

November 2009 Newsletter



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Murder Mystery Dinner
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 General Meeting	13	14 Trout stocking Tree lot set up (tentative date)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Gord McCurdy memorial
22	23	24	25 Xmas tree delivery	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre & Tree Sales begin
29	30					

December

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

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

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Walt Seleski

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Ponds

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Brian Ernteman

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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)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The next time you get out to the Club, you will notice a couple of white buoys on the water. These are attached to aeration heads that will oxygenate the water from air supplied by the windmill that is mounted on the ponds edge, on top of a telephone pole.

This system should help keep the water oxygen levels at a much higher concentration, therefore keeping our fish healthier.

Since this equipment is very expensive, and difficult to repair, I ask that you refrain from fishing around these markers. If for some reason your line gets caught on one of the guide ropes or worse yet, one of the lines that are running along the bottom of the pond to these markers, please do not use any force trying to retrieve your tackle, just cut your line.

In the coming months when the pond freezes over, the aeration system should keep the water open around the markers. Since this is a wind driven device, the water may freeze over temporarily, but beware, the ice around the markers will be unsafe for people to be on.

PLEASE STAY CLEAR!!!

Happy Fishing

At the October General meeting, the motion for WOFGPA to become 100 % affiliated with the Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH) was defeated.

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.
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One of our long-standing members, Gord McCurdy passed away suddenly in mid-October. Tina, Gord's partner, will be holding a memorial for Gord at WOFGPA, on Saturday, November 21 from 2:00 til 4:30 pm. During this difficult time, Tina would welcome any phone calls and would like to visit with his many friends from WOFGPA.
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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. Our 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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## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

The theme of the evening is "Ponderosa" so come dressed in your western attire. John Anderson and friends will provide all music for the evening. There will be a Silent Auction plus a Penny Auction Table for the kids. All proceeds from this function will go to the rebuilding fund for the Stanley family. This is John and Karen Anderson's daughter and her family.

**Date:** Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Fellowship CRC  
641 Elm St.  
St. Thomas

**Time:** Doors open at 5:00 pm

**Cost:** Admission & Dinner  
\$ 20.00  
(No cost for kids under 12)

Advance tickets only so that the correct amount of food can be prepared. No sales at the door.

**For more information and to purchase your tickets, call  
519-685-9217  
or 519-649-5431.**

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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.**

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.
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**BOAT RACK AGREEMENTS**

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Jim Morrow is almost finished updating the records for the Boat Rack. All persons with a boat / canoe on the Boat Rack must reconfirm their Boat Rack Agreement at WOFGPA. Arrangements must be made by contacting Jim Morrow by phone or by attending a meeting.
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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 or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at tcouture@gapenviromic.com
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## WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

Now available for Christmas giving are heavy-duty fleece ¼ zipper pullovers with suede trim, zippered pockets and the club crest embroidered on the chest. Sizes range from men's L – 4XL. Colours available are medium blue, black and gray. The pullovers cost only \$ 32.00 and the quality is amazing. The ordering deadline for a delivery in time for Christmas is Thursday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Executive meeting.

We also have some items in stock for immediate purchase. This list includes: hats (8), toques (8), Large jacket (1), Hoodies (2 medium, 1 large), Tee shirts (2 small, 3 medium, 4 large, 5 X-large, 3 – 2Xlarge).

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| 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. Don't delay and get some WOFGPA merchandise for yourself or as a gift for that special someone at Christmas.



## EUCHRE

Calling all Euchre players to an evening of progressive Euchre so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members. Twenty-four players attended the October euchre.

The winners of the 24th Euchre games were:

High Man - Jim Arnold (69)  
High Lady – Karen Anderson (65)  
Mystery Man – Jim Morrow (49)  
Mystery Lady – Arlene (48)  
Most Lone Hands – Andre Koch (4)  
50/50 draw - Ken Lockrey - \$ 26.00

Thank you Bill and Sylvia Lewis for hosting the October Euchre games.

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 next euchre will be held on Sat. November 28<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## FALL TROUT DERBY

It seemed like a record number of anglers were out to enjoy the beautiful fall day and to try their skills at the Fall Trout derby on October 18. The winners were:

| Adult Division  |                |        |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Howard Pearcey | 132 cm |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Ted Sanders    | 126 cm |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Nathan Wales   | 123 cm |

Mystery Fish - Robert Powell and Wayne Boddy (42 cm)

50/50 draw – Gord Spotton - \$ 54.50

Unfortunately there were no winners in the Junior Division. A total of 26 trout were caught during the derby.

An additional 400 lbs. of Trout will be stocked in the pond on Sat. Nov. 14 around 10:00 am. If you can assist with the stocking, please come out prepared to get splashed a bit. The stocking is a great thing for the children to watch.

If you see goose poop on the docks, please take a few moments to sweep it off with the broom provided at each dock.

### FOR SALE

#### 1995 Dutchman Trailer Asking price \$ 3500

This trailer has an 8 ft. box and hardtop and comfortably sleeps 6. There is also a fridge and stove, awning, tinted windows with curtains. The tent is canvas material with a vinyl coating and does not have any rips or tears. If interested in viewing this trailer, please contact Andre at 519-685-5725

### FOR SALE

Swede Bore 8 inch Drill with folding handle. Asking \$ 50 or best offer. Please call Bob at 519-457-6644.

### WANTED TO BUY:

John or Karen Anderson at 519-685-9217 are looking to buy a used golf cart

Remember that 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 October General meeting draw were: Mario Carducci – filet knife and sharpener, Jim Morrow who won a WOFGPA hat and Mike Steele who won handmade flies which were donated by Ron Dennis. Congratulations to Mario, Jim and Mike. Thank you Ron for your generous donation.

## TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 10, 2009  
At 7:30 pm  
Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Light snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Refreshments available.

Hope to see everyone there!



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 12, 2009  
Served from 9:00 till 11:00 am

Invite your friends, neighbours, hockey team and co-workers to a great club cooked breakfast.

The cost is very reasonable at:

- Adults - \$ 3.00
- Children - \$ 1.50 (2 to 5 years)
- Children under two years old – no charge

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of:

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

There are crafts and colouring for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree from the Tree lot.

## 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

## 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 this very unique organization. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter, posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website. The event calendar for 2009 – 2010 is available on the website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). When each person became a member, they agreed as part of their membership, that they would give of themselves to the betterment of the club. If you have never come out to assist with a function, now is a good time to get to put a name to a new face as you meet the other members in a relaxed atmosphere. If you are a returning volunteer, there are just not enough ways to thank you for all you have done. Come out and join the fun!

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| Wed. Nov. 11   | Remembrance Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Thurs. Nov. 12 | General meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sat. Nov. 14   | Trout stocking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Sat. Nov. 14   | Christmas Tree Lot set up - At least a dozen men are needed to set up the tree lot. If you have access to a cordless drill, please let Don Colborne know towards early November (no earlier please). We will supply hot coffee throughout the set-up morning and a hot lunch for all the helpers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Wed. Nov. 25   | Christmas tree delivery - All the Christmas trees will be delivered in one load mid-morning. Don is hoping to have at least 40 healthy, strong individuals to assist in unloading the trees and standing them up on the racks. Please contact Don after Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> to confirm that you are available. Many hands will help to make short work of it for everyone.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Thurs. Nov. 26 | Executive Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sat. Nov. 28   | Christmas Tree Sales begin<br>Tree Sales start and will continue until all trees are sold. This year there will be an additional 25 snow tipped Fraser fir trees in the 8 – 10 foot range, which will be sold at a higher cost. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues so low compared to other organizations of similar nature and funds many of the events throughout the year. It ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond. Don Colborne has begun to collect names for selling Christmas trees. Don will be available at any function and can be reached by telephone after Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Sat. Nov. 28   | Euchre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Thurs. Dec. 10 | General Meeting and Turkey Roll                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Sat. Dec. 12   | Breakfast with Santa                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Thurs. Dec 17  | Executive meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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