

MAY 2008 NEWSLETTER



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May 2008

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June 2008

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**KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A MEMBER
 CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR UPDATES ON CLUB FUNCTIONS
 WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE WHILE ON THE PROPERTY**

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

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

President

Stan Gibbs

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Don Colborne

2nd Vice President

Jim Morrow

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Steve Couture

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Bill Rodrigues

Onsite Managers

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Worm Machine

Steve Couture

Committees

Entertainment

Karen Anderson

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Sylvia Lewis

Pat Lockery

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House

Don Colborne

Don Finch

George Maudsley

Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

Tom & Shirley McGill

Boat Rack

Jim Morrow

Committees (con't)

Membership

Valerie Grahl

Newsletter

Teresa Couture

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Lawrence Lainchbury

Jim Morrow

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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 presents 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.**

President's Message

As I sit at my desk and write this message to you, my mind wanders back to the wonderful weekend just past. The weather reminds me of summer days ahead, warm and sunny with a gentle breeze.

Saturday morning was spent with about 30 members doing our annual spring clean up. We tackled chores such as racking lawns, patching driveways, hooking up water lines, and taking truck loads of garbage to the dump. I would like to thank all involved for making our club look so good.

Sunday was also a perfect day, not for work but for play. We hosted our annual Spring Trout derby and entertained 58 anglers. From where I stood, all had a good time. I would like to thank all the people that help me with the festivities, it was a good group effort, and I would not have been able to get a little fishing in myself without their help.

As most of you know, we have quite a lengthy waiting list for people that would like to become members at our club.

The Executive has decided that in the future all new prospective members must come to a General or Executive meeting to put their name on the waiting list. This will introduce them to our Club and its operation. We set this time to keep the time for volunteers at a minimum.

As a final note in my message to you, I would like to inform all members that from now on all renewals and sticker distribution will be done prior to Club meeting from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. Your membership badge must have a valid renewal sticker, which will allow you to enjoy fishing privileges. The only reason that this is being done is to get more members out to the meetings. I hope that we can get people out at least once a year.

If there is good reason that you cannot get to the meeting to pay your membership dues, please contact me for other arrangements.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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**The newsletter can also be obtained online at**  
[www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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

Bill Rodrigues and Isabelle Carew have been feeling under the weather lately. A simple phone call to say "hello" or to offer any assistance to them or their family during this time would brighten their day.

### ~~~~~ **REMINDER – WAITING LIST**

Our waiting list continues to grow by leaps and bounds. **Do not let you membership lapse.** If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the waiting list if you choose to rejoin as a member. There are currently over 50 people waiting to join the club as members. If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it must be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing



### **Pot Luck and Final Euchre**

The final euchre of the year was Sat., April 26. This was a Pot Luck dinner and euchre and was the final euchre of this season.

The winners were:

High man – Archie Graham  
High lady – Marie House  
Mystery man – Fred Sanders  
Mystery lady – Grace Sanders  
Most lone hands – Janice Colborne  
50 / 50 draw – Stan Gibbs - \$ 23.00

Euchre is not held throughout the summer months. The next euchre will be Sat., Sept. 27, so mark your calendars.



### **Spring Trout Derby**

On Sunday, April 20, 2008, 58 anglers came out to enjoy the great spring morning and try their luck. A total of 50 trout were caught.

The winners were:

Adult Division –  
1<sup>st</sup> Rich Harding  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Ripley  
3<sup>rd</sup> Deb Freele  
Youth Division –  
1<sup>st</sup> Connor Mitchell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Jeleski  
3<sup>rd</sup> Dentiny B.

Thanks to everyone involved in making this day so perfect for all the anglers present. A special thanks to Dan Clark and Mike Lemanski for presenting the prizes to the winners. It is good to see new faces among WOF&GPA volunteers.

**Fourth Annual "Juniors Only" Derby  
Sunday, June 8, 2008**

This derby is open to children only, aged 12 and under. One adult may assist each child (BUT remember that the adult assistants are only there to help).

**Rules:** Total length of all fish caught wins 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize.

**Time:** 9 am until 12 Noon  
Registration: 8:30 am

**Cost:** \$ 5.00 per junior, which includes lunch

To volunteer with this derby, please contact Stan Gibbs. A few volunteers are needed to measure the many fish (mostly sunfish) that are caught during this derby.

The accompanying adults and volunteers can purchase lunch for a nominal fee of \$ 2.00 per person. All lunches must be purchased before 10:00 am so that enough food is available for all for all.

Our annual Bass Derby is scheduled for Sun., July 13. Details will follow in the next newsletter.

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VOLUNTEER - "Person who spontaneously undertakes to offer their services".

Two gentlemen that I would like to credit with that noble undertaking are John Toman (member) and his friend Craig Huctwith (non-member). Both men helped me clean up the grounds for two hours without being asked.

Does anyone reading these newsletters have the same attitude or do you just want to catch you two (and hopefully only two) fish a day and let everybody else do the volunteering. Also how about showing up at a General meeting. There are only about 10 per year, so it won't take up that much of your valuable time. We are looking for your input. If you think the meetings are boring, it is because we are not getting any fresh ideas. Let's face it, 6 – 10 members out of 225 is atrocious. **LET'S START GETTING SOME INTEREST IN OUR CLUB.**

JIM MORROW
2ND VP

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

For the last few months of 2007, our members were informed by newsletter that effective January 1, 2008, the newsletter would not be sent and that the newsletter would be available to members on the website. Unfortunately, we now realize that enough of the members have not visited the website and have not viewed the newsletter and up to date information about club functions. For this reason, newsletters will be sent by email temporarily until another solution is found. We apologize for this inconvenience. At any time, you may obtain the newsletter by visiting the club website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

**DEER COMMUNICATION**

Emad Hazboun has agreed to give a talk about Deer Communication at the shortened May General meeting on May 8. He formerly gave a talk about deer vision, which was outstanding. We are sure that this presentation will give all hunters much more of an advantage as they venture out for a day of hunting. Definitely don't miss this one.

Emad is planning a bow-hunting course on June 7th. If anyone is interested in signing up for this course, please contact him by email at [emadhaz@hotmail.com](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

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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](mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com)

or

<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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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

If you have never visited the club website, now is the time. This site contains our club history, updated information about any functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding the newsletter, please contact Teresa Couture at TCouture@gapenviromic.com or by phone in the evenings.

**An Evening of Murder Dinner
(An Irish Wake)
and Silent Auction**

John and Karen Anderson's granddaughter, Emilie, is constantly in need of costly treatments, which are not covered by health care. Emilie was born microcephalic, is blind and is unable to walk or even support herself.

The Anderson's have organized an Evening of Murder Dinner event to assist the family with Emilie's treatments. The theme of the evening is an Irish Wake where the dinner guests will all be a part of the festivities. All profits from this venture will go directly to Emilie's care.

Many items will be available to bid on at the Silent Auction. Door prizes, a very special menu and cash bar are available.

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2008

Cost: \$20.00 per person (advance tickets available by contacting the Andersons)

Where: Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association

On June 8, come to the club to meet Emilie and her family. The Andersons may be reached at 685-9217 for more details after mid – May.

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**Garage Sale and Tackle Swap  
Saturday, June 14  
Time: 8:00 am til ?**

When you do your spring-cleaning, remember to put things aside for the garage sale. You can get cash for all those items that just are not used any longer. At the Tackle Swap in February, many members indicated that they have a surplus of angling, camping and hunting items (No Guns please) that they do not use or want anymore. Here is your chance to sell those items for cash or trade with other members. Please call Teresa Couture (evenings) to reserve a table for \$ 15.00.

This sale will be advertised on the website and signs will be posted on Southdale Road to promote this function.



After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 12, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. There are 10 Barbeque meat packs to be won. Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. The meat packs contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

**OFAH Members**

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is looking to update their records. Although they do know how many members they have, they are not aware if any of these members are also WOFGPA members. Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly?

Please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at [val.grahl@rogers.com](mailto:val.grahl@rogers.com) and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

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Family Day at WOFGPA

Although this function is not held until June, the planning must begin now. The Executive and Entertainment Committee are asking that some members will bring forth some fresh ideas for our Annual Family Day function. We want this to be an enjoyable day for the members and their families. Please contact us with your ideas for events, functions and guests that you would want to see at Family Day or at any other function.

This is also the largest function of the year and much volunteer time is spent organizing the day's festivities. If you can assist in any capacity, please contact Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217 or Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

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| Thursday, May 8   | Emad Hazboun will give a talk about Deer Communication                                                     |
| Thursday, May 22  | Executive Meeting                                                                                          |
| Saturday, June 7  | Bow hunting course offered by Emad Hazboun<br><a href="mailto:emadhaz@hotmail.com">emadhaz@hotmail.com</a> |
| Sunday, June 8    | Kids Only Fishing Derby                                                                                    |
| Sunday, June 8    | Murder Mystery Dinner and Fundraiser for Emilie –                                                          |
| Thursday, June 12 | General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw                                                                          |
| Saturday, June 14 | Garage Sale                                                                                                |
| Sunday, June 22   | Family Day                                                                                                 |
| Thursday, June 26 | Executive Meeting                                                                                          |
| Sunday, July 13   | Annual Bass Derby                                                                                          |
| Thursday, July 24 | Executive meeting                                                                                          |

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