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 2009 – 2010 term will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 12, 2009 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2010.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in a sealed envelope addressed to -
Teresa Couture
Secretary – WOF&GPA
RE: Election 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 available for viewing at the club after February 28, 2009.

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.

The General Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. Please 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. Your name will be entered on a ballot to win a one-year membership each time that you attend a General Meeting. The more meetings that you come to increases your chances of winning this membership. WOFGPA holds this draw annually on Election Night.

GREYHOUND BUS TRIP TO BASS PRO SHOP TORONTO

DATE: Sat. May 2, 2009

PICKUP TIME: Greyhound bus will leave at WOFGPA at 8:00 am

ARRIVAL TIME: 10:00 am arrival at Bass Pro Shop

RETURN: 2:00 pm for the return to London

COST: \$ 25.00 per person (50 Person maximum on the bus).

- All money must be paid in advance to reserve a seat on the Greyhound bus
- There will be games and a 50/50 draw on the bus
- This bus trip is open to club members, their families and guests (club member must also be on the bus)
- All money must be paid to Andre Koch in order to reserve a spot for you on the bus.
- Andre will be at club functions and at the clubhouse on April 4 & 5 from 10:00 till noon.
- You can contact Andre Koch at 519-685-5725 for more details or to arrange payment.

REMEMBER THAT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THE BUS, THE FIRST 50 PERSONS TO PAY WILL GET A SEAT. DON'T DELAY!

~~~~~ **DANGER – THIN ICE**

- 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 at the club
- Stay off any unsafe ice
- Always use the "Buddy" system
- Obey the signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for safety
- When in doubt, stay off the ice
- Always tell someone where you are ice fishing and what time you expect to return.

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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](mailto:tcouture@gapenviromic.com)

### ~~~~~ **Wanted to buy**

I am looking for a manual carpet sweeper. Please call Teresa at 519 – 668 – 6257 (evenings) if you have one that you will sell.



## **EUCHRE RESULTS**

February 28th Euchre winners:

High man – Don Colborne  
High lady – Cora Thompson  
Mystery man – Ken Purdon  
Mystery lady – Marian Colborne & Jessie Ward  
Most lone hands – Ed Brown  
50 / 50 draw – Janice Colborne - \$ 30.00

The next Euchre is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by Bonnie Earle and Marie House. Cards start at 7:30 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:45 pm. Please arrive early enough to get a seat to play, as reserving seats is not allowed. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player.

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter and is open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. We make sure that there are enough players to make a group of four to start. After each set, the players change partners throughout the evening.

We serve a light snacks. Door prizes are available at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

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The February General meeting draw was won by: Howard Jaeger (ice fishing rod and case) and Tony Dukic (hat headlamp). Congratulations!
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### **FOR SALE**

#### **2004 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE Extend a cab(4 doors)**

Very well maintained, with lots of extras. The oil was changed every 5000km. New this year: brakes, battery, catalytic converter and tires.

This truck has many extras which include: keyless entry, remote start, chrome billet grill, tubular running boards, heavy duty mud flaps(4), Box liner, wheel well tool boxes(2), tunnel cover (4 panel fold up), extra leaf springs for towing and trailer hitch.

Body is in fair shape and still under warranty with Ziebart.

Most of the 250,000 km is highway miles. Asking \$9995.00 with certification.

Call Stan Gibbs @ 519-668-2609

**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](mailto: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

**GEORGE BRAY SPORTS ASSOCIATION  
Silent Auction and Dance**

**WHEN:** Sat., March 7, 2009  
7pm till 1 am

**COST:** \$ 12.00 per person  
(Available in advance or at the door)

**WHERE:** Dufferin Hall – Lower level  
(located at 445 Dufferin Ave)

**WHAT'S GOING ON:**  
There will be dancing all night long. A light lunch will be served around 11 pm and there are many fantastic items on the silent Auction table for you to bid on. There are also many door prizes available.

George Bray Hockey Association is a unique, non-profit hockey organization for children with special needs. WOF&GPA has sponsored a hockey team in this organization for many years. This fundraiser is important to them as they raise much needed money to keep this program affordable for the families of the players.

Come out for an evening a fun, entertainment and prizes. If you want more details or wish to purchase tickets in advance, please call Steve Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings).

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](http://www.wofgpa.org). Our site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES  
THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOF&GPA**

**81<sup>st</sup> Annual OFAH Conference**

It's that time of year again! We are excited to inform you of our upcoming 81st O.F.A.H. Annual General Meeting and Fish & Wildlife Conference. Join us at the Delta Meadowvale Resort & Conference Centre in Mississauga, to ensure you don't miss out on an action packed informative weekend. The Annual General Meeting begins Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

Registration for our 81st Annual Conference includes free shuttle service to and from the Toronto Sportsmen's Show on Saturday, where many exciting and informative events and seminars will be taking place.

The Conference is held in conjunction with the Toronto Sportsmen's Show, which takes place at the Direct Energy Centre. The Toronto Sportsmen's Show has over 450 exhibitors and events.

For more information, please visit the OFAH website at [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org)

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 are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

**Thames River Cleanup  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Friends of the Thames invite you to participate in cleaning up the Thames River. Last year almost 1800 environmentally concerned volunteers, landowners, clubs, organizations and municipalities got involved to clean up almost 200 km of the river and its tributaries. The organizer of this event is NOAH Conservation Club.

This year, we would like to see a group of volunteers from WOF&GPA get involved and show that we are more than a fishing club. We have such an environmentally conscious membership.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Stan Gibbs so that we can pre-register for this function.

**All registered participants will be eligible to win a brand new canoe donated by Nova Craft Canoe.**



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., April 4, 2009

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Cost:** \$ 12.00 per adult

**ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY  
(NO RESERVING TICKETS OR PAYING AT  
THE DOOR).** An accurate head count is  
needed to purchase the food.

Your advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217. Tickets will also be available at each function

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa as soon as possible at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or email her at [Tcouture@gapenviromic.com](mailto:Tcouture@gapenviromic.com)

**The tickets sell very quickly so do not delay.**

### Breakfast with the Bunny

**Date:** Saturday, April 11, 2009

**Time:** 9:00 am until 11:00 am

The bunny will arrive around 10:30 am

**Cost:** \$ 3.00 for adults

\$ 1.50 children 2 – 6 yrs

No charge for children under two years

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 children after their breakfast is eaten.

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.

### 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 your club. As the date of each events gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

After the elections on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the Entertainment committee and Executive will set the function agenda for the 2009 – 2010 season. Some upcoming functions are planned although the dates have yet to be determined.

Spring cleanup day  
Spring Trout derby  
Fish stocking  
.... and many more

Watch your newsletter, check the club Bulletin board or visit the club website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org) for details.

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| Sat. March 7    | GBSA Silent Auction & Dance                                                                                                            |
| Thurs. March 12 | General Meeting and Annual Elections                                                                                                   |
| March 19 – 21   | 81 <sup>st</sup> Annual OFAH Conference in Toronto                                                                                     |
| Thurs. March 26 | Executive Meeting                                                                                                                      |
| Sat. March 28   | Euchre                                                                                                                                 |
| Sat. April 4    | Jiggs Dinner (a tradition at WOFGPA where the new Executive group serve dinner to the old Executive and club members and their guests) |
| Thurs. April 9  | General Meeting                                                                                                                        |
| Sat. April 11   | Breakfast with the Bunny (another great club cooked breakfast with a visit from the Easter Bunny)                                      |
| Sat. April 18   | Thames River Cleanup                                                                                                                   |
| Thurs. April 23 | Executive meeting                                                                                                                      |
| Sat. April 25   | Pot Luck dinner and Euchre                                                                                                             |



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| <p><b>George Bray Sports Association Inc</b></p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs<br/>A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p><b>Murray Howard, President</b><br/>2 Jutta Cr.<br/>London ON N6E 3R2<br/>Phone: 519-685-3392</p> <p>Email:<br/><a href="mailto:murrayhoward@execulink.com">murrayhoward@execulink.com</a></p> <p><b>Serving the Community since 1968</b></p> | <p><b>St. Croix Upholstering</b><br/>Since 1978</p> <p>Your guarantee<br/>The job's not done<br/>'til we're satisfied</p> <p><b>Daren St. Croix</b><br/>519-457-4712</p> <p>1676 Trafalgar Street<br/>London N5W 1X3</p>               | <p><b>A.E.A.</b></p> <p><i>Anderson Entertainment Agency</i></p> <p><b>John Anderson</b><br/>600 Southdale Rd E<br/>London, ON N6E 1A6</p> <p>519- 685-9217</p> <p><a href="mailto:aeamusic@aol.com">aeamusic@aol.com</a></p>                                         |
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