

OCTOBER 2006 NEWSLETTER



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October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14
15 Fall Trout Derby	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting & Xmas tree volunteer schedule begins	27	28 Euchre
29	30	31 Halloween				

November 2006

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5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Xmas Tree Lot setup
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Euchre
26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1	Dec 2 Tree Sales start



Boating Safety Courses

Canadian Coast Guard

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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.**



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Brian Ernteman

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Committees (con't)

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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

If you have visited the Club recently, you will have noticed an addition to our club grounds. This Pergola was erected in memory of the past members who freely gave their time and skills for the betterment of our Club.

This area will be a place of quiet reflection, to all that knew the members whose names are there. Plaques with notable member's names will be added to the Pergola, if deemed appropriate by the governing Executive.

Unfortunately, our Club has lost two very important members in the last while whose involvement in Club, activities and projects will be difficult to replace.

You will notice that the Pergola is named the Ron Earle Volunteer Memorial. Ron passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. This structure erected and named in memory of him, due to his relentless efforts to improve and enhance our club. Ron's involvement on the Executive raised the standard for how the Club was run, and his hands-on approach for projects such as our Christmas Tree lot, and Purple Loose Strife control was inspiring.

In my opinion, Ron was what most volunteers, like me, strive to be.



Immediate Past President, Ron Earle, conducting the March 2006 Elections at WOF&GPA.

The second name added is James Douglas, simply known as Jim. He was a quiet man who loved to fish and had many stories to tell about his experiences in life. Jim had a special way of doing things at the Club without many people knowing he did it. He did not like praise and fuss for doing things he enjoyed. He just did them!



Jim Douglas and his prize catch of the day.

If there is a special place in the afterlife for generous thoughtful people like these two men, then rest assured they are there. For us, we can go and remember them at our special place.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

WOFGPA's Immediate Past President, Ron Earle, passed away in late August after a long fight with cancer. Our condolences for their loss go to Ron's wife, Bonnie and the Foster families.

Dedication Ceremony

On Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 3:00 pm, the Executive will be holding a dedication ceremony of the Ron Earle Volunteer Memorial Pergola. This invitation is extended to all members, family and friends of Ron Earle and the many other volunteers, past and present.

Stan Gibbs would like to thank all those who assisted with the Ron Earle Volunteer Memorial Pergola. Kudos to Joe Haasen of Blue-Con Construction, Steve Couture, Gord Spotton, Fred Saunders and Russell Fralick. Thanks also to any other individuals that may have assisted but the names were missed.

TROUT STOCKING

Date To Be Announced

Only when the water has cooled enough, we will be stocking the pond with beautiful Rainbow Trout. Often the decision is made to stock the pond and time does not allow to inform the members by email. Once the date has been set, it will be posted on the outside Bulletin Board and on the board by the washrooms in the club. Please check the Bulletin Board frequently.



**Christmas Tree Time
Is Fast Approaching**

I am pleased to report that renovations on our new Christmas tree sales trailer are nearing completion in good time for our December tree sales. Many hours of work has gone into the renovation and I am sure everyone will be suitably impressed with the result.

Our new trailer has a thermostat-controlled furnace, microwave oven, television and just about all the comforts of a home office. (Sorry - no hot shower and overnight guests are not encouraged).

Special thanks to Don Finch and Jim Morrow for their valuable help during the renovations and to several others where time and donations were much appreciated. Todd Stewart helped to repair the roof. Tony Dukic donated a new tire and rim and Brian Roach for installing the same.

Jim Morrow donated a desk and spare microwave oven. Gord Spotton donated floor mats.

It was very encouraging throughout the summer to see the number of Club members that showed interest in the trailer and offered to help whenever needed. It is a good feeling to know we have such members in our club. Speaking of volunteers, as many of you know, I have 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, I will be ready to schedule volunteers for the 3 weeks of shifts in December.

Count yourself in for many reasons

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Thurs. Oct 26th
Volunteer scheduling for Xmas tree sales

Sat. Nov. 18th
Tree lot set-up

Nov 27 – 29th (not yet fixed date)
Tree Delivery

Dec 2nd
Tree Sales Start

Week of Dec 4th – 8th
Second delivery of trees (date to be announced)

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

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

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 winner of the September monthly draw was Val Grah, who won a fishing knife. Congratulations Val!

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.**

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.



Fall Trout Derby

When: Sunday, October 15.

Registration: 7:30 am – NO EARLIER

Derby start time: 8:00 am SHARP!!!

Derby end time: Noon

Cost:	Juniors (12 and under)	\$ 5.00
	Members	\$ 12.00
	Non-members	\$ 15.00

Paid entrance entitles each angler to refreshments and a light lunch after a morning of angling.

Cash prizes are awarded for both Junior and Adult Divisions according to the largest total length of three (3) Trout. An additional prize is given to the angler who catches a Trout whose length matches the Mystery Fish length.

Even those who don't win a prize keep the Trout and have it for dinner. Door prizes are also available to be won.



IT IS EUCHRE TIME AGAIN

The winners of the first euchre game of the 2006-7 season were:

High Man: Larry Latford

High Lady: Deb Parker

Mystery Man: Dave Jefferies

Mystery Lady: Sylvia Lewis

Most Lone Hands: Ruthanne McGregor and Joan Latford

50/50 Draw: Jim Arnold

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

DATE: Sat., October 28, 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.

HELP NEEDED!!

Due to recent health concerns, the on site caretakers, Russell and Sheena Fralick are in need of your immediate help performing chores both inside and outside of the club. Many of the tasks take only a short time while others may take a few hours. If you have some extra time to assist, please contact Stan Gibbs by telephone in the evenings at 519-668-2609 or drop in to see Russell and Sheena. Thank you for all your assistance helping the Fralicks at this time.

Please patronize the businesses that advertise with us.

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



WOFGPA in early spring



The Lukings Farm – circa 1950
(located just east of the main driveway)

Please give event suggestions or comments to any of Executive or Committee members or attend a meeting. Lets work together to make this club the best it can be – get involved.

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