

NOVEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER



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November 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Xmas Tree Lot setup – help needed
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Euchre
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Xmas Tree Sales begin
3	4	5	6	7 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	8	9 Breakfast with Santa
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Executive meeting	22	23
24/31	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30

**WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE
AT ALL TIMES**

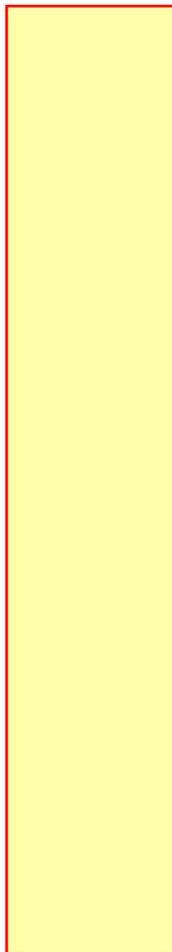
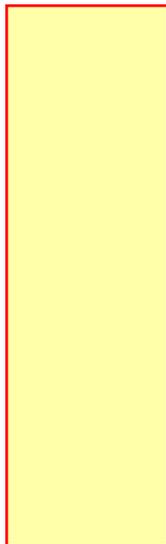
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Our Conservation Pledge

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.

The newsletter can also be obtained online at www.wofgpa.org

President's Message

Most of you have heard me sing the praises of Volunteering; I would like to let those of you that volunteer know that someday you will be rewarded. A poem that reflects this is as follows:

Many will be shocked to find
When the Day of Judgment nears
That there is a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers.
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools.
Where there is no committee chairman
No group leader or car pools.
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar and no bake sale,
There will be nothing to staple,
Not one thing to fold or mail.
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And treats fit for a king.
You ask, "who'll serve these privileged few
And work for all they're worth?"
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on earth.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

WOF&GPA WEAR

Time to start outfitting yourself and your family in our fashionable WOF&GPA Wear. High quality gear and goodies at a great low price.

Lined jacket with embroidered crest	\$ 45.00
Lined jacket with embroidered crest and name	\$ 49.00
Tee shirts with Club crest	\$ 10.00
Hooded sweatshirt with Club crest	\$ 28.00
Polar Fleece jacket with crest	\$ 30.00
Ball hats with embroidered Club logo	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered crest – only	\$ 12.00
Club embroidered patch crest	\$ 5.00
Lanyard	\$ 5.00
Key chain	\$ 5.00

To purchase items call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

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



On behalf of my family, I would like to thank everyone who helped organize and take part in the dedication for Ron on October 15.

Part of Ron's spirit is surely at the Club, and he cherished the many friends he made, as I do. He always wanted a quiet spot for people to sit and enjoy the peace of this wonderful spot right here in the middle of the city. He volunteered a lot of his time, but he enjoyed every minute of it.

A special thanks to Stan for his wonderful speech – I know both Ron and Jim were watching that day and felt very proud.

I hope this thoughtful gesture will be noticed and enjoyed by everyone, and I encourage you to volunteer for the many Club functions, as many hands make light work, and participation can be fun.

To those who actually built the pergola, you did a wonderful job, and I really appreciate it.

Bonnie Earle

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.

Draw prizes available at each General Meeting. The winners of the October monthly draw were: The fire extinguisher and smoke alarm was won by Don Finch, who donated it back to the club. The final winner was Bill Smith. Don Finch donated the second prize, which was a box of Pistachio candies, which was won by Harold Baker. Congratulations to Bill Smith and Harold Baker. Thank you Don Finch for your generosity.

If you attend a general meeting and complete a ballot, your name is entered to win a one-year membership. **Only one ballot per membership per month is allowed.**



Christmas Tree Time Is Fast Approaching

DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS

Thurs. Oct 26th til ?

Volunteer scheduling for Christmas tree sales begins and continues until all time slots are filled. The shifts are just a few hours long.

Sat. Nov. 18th

Tree lot set-up.

At least 12 men are needed to set up the tree lot. If you have access to a cordless drill, please let Don Colborne know by calling him at 519-668-9559. We will supply hot coffee throughout the set-up morning and a hot lunch for all the helpers.

Nov 27 – 29th (not yet fixed date)

Tree Delivery – helpers needed to unload.

Dec 2nd

Tree Sales Start

Week of Dec 4th – 8th

Second delivery of trees (date to be announced) but helpers are needed to unload the trees.

Please leave your name with Don Colborne at 519-668-9559 if you can assist with set-up or tree sales.

The new trailer for Christmas tree sales is done and has many new added features that the old one lacked. Don Colborne has assumed the coordination of the Christmas tree sales this year. Our trees have been ordered. The first shipment will arrive from local suppliers during the last week of November. As we did last year, we expect to sell 900 trees this year.

We will need a dozen or more volunteers to set up the tree lot and help with the trees when they arrive. Starting near the end of October, Don will be ready to schedule volunteers for the 3 weeks of shifts in December.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low and funds many events throughout the year. It ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond.

This is your chance to meet and greet many people in the area as they come to buy trees. Enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow Club volunteers. Have the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part to make this club the gem that is.

Contact Don Colborne 519 686 9559 to assist with Christmas tree lot set-up or Christmas tree sales, our biggest fundraiser of the year.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 9, 2006

Served from 9:00 til 11:00 am



Invite your friends, neighbours, hockey team and coworkers to a great club cooked breakfast.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

- Bacon and eggs,
- Hash browned potatoes
- Toast (white or whole wheat)
- Orange juice
- Tea or coffee

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (6 years and under)
- Children under two years old – no charge

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. Each child will receive a treat from Santa.

After this, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot.

Hope to see everyone there!

Turkey Roll

Thursday, December 7, 2006

(Following a shortened General Meeting)

We once again are having our annual Turkey Roll with 20 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs. each. Thanks to Bill Rodrigues for organizing the purchase of all the turkeys for this year.

Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company.

Hope to see everyone there!

The next time you are in the main hall, take a few moments to notice how bright and fresh it looks. Many thanks to George Maudsley who took the time to repaint the trim and the window frames. It looks amazing!

Fall Trout Derby

On Sunday, October 15, fifty-seven, anglers came to try their luck and hook one of the many large Trout recently put in the pond. The winners were:

Adult Division:

1st place Nathan Wales
2nd place Shawn Siddiques
3rd place Fred Pearce

Youth Division:

1st place John Publicobo
2nd place Chris Mitchell
3rd place Jazlyne Palmer

Mystery Fish Robert Smale and Don Albert

50/50 Draw: Lawson Burnett - \$ 41.00

Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to the fast moving people who assisted young Jazlyne Palmer when she fell in the water and helped to get her warm and dry as quickly as possible. Thank you to Tom and Shirley McGill, Fred Pearce, Stan Gibbs and Teresa Couture for their assistance with running this derby.

OFF LIMITS

SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA

It has come to the attention of the Executive that some anglers have blatantly ignored the fenced area located along the shoreline at WOFGPA. This area contains young plants that are native to the area and were planted at a considerable cost. It was purposely fenced off to allow these plants to grow without damage from people. As these plants mature, they will assist in stopping the erosion that is occurring along the shoreline between the two main docks. Each time an angler goes into this area, a few young plants are destroyed.

We understand that each angler has their own "special" spot to cast their line but these "special spots" can be easily accessed from one of the docks or from a boat.

KEEP OUT OF THE FENCED OFF SHORELINE RESTORATION AREA.

If this practice continues, the angler(s) will be required to provide an explanation of their actions to the Executive and may be subject to disciplinary action, which could include termination of their membership.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, would like to update your email address, have an Item 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

Progressive Euchre Results

Twenty-eight players attended the Oct. 28th euchre games. The winners were:

High Man: Jim Arnold & Don Parker (75)

High Lady: June Foster (66)

Mystery Man: Bill Rodrigues & Les Allen

Mystery Lady: Margaret

Most Lone Hands: Jessie

50/50 Draw: Marion Colborne - \$ 25.50

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of euchre with good company and plenty of laughs

DATE: Sat., Nov. 25, 2006.

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP

(Arrive earlier to ensure you get a seat to play, but no earlier than 6:45 pm).

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.

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

Poaching is a serious problem. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing in WOF & GPA water. If you see anyone 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 that you must leave the premises immediately. To obtain a new sticker, please see the onsite caretakers or attend a General or Executive meeting.

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