

MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER



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May 2010

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June 2010

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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.**

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The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Something New

As you may have noticed from my past letters, we at the Club have been looking for new ideas for our members. A couple of ideas have been brought forward, and we the Executive feel that they are worth a try.

Ladies take notice! On Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we are going to host our First Annual Ladies Only Trout Fishing Tournament. I think this will give all of our ladies a little insight into the reason why we men are so attracted to this club. To facilitate the Tournament the Ladies will have priority over the docks on this day.

Another date to keep in mind will be June 26<sup>th</sup>. This was formally our Annual Family Day Picnic. Unfortunately the attendance has been dropping off steadily for many years and with the rising cost of this event we thought our money would be better spent on a Children's Activity Day. Watch your next Newsletter for information on the Day's events.

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.

Isabelle Carew, the wife of one of our long standing members, Gary, passed away in early April after a battle with cancer. Her family and friends will dearly miss her. We give our condolences to the Carew family at this time.

Bill Rodrigues has not been feeling well lately. Why not call to say "Hi" and brighten his day?

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In the March edition of this newsletter, an article was submitted called "In My Opinion". This a follow-up to that article and the April General meeting.

It was brought to my attention by long standing member Herb Lukings, that I over stepped a few boundaries of protocol. For that I do apologize. I should not have used the phrase "deadwood".

No one should have taken that message as a personal affront, because it was intended to be a generalization. But I still stand by the fact that at least 60 - 70 % of our membership is indifferent as to what happens to our club. You will notice that I don't say "fishing club". Why? Because it is MORE than a fishing club. There is the social aspect, the camaraderie, where friendships are developed. Every member should be passionate about being a member of a club that has been in existence for 135 years. We need your input, as every member is important as to the decisions that are being made by the Executive committee. I have to thank Herb for having the intestinal fortitude to bring my oversight to light.

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.

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1st Annual Ladies Only Trout Derby
Sunday, May 30, 2010
(Rain date – Sun. June 6)

Registration 8:30 am

Derby 9:00 am till noon

Cost:	Adult members	\$ 12.00
	Non-members	\$ 15.00
	Age 12 & under	\$ 5.00
	Assistant's meal cost is	\$ 5.00

The format will be as follows:

Only ladies may angle trout but a male assistant for help only may accompany them. This help will include baiting hooks, netting fish, driving the boat if you have one, and cooking lunch. Also included but not sanctioned in this derby will be frequent runs to Tim Horton's (Ladies, you will have to convince your assistants to do this one for you). Each lady is allowed to use only one rod at a time.

At noon all trout will be measured. Trout will then be cleaned and cooked by the men folk. Lunch will be served shortly thereafter. If you do not like eating fish, please indicate this at registration, as an alternate lunch will be available.

After lunch, prizes will be awarded to the three top ladies with the longest fish count. There will also be prizes for girls aged twelve and under.

It is important to remind everyone at this time about obtaining and carrying a Pleasure Craft Operator Card. Each boat that is under power in Ontario must be operated by someone with a valid card, which must be present on the operator of the watercraft. This card may be obtained by details outlined at Transport Canada or searching the Internet using the keywords "Pleasure Craft Operator Card". There are many reliable methods of getting the card for yourself, your spouse and children, both in a classroom format or online. If you haven't done so already ... what has been keeping you from doing this. Don't delay.

Also, every boat on the WOFGPA pond must have the following on it as outlined by provincial laws: each person in the boat must have in the watercraft (and preferably be wearing) a properly sized life jacket. There must also be: a bailing device such as a small pail, an emergency notification/signaling device such as a whistle should the need arise and, oars in the event of motor failure. For more details

about the provincial laws and regulations about watercrafts, contact Transport Canada.

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



EUCHRE

On Sat. April 24th, the Pot Luck and the final Euchre of the season was held. Thank to everyone for his or her contributions to an absolutely fabulous meal.

The winners of the Euchre games were:

- High Man – Stan Gibbs
- High Lady – Marion Colborne
- Mystery Man – Tom McGill
- Mystery Lady – Debbie Parker
- Most Lone Hands – Ken Lockrey, Jerry, Mary Jensen
- 50/50 draw – Jim Morrow

The next euchre will be held on the fourth Saturday in September so mark your calendars.

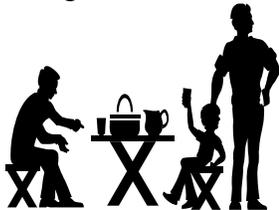
SPRING CLEAN UP

Sat. April 10

Thanks to everyone who came out to assist with the spring clean up. Many small tasks were accomplished. It was great to see new members get involved. It was also good to catch up with old friends that we may not have seen too much over the winter months. Kudos for a job well done.

Thanks to Bob Smale and Brian Ernteman for their work on the three new picnic tables.

BBQ MEAT DRAW



After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 10, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. There are 10 Barbeque meat packs to be won, two of which are larger meat packs. 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.

GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 12

(Rain or Shine)

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 same time, you are invited to sell any fishing, hunting or camping items that you might have.

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

IMPORTANT REMINDER 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.

DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT OR LEAVE CASH / CHEQUE WITH RUSSELL AND SHEENA, THE CLUB'S 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.

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 and are open to both members and non-members.

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

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY DAY

Sun. June 27, 2010

As Stan mentioned in his President's Message, the Children's Activity Day will replace the Family Day Picnic.

The children will start the day with their own derby. At lunch and with supervision, the children will barbeque their lunch. In the afternoon, many games are planned. We are considering canoe races, water balloon toss and others. Of course, we would love to hear from you as to what you think children will enjoy. Many of our events are still in the planning stage and our schedule is very flexible to accommodate your suggestions. Contact any of the Executive or Committee chairs or attend a meeting and voice your ideas.

More details will follow in the June newsletter. Mark your calendars, as this is a great way for the kids to celebrate their achievements over the last school year and to "officially" begin their summer holidays.

MEAT SHOOT

Sunday, May 16
Start at 12:30 pm

One of our members, Andre Koch, has planned a Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets. The cost is \$ 2.00 per package, which will give you 5 shots at the target. If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

Andre is hoping to have a minimum of 10 shooters attend. For more details, you may contact Andre at 519-685-5725

VOLUNTEER REMINDER

The committees are continually accepting new members for the 2010 – 2011 season. Each committee is starting to their "To Do" list of projects. 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 couple of hours.

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. Simply contact the Chairperson listed for the function, any of the Executive, attend a meeting or simply show up at any of the functions and ask where you can help.

For not so new members, we want to see you at the club getting involved and not just trying to catch your daily limit. Remember that all members, as part of their pledge at initiation swore to give of themselves and to assist where needed. You can join any committee at any time but make it sooner so you don't miss out on all the fun. Now is the time for all members to get involved with their club, as your assistance is very much needed. We want to see some new faces, hear new ideas and plans and to start implementing them. Thank you to Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch for their new ideas, many of which have been implemented. Kudos. Now is the time to polish this jewel in the heart of the city and to make it shine as best it can.

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 April draw were: Teresa Couture (filet knife and fish cleaning board – donated by George Maudsley) and Terry Robinson (\$ 15.00 Tim Horton's card).

UPCOMING EVENTS / FUNCTIONS AT A GLANCE

The General meeting is held on the second Thursday of each month, except July and August. The Executive meeting is held on the fourth Thursday of each month. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Sun. May 16	Meat Shoot
Sun. May 30	Ladies Only Trout Derby
Sun. June 6	Ladies derby rain date, if needed
Thurs. June 10	General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 12	Garage Sale - \$ 15 per table
Thurs. June 24	Executive meeting
Sun. June 26	Children's Activity Day
Sat. July 17	Campfire Night
Sun. July 18	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Aug. 7	Dart League registration from 9:00 am til noon
Sun. Aug. 15	Bass Derby
Thurs. Aug. 26	Executive meeting

Get informed and get involved and voice your opinion.

Enjoy the fun and meet new friends.

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