

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER



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March 2010

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**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA
OBSERVE POSTED ICE CONDITION SIGNS AND STAY OFF UNSAFE ICE**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2009 - 2010**

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Tony Dukic

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Howard Pearcey

Walt Seleski

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Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Tony Dukic

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

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Bob Smale

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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 and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In this Newsletter you will be reminded about our upcoming elections in March for positions to be filled on our Executive body.

The present Executive body has done an exemplary job over the last many years, and it would be nice to think that they will be around for many more to come. Personally, I have served on the Executive body for the last 13 years or more; I can't seem to remember exactly, must be old age creeping in.

I have enjoyed my time serving our Club and its members in a variety of projects and causes. I found that when the current Executive body first got together we as a group were full of great ideas and full of energy to accomplish the deeds at hand. I think that this was because we were new and young and willing to take on the world. I think it is time to get some of that new freshness back again.

I cannot speak for the rest of the Executive, but I think that there has to be some new blood out there willing to spend some time to keep this Club going strong. This must sound like I am ready to abandon ship, not on your life. I do plan on running for President again, but I think some new members on committees or the Executive body itself would be wonderful.

Hope to see you in March, with a nomination beside your name.

Yours in conservation
Stan Gibbs

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If you know of a 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.

Ken Lockrey has hurt his knee. Fred Pearce has not been feeling well lately. Why not take a few moments to call these individuals just to brighten their day (and your day as well).

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. Unfortunately, this short notice does not always allow for the members to be notified by newsletter. If you want to know about upcoming derbies, please leave your name and phone number with Stan Gibbs and check the Bulletin Boards and website regularly.

Our website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). This website contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter. If you have photos of the club, which you would like to share, please contact us.

## ELECTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010

7:30 PM

(Following a short General Meeting)

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive and Committee Elections for the 2010 – 2011 term will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

### Note:

- All positions will be for a one year period, covering March 11, 2010 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2011.
- Nomination forms may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 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, 2010.

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 the very best that it can be.

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The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at tcouture@gapenviromic.com

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.



EUCHRE

The winners of the February 27th Euchre games were:

High Man – Tony Dukic
High Lady – Mary Jensen
Mystery Man – Don Parker
Mystery Lady – Bonnie Earle
Most Lone Hands – Grace Sanders & Jim Morrow
50/50 draw - \$ 23.00 – Sylvia Lewis

Many thanks to Pat and Ken Lockrey for hosting the February Euchre games.

This function is open to members as well as non-members. The next Euchre will be held on Sat. March 27, 2010. Progressive Euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. The card games begin at 7:30 pm SHARP so please arrive anytime after 6:45 pm for a bit of socializing first. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play, as your place will continually change throughout the evening. 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.

Hope to see everyone there.

DANGER – THIN ICE

The thickness of ice is not the same on all areas of the pond. Members are asked to stay back 50 feet from the area where the windmill aerators are located. There may only be a thin ice covering in this area. Here are just a few reminders about ice safety:

- A windmill, located on the west side of the pond by the middle dock has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration bubbles. **We anticipate that this area may stay as open water or may have a very thin ice covering. Please keep well away from this area by at least 50 feet, as it will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.**
- A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of clear ice is necessary to support the weight of a person. Additional ice thickness is needed if you are with a buddy or a group of anglers.
- The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly.
- Stay off any unsafe ice. Stay off the ice if you are unsure of the current ice conditions.
- Always use the “Buddy” system and never venture out alone.
- Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.
- Mark your fishing holes – for everyone’s safety.



JIGGS DINNER

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

Date: Sat., March 20, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult
ADVANCE PURCHASE ONLY

Due to the popularity of this dinner, tickets sell out very quickly. Do not delay in getting your tickets and miss out on a great dinner with good company and a lot of laughter.

An accurate head count is needed to purchase the food for this well attended function. For this reason, tickets must be purchased in advance and no tickets will be reserved or paid for at the door.

Your advance tickets may be acquired at every function or by contacting Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217.

If you can bring a salad or desert, please call Teresa Couture as soon as possible by email Tcouture@gapenviromic.com

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 Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association.

Please contact **Ed Connor at 519-680-9872** for more information and to register for one of these courses.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only.

DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT OR LEAVE IT WITH THE CARETAKERS.

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching. Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

TREE CARVING NAME

It has been almost 1½ years since Hermann Szielasko first proposed the idea of carving the tree on the main lawn rather than just bring it down.

As the carving progressed, many individuals came forth with ideas of what they would like to see in the carving. Some were incorporated while others weren't. Many hours have been spent by Hermann Szielasko and his assistant, Howard Pearcey chiseling away, carving and shaping the wood. Along the way, individuals stopped by to offer assistance or supply coffee and chat.

In the fall of 2009, Hermann and Howard requested that the membership submit their ideas for a suitable name for this great work of art.

The deadline for your submission is March 11, at the General Meeting and Elections.

Your submission must be given to the secretary Teresa Couture or sent by email to tcouture@gapenviromic.com.

Hermann and Howard will pick the name for the carving from all the submissions that are received.

Don't be shy. Make your submission for the name today.

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**BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY**

**Date:** Saturday, April 3, 2010

**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.

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At each General Meeting you attend, you will get a ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

At each General meeting, a draw is held. The winners of the February General meeting draw were: WOFGPA toque and hand tied flies (donated by Ron Dennis) – Gord Spotton and Handyman Kit (donated by Walt Seliski) – Don Colborne. Congratulations Gord and Don.

**ICE DERBY
January 31st, 2010**

Twenty-two anglers came out to brave the elements and to try their luck.

The winners were:
1st Howard Pearcey 72.5 cm
2nd Stan Gibbs 39 cm
3rd Jacob Seeger 38 cm

There were no winners in the youth division.

Thank you to Gord Spotton for the soup, to Brian Ernteman for the pepperettes, to David Bell for the chili and to Andre Koch and Alex Duffitt for the sausages on a bun. Your donations helped to make the day much more enjoyable.

Stan Gibbs is hoping to hold another ice fishing derby before the ice conditions become unsafe. If you are interested, please leave your name and number with Stan for a phone notification. If the derby is scheduled, it will also be posted on the club website and Bulletin boards.

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**MY OPINION**

I will have to preface this letter with the fact that I was never born with the gift of diplomacy or political correctness.

I am absolutely astounded by the lack of interest and to follow through on their commitments. Case in point: 20 people sign up for the darts, 6 show up. Some had legitimate reasons but I doubt very much if the others did. The same disease of indifference exists in the vast majority of the club members.

The meetings are boring you say? The meetings are meant to generate ideas and if you are not present how can we come up stimulating ideas. We have two members that are enthusiastic in starting new projects. Two out of two hundred & twenty five. Isn't that just wonderful?

If you don't want to participate in your club then do the right thing and make way for some one who is waiting to be a member. This club is more than just catching fish. There is no camaraderie in your catching your fish and to hell with the club. Where is the social aspect of your membership? We have 80 some people that would be thrilled to participate in our club. All we need to do is get the dead wood out!

This is just my personal opinion.

Jim Morrow  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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

CO-ED DART LEAGUE

One of our members, Alex Duffitt is organizing a fun filled co-ed dart league to be held at WOFGPA. The dart league is open to members and their guests.

Alex will host a meeting at the club on Sunday, March 21st at 2:00 pm. The league will be co-ed format and all full dart rules will apply.

Please come out to register. Alex may also be contacted at 519-432-3903 (evenings) for additional information if you are unable to attend the meeting at the club.

TURKEY SHOOT

One of our members, Andre Koch, is planning a turkey shoot at the club basement with pellet guns. The tentative time frame will be in May and again in the fall.

A meeting will be held at the club, one hour before the March Executive meeting to discuss the format, how to set up in the basement and to recruit interested members. He is hoping to have at least 10 participants.

Remember to come out on Thurs., March 25th at 6:30 pm to meet Andre and the other members involved.

VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Soon after Election night on March 11, 2010, all the committees will be meeting to decide on a new chairperson and to plan for upcoming projects or functions for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year. Some of the plans and functions will be quite detailed and will require many hours of volunteer time while other plans will take just a short time.

If you are a new member, this is a great way to meet other members who share the same passions for WOFGPA while fulfilling your obligation to assist where needed.

For not so new members, we want to see you at the club getting involved and not just trying to catch your daily limit.

If you have been on a committee in the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year, you are also eligible to run for an Executive position.

Remember that all members, as part of their pledge at initiation swore to give of themselves and to assist where needed.

Now is the time for all members to get involved with their club, as your assistance is needed. We want to see some new faces, hear new ideas and plans and to start implementing them.

Now is the time to polish this jewel in the heart of the city and to make it shine as best it can.

WOFGPA would like to thank Terry Robinson for his generous donation to the club. Thank you very much Terry.

UPCOMING EVENTS / FUNCTIONS AT A GLANCE

Ice Fishing Derby dates will also be posted at the club on the Bulletin Boards.

- Thurs. March 11 General meeting and Elections
- Sat. March 20 Jiggs Dinner
- Sun. March 21 Dart meeting at 2:00 pm
- Thurs. March 25 Turkey Shoot meeting @ 6:30 pm
Executive Meeting
- Sat. March 27 Euchre
- Sat. April 3 Easter Breakfast with the Bunny
- Thurs. April 8 General meeting
- Thurs. April 22 Executive meeting
- Sat. April 24 Euchre

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