

OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



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October 2008

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5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11
12	13 Thanksgiving	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fall Trout Derby	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Euchre
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November 2008

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9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13 General Meeting	14	15 Xmas Tree Lot Set up
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23/30	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Xmas Tree Sales start

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN AS A MEMBER

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

Please note that all committees will be finalized in the near future. Please contact the Secretary or any of the Executives if you wish to be on a committee for 2008 – 2009 year.

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Don Finch

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Gord Spotton

Grounds

Steve Couture (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Robert Powell

Gord Spotton

Nathan Wales

Ponds

Stan Gibbs (Chair)

Brian Ernteman

Don Finch

Gord Spotton

Welfare

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Boat Rack

Jim Morrow (Chair)

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.**

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that the summer has come and gone once again. It is sad to think that all the warm weather will be put on the shelf until next spring, but have no fear, there will be many things to do before the cold weather sets in. The Xmas tree lot will be set up in mid-November in preparation for tree sales, which begin on November 29. Our annual Fall Trout derby is scheduled for October 19. It is ironic that it has been such a warm fall but we hope for the cooler weather so that we can soon stock the pond. Euchre will each be held monthly from September through April. Watch your newsletter for details of these upcoming activities and give some time to your club.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who put forth amazing amount of effort in making the Doors Open London weekend successful for the second year in a row. These individuals not only came to help plan the activities, but some of them also assisted in the setup and were available during the weekend to meet and greet our visitors. I was pleased to see a few new faces getting involved. In total, this year we had about 275 people from London and area visit our club.

Also, our two carvers, Herman and Walt, would like ideas from the membership on what should be carved into the tree when it is removed. They will also need assistance in preparing the tree for carving, as the time gets closer. No previous experience needed, as they will instruct you. Please attend a meeting to share your ideas or forward it to one of the Executive members.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, hope to see you around at the club polishing your "jewel" in the heart of the city. Keep your line in the water.

Yours in conservation,
Stan Gibbs

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WofGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the new members. Hopefully, we will meet each of you at one of the many functions.

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Bill and Myra Rodrigues are celebrating 61 years of marriage in early October.

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The winners of the General meeting draw were:  
Barb Toner (flashlight) and Norm Woods (lures).

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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 site contains our club history, updated information about functions; links to other groups, a photo library and of course our newsletter.

TREE CARVING

When driving around London, I am sure that you have seen many tree trunks that have been intricately carved. The property owners have chosen to beautify their lawn with an outstanding carving rather than remove the old dead tree and stump, leaving a bare front lawn. On the main lawn of the club is a large Poplar tree that is dying and needs to come down.

Fortunately, two of our members are accomplished woodcarvers and have graciously offered to carve the tree into a permanent monument. These two talented artists are Herman Szielasko and Walt Seliski. Although Herman and Walt have many ideas, they are asking for some input from the members as to what best represents WofGPA. Your ideas for the tree carving could be from a photo, a clipping from a magazine or even a rough drawing. Please contact Herman or Walt directly or any of the Executive with your ideas. You may discover that they will take bits and pieces from the suggestions received, add their own unique touches and end with a carving on our front lawn that will truly represent the club for future generations.

There are many stages to removing a tree properly for carving and the carving itself. Herman has asked for volunteer's assistance from the members at the different stages of carving. Keep this in mind, as more details will follow once the timeline is established.



EUCHRE HAS BEGUN

Twenty-four players came out to enjoy the first euchre of the 2008 – 2009 season. The winners were:

High man – Lloyd Thompson
High lady – Cora Thompson
Mystery man – Archie Graham
Mystery lady – Jesse
Most lone hands – Janice Colborne
50 / 50 draw – Marion Colborne

Thank you to Cora and Lloyd Thompson who generously donated 17 packs of new cards to the club.

The next euchre is Saturday, October 25, 2008 (Hosts: Richard and Barb Toner). Cards start at 7:30 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:45 pm. Please arrive early enough to get a seat to play. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player. Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter and are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. We serve a light snacks. Door prizes are available at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Date: Sunday, October 19, 2008

Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER)

Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon

Cost: Members - \$ 12.00
Non-Members - \$ 15.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- Culling and the used of live bait (except worms) is NOT allowed.
- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Your paid registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish.
- Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.
- Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

We expect to stock Trout in the pond October 11. As in previous years, the water MUST cool to less than 60°F (15.5°C) in order to have a successful stocking of Trout. The water temperature will drop when we start getting the cool fall nights. The water temperature will be monitored daily. We usually do not have sufficient time to notify the members by newsletter as to which date has been chosen to stock the pond. For this reason, we ask that you check the Bulletin Boards at the club beginning in early October for details about the next Trout stocking.

For more details about the derby or Trout stocking, contact the Ponds Chairman, Stan Gibbs.

We wish to thank Brian Ernteman for purchasing a new BBQ for the club for Canadian Tire on Dundas Street East. We can hardly wait to start barbequing hotdogs and burgers.

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

**CANOE FOR SALE**

An unclaimed 16-foot Coleman canoe will be sold to the highest bidder on Sunday, October 19 (at the Fall Trout Derby). The canoe can be seen during the Fall Trout Derby only.

Stan Gibbs will be accepting sealed bids for this canoe during the derby. The name of the new owner canoe will be announced at noon on October 19.

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OFAH MEMBERS

Were you also aware that you could apply for OFAH membership or renew your OFAH membership through WOFGPA at a lower cost than if you contacted the OFAH directly? With the membership you will receive the Outdoors magazine delivered to your home.

Please contact Valerie Grahl at 519-453-0659 or by email at valgrahl@rogers.com and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also gladly accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA**

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact person will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better your club.

As the date of each events gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website.

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| Thurs. Oct. 9  | General meeting                                        |
| Sun. Oct. 19   | Fall Trout Derby                                       |
| Thurs. Oct. 23 | Executive meeting                                      |
| Sat. Oct. 25   | Euchre                                                 |
| Thurs. Nov. 13 | General Meeting                                        |
| Sat. Nov. 15   | Xmas Tree Lot setup                                    |
| Thurs. Nov. 27 | Executive Meeting                                      |
| Sat. Nov. 29   | Xmas tree sales begin                                  |
| Thurs. Dec. 11 | General Meeting & Turkey Roll                          |
| Sat. Dec. 13   | Breakfast with Santa                                   |
| Thurs. Dec. 18 | Executive meeting<br>(One week early due to Christmas) |

**WOFGPA PHOTO CORNER**



**One of the many deer in the area crossing the club property.**



**A hot air balloon “touches down” for a brief moment.**



**Canada geese before they head for warmer climates.**



**The main hall during Doors Open London.**



**John Anderson didn't get skunked**



**Dave Jefferies tries his luck fly-fishing.**

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