

October 2004 NEWSLETTER



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October 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Thanksgiving	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17 Fall Trout Derby	18	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Exec Meeting	29	30

November 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11 General meeting	12	13 Tree Lot Set up
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Xmas Craft Sale
21	22 Boat Safety Course	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27 Euchre Tree Sales begin
28	29	30				



Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

Accredited

Courses Include course instruction, testing and Canadian Coast Guard Pleasure Craft Operators Card (Course and testing takes approximately 4 hours)

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Phil Gingrich (519) 668-1130

phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/phil.gingrich>

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

WEAR YOUR MEMBERSHIP BADGE AT ALL TIMES

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.**



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

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Cindy Gibbs	668-2609
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Don Finch	452-0564
Gerald Lampman	685-8886

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Steve Couture	668-6257
Gerald Lampman	685-8886
Gary Pratt	694-2713

Welfare

Bonnie & Ron Earle	672-0765
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Boat Rack

Stan Gibbs (Chair)	668-2609
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OFAH Rep

Bill Rodrigues	455-7905
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Safe Hunter Training & Boating Safety

Philip Gingrich	668-1130
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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 presented the Treasurer's Report at the last meeting, showing all bills are paid up to date and the bank balance in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either the General or the Executive meetings.



**THERE IS NO SMOKING
IN THE CLUB AT ANY TIME**

President's Message

As most of you are aware, our Club, the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association Inc., is one of the oldest conservation clubs in Canada (formed in 1895).

In the past ten years, our Club and its members have been instrumental in a number of projects that have benefited London in its quest to keep certain areas green and natural.

Some of the areas of concern that we have been involved with are: Land Development and working with the City of London and other concerned groups, Purple Loosestrife control which was partnered with other groups. We helped the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters with their endeavors and on going testing and site work with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority and the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Future projects include a fish ladder at Springbank Dam. Our club is one of many joined by the London Sports Fisheries Group in this endeavor.

As you can see, our club is quite involved with conservation. Therefore, the next time you enjoy the natural beauty of our property, remember that it takes a lot of time, money and volunteer commitment to achieve this. **GET INVOLVED!** Whether it is at our club or with any group that is trying to preserve the natural beauty of our land, they need your help.

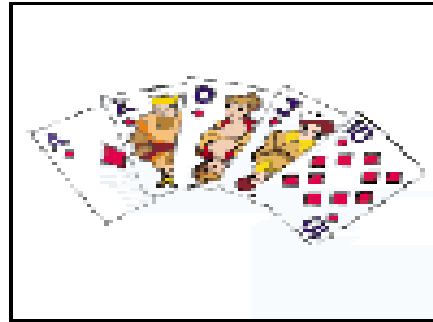
Stan Gibbs
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**ATTENTION BOATERS**

The next boat safety course will be held at the club on Monday, November 22, 2004 from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. The cost is \$ 40.00 for members and \$ 45.00 for non-members.

To sign up, call Phil Gingrich at 519-668-1130 or email him at [phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca](mailto:phil.gingrich@sympatico.ca)

**Euchre Begins !!!**



Thirty-six players came to the first euchre of the season on Saturday, September 25, 2004.

The winners were:

- High Man:** Ken Lockrey
- High Lady:** Arlene Whiteway
- Mystery Man:** Bill Lewis
- Mystery Lady:** Margaret Wright
- Most Lone Hands:** Darlene Hawley
- 50/50 Draw** – Michelle Smith (\$ 36.00)

The games are open to members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play.

Be sure to arrive early (but not any 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 welcomed. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. Hope to see you at the next euchre.

**DATE:** Sat. October 23, 2004

**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP

**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

A thank you is sent to Gerry Lampman for supplying the club with a box of new playing cards for euchre. Thank you Gerry!



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

## CALLING ALL GREAT COOKS

I am going to publish a cookbook / collection of recipes that will be shared with other club members and their families. What I need from you is that great secret recipe or the old family favorites. I would like to thank all the cooks that have already submitted their recipes. The selection so far is just amazing.

The categories are: Appetizers and Condiments, Main Courses, Soups and Salads, Desserts, Snacks, and Barbeque Time.

Please submit your recipes to me by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca) You can write it down and give it to me at a club meeting or function, or leave it at the club in an envelope addressed to me. Please include your name (and number) so that you will get credit from someone other than your family for being such a good cook.

*Teresa Dodge*

### Dearness Senior's Visit Day

On Sunday, September 12, a group of 9 residents of the Dearness Home and their chaperones Freedom and Joanne came to enjoy a couple of hours of fishing. It was a picturesque fall day. A few fish were caught.

Many thanks to the volunteers that came to assist. They are: Ron and Bonnie Earle, Stan and Justin Gibbs, Steve Couture, Fred Pearce, Gord Spotton, Bob Schiell, Don Colborne, Jim Douglas, June and Gord Foster.

### FALL TROUT DERBY

**Date:** Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration:** 6:30 am (No earlier please)

**Derby Hours:** 7:00 am til 11:00 am

The fees are:     **Members:**             \$ 12.00  
                      **Non Members:**       \$ 15.00  
                      **Kids (12 and under)**   \$ 5.00

The fees for this function will include a light lunch and a chance to win a door prize.

The water temperature is slowly dropping. Trout can not be introduced into the water until the water

temperature cools to at least 58°F. Stocking can then occur without stressing and killing the Trout. Stocking often happens without much notice (and often doesn't make it into the monthly newsletter) due to the water temperature and delivery availability. **Watch the bulletin boards at the club for details as the weather cools.**

Please remember to record your catch in the Fish Log Book located just inside the side entrance. The Fishing rules are posted as a reminder of the catch limits allotted to each membership type. Culling is not allowed.

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The Volunteer Service Awards given out by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration are given to volunteers to recognize their volunteer efforts within the community. It is the giving of volunteer time that helps many organizations operate within their community.

Each of the recipients received a lapel pin and a certificate of recognition at the ceremony, which was held on Sept. 30 at the London Convention Centre.

The recipients from WOFGPA are: Bill Rodrigues – 20 years service, and with 5 years of service each are: Karen Anderson, Teresa Dodge, Gord Foster, Tom McGill and Gord Spotton.

Awards are given out in 5-year increments, although many of these individuals have volunteered for many more years. Please congratulate these individuals when you see them and ask how you can get involved.

### WOF&GPA WEAR

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| Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest.....               | \$ 45.00 |
| Lined jacket with embroidered Club crest and your 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 – navy only                   | \$ 12.00 |
| Club embroidered patch crest.....                           | \$ 5.00  |
| Lanyard.....                                                | \$ 5.00  |
| Key chain.....                                              | \$ 5.00  |

**To purchase items or for more info, call Tom McGill at 652 –2875.**

## WESTMINSTER PONDS LANDS TRANSFER CEREMONY



Commemorative plaque

On Sat., October 2, London Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Health Care, London held a dedication ceremony and tree planting for the transfer of the balance of the Westminster Ponds lands to the City of London. A large rock from the property contains the dedication plaque shown above. It has taken over 30 years for these groups, government, concerned citizens and groups like the McIlwraith Field Naturalists and Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to come to a final agreement as to how the land will be managed and developed. The Saunder's Pond (103 acre section) will be preserved as a natural wetland.



Bob McLeod, Dave Wake and Stan Gibbs with commemorative plaque at Westminster Ponds Lands transfer ceremony

Over 25 % of the members are receiving their newsletter by email. This has greatly reduced the cost of postage and printing (especially since the printer just raised their prices). 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 Dodge by phone at 668-6257 (evenings) or by email at [teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca](mailto:teresa.dodge@sympatico.ca)

### NEW BADGES

**Effective May 1, 2004, new badges are being issued for new members and for renewal memberships only.** After you have paid your renewal fee, you may obtain your new badge by attending a meeting, contacting the caretakers, Russel and Sheena Fralick or by contacting Stan Gibbs.

**You will not be allowed to fish without a valid new badge even if your dues are paid.** As your membership comes up for renewal, you will be sent a reminder to obtain the new badge.

### WOFGPA Website

The website is up and running. You can log on at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). Please visit it often. Lawrence Lainchbury would like to have some pictures, articles or stories about the club to post for all to see. Any submissions can be sent to Lawrence by email at [lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca](mailto:lw.lainchbury@sympatico.ca)

The winner of the September Monthly General meeting draw was Don Colborne, who won a fillet knife and fly rod case. Congratulations Don!

### CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE

The sale will be held on Saturday, November 20. Tables are only \$ 15.00 each and can be reserved by contacting Teresa Dodge at 668-6257 or Karen Anderson at 685-9217.

### TREE LOT SET UP AND SALES

Tree lot set up will be held on Sat., November 13. Christmas tree sales begin on November 27. Tree sale shifts last only a few hours but many people are needed. This is our largest fundraiser of the year. If you can help out with either of these functions, please contact Ron Earle at 672-0765. Why not buy a ticket for the monthly draw when you attend the General Meetings. In addition, anyone attending the General meetings can have their name entered to win a one-year membership. The draw takes place immediately following the Elections in March. **One ballot per membership per General Meeting.**

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