

OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



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NOVEMBER 2010

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21	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27 Xmas tree sales begin Euchre
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KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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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)

**THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE  
WITH US WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE.  
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Have you ever had a moment when your heart was touched and you were extremely proud to have been a part of something?

Over a period of one month many volunteers and myself took part in two very important functions at our Club.

The first event was the volunteer appreciation dinner, which was organized to honor almost one hundred volunteers that have given a significant amount of their time for the betterment of our Club. It was a special day for many of our Club members to socialize and recognize each other for all that they have done. It was great to see all their partners with them, enjoying the day and also, accepting our thanks for their time.



The second function was the Doors Open weekend. This event allowed us to open our Club House and grounds to the general public. We offered activities for the visitors, such as tours of our Club House and grounds; a great display of Southern Ontario wildlife from Greg Balch; Hunters information; Fly-tying demonstrations; casting targets for all; and a fish pond with samples of our pond life in it. One of the most favorite activities was the boat tour around our beautiful lake.

These two events, with all the people involved, instilled such a feeling of pride and honor. It was such a treat to have a total stranger tell me how lucky I was to belong to such an organization. We were so well received at Doors Open London that we had to add another twenty names to our membership waiting list.

I remember not too long ago, it was a chore to get people to help around the club and get involved. This has certainly taken a turn for the good. Although some of our events and functions are not fully attended, I am pleased to see new people bringing new ideas to the floor for consideration.

I would like to say, as your President, that this last month has been one of the most fulfilling times I have had at the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association Club.

Again, thank you all for making me look so good.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

**KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
(Ages 12 and under)

**Date:** Saturday, October 30, 2010  
**Time:** 2:00 pm till 4:00 pm  
**Cost:** None although **advance registration is required to get an accurate head count**

A fun filled afternoon Halloween party is planned for the ghosts, goblins and other scary creatures that are aged 12 and under. This party is open to the children of WOFGPA members, their families and guests. There will be games and prizes throughout the party and a goody bag for each child.

Come join us for a “hauntingly” scary time.

To keep in the “spirit” of Halloween, we are asking that volunteers for this party be in costume.

Pre-registration is mandatory and can be done by calling Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 or Alex Duffitt at 519-200-6452.

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If you know of a club 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.

Fred Pearce and Cora Thompson have been under the weather and would welcome a phone call to cheer them up.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

WOFGPA operates successfully due to the hard work of its volunteer base. In August of each year, a Volunteer Appreciation BBQ is held to thank those that have given of themselves to make the club better.

The cost of holding this BBQ has increased each year. The Executive is now looking for a consensus from the membership in order to make their decision.

One option is to recognize all volunteers at the BBQ regardless of the volunteer hours committed to the club. Another option is to implement a minimum number of volunteer hours required in order to receive an invitation to the BBQ and determine how many hours this should be. The last option is to stop having a BBQ altogether and volunteers would simply receive a thank you.

All members present at the October General meeting will be asked to complete a short survey that will assist the Executive in making the decision regarding the Appreciation Day BBQ. Make sure that you are present as your input is valued.

Our website is www.wofgpa.org.

FOR SALE



The new looking Compound mitre saw was rarely used. Originally purchased for \$ 250 but asking only \$ 150 OBO. For details, contact Don at 519-686-9559

FALL TROUT DERBY

Mark your calendar and tell your friends, as our derbies are open to members and the public.

Date: Sunday, October 17, 2010
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.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards 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.

For more details about the derby, contact Stan Gibbs.

If water temperatures are cool enough, there will be a trout stocking prior to this derby. 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.

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 at the March General meeting.

The winners of the September General meeting draw were: Bob Planques (fillet knife and Power Bait) and Stan Gibbs (fillet board).



EUCHRE

The first Euchre game of the season was held on Sat. Sept. 25th and was hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture.

The results were:
High Man – Bill Lewis
High Lady – Sylvia Lewis
Mystery Man – Don Parker
Mystery Lady – Gail Gifford
Most Lone Hands - Tony Dukic
50/50 draw - Janice Colborne

Progressive Euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. The cost to play Euchre is only \$ 5.00 per player.

The games start at 7:30 pm sharp. Arrive early enough to socialize with others. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. 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

The next Euchre game is October 23.

ANGLING SPORTS SALE 317 Adelaide St. South, (just north of Commissioners Road)

One of our suppliers for most of our fishing derbies is a local London business, Angling Sports. We appreciate Kasim Glavas (owner of Angling Sports) for his generosity over the years to our club.

Kasim will be offering a 30 % discount to club members on all rods and reels in a limited time offer. His product line includes Shimano, Loomis, Quantum, and Okama, just to name a few. Bring your valid club badge to get the discount. Also included in the store will be many more bargains for your angling supplies.

Ontario fishing licenses may also be purchased at this store. Kasim and his knowledgeable staff will take to time to assist you with making choices that will best suit your angling needs.

MEAT SHOOT Sun. Oct. 3 9:00 am

Andre Koch (519-685-5725) has planned another Meat Shoot at the club basement with pellet guns and targets.

The cost is \$ 2.00 per package, which will give you 5 shots at the target. If you do not have a pellet gun, there will be one available for your use at the club.

XMAS WREATH MAKING

Hermann Szielasko wants to teach others to make Xmas wreaths and swags, which will be sold during the Xmas Tree sales. Hermann is hoping to sell 200 wreaths. If you are interested in learning how to make real wreaths or you have a donation of ribbon and bows, please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507.

PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD

It is important to remind everyone at this time about obtaining and carrying a Pleasure Craft Operator Card.

As of Sept. 2009, each boat that is under power in Ontario must be operated by someone with a valid card, which must be present on the operator of the watercraft.

This law will be enforced on the pond at WOFGPA.

If you are already in possession of a valid card, please let Jim Morrow know by telephone at 519-649-2405 so he can note this on your Boat Rack Agreement.

We currently have 6 spots available on the Boat Rack.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES

Ed Connor (Senior Instructor / Examiner) is now offering courses in Firearms Safety Certification, Restricted Firearms Certification and Hunter Education.

All courses will be held at the club and are open to both members and non-members.

Please contact **Ed Connor** at **519-680-9872** for more information and to register for one of these courses.

IMPORTANT NOTE TO MEMBERS WITH A BOAT RACK SPOT

It is each member's responsibility to ensure that his or her boat is secured on the boat rack (2 locks are recommended). Please take all items such as oars, seats and anchors home with you if you cannot secure them to your satisfaction. Please drain your boat of standing water on a regular basis if it cannot be stored upside down, which is preferable method to store it. Thank you for storing your boat or canoe properly.

The monthly WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as this newsletter reaches over 225 member families and publicly on our website (www.wofgpa.org) each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing an ad or you would like more information, call Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at couture.house@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

You may obtain your valid membership sticker when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangements with Stan Gibbs only. **Reminder, do not mail your payment or leave cash / cheque with Russell and Sheena, the Club's caretakers.**

Display a valid card and observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and always record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook. If you know of anyone wishing to become a member, ask him or her to contact Stan Gibbs so that he can add his or her name to the waiting list.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Sun. Oct .3	Meat Shoot
Thurs. Oct 14	General meeting
Sun. Oct. 17	Fall Trout Derby
Sat. Oct. 23	Euchre – Alex Duffitt and Andre Koch to host
Thurs. Oct 28	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 30	Kids Halloween Afternoon Party – (ages 12 and under) Pre-registration is required. The contacts are Teresa Couture and Alex Duffitt.
Thurs. Nov. 11	General Meeting and Remembrance Day
Sat. Nov. 20	Xmas Tree Lot setup
Nov 23 – 24	950 Xmas trees will be delivered to WOFGPA
Thurs. Nov. 25	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 27	Euchre – Ken and Pat Lockrey to host
Sat. Nov. 27	Tree Sales begin
Thurs. Dec. 9	General meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 11	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 23	Executive meeting

Get informed, get involved, have fun and enjoy all that WOFGPA has to offer its membership.

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