

SEPTEMBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



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September 2008

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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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Grounds

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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)

Membership

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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

If you remember the President's Message from August, you would remember reading how our President, Stan Gibbs told of catching the biggest lunker bass he had ever angled before. Well, this month, Stan has decided to go fishing again and try to catch yet a larger bass. While Stan is away, the 2nd Vice President has decided to share this tale...

The most memorable fish related story that comes to mind, is when we were living in Ft. St. John in northern British Columbia. Just north of town there is Charlie Lake, famed for its pike fishing. Sitting on the bank next to me, was a woman who had been nipping straight rye (they build them tough in that part of the north) for about an hour, when all of a sudden her rod bent double. Being drunk as a skunk, she hauled in a good size pike, never giving a thought as to landing it. Being stone cold sober, I could see that she was going to have a problem landing it.

So being a gentleman, I assisted her by using my landing net, which the pike promptly chewed great gaping holes in. After a couple more snorts of rye, she thanked me and then showed me what she normally uses to land her fish. You jab this medieval torture weapon into the side of the fish and two huge prongs spring out and grab the fish. About ten minutes later, a fish walloped my moose meat bait. I hung on for dear life and reeled it in to shore, forgetting that I had no net. Sheena the drunken barbarian rushes over and harpoons my pike with her landing weapon. I thought that it was a fish worthy of mounting. It was 13 pounds and 38 inches long. Maybe not a record but good enough for me. When I got the fish home, it had dried out and I could see where those prongs had ripped the fish to shreds.

To explain the best part of this story I have to tell you that where we lived there was very little indoor plumbing. So consequently we had an outhouse. For those of you who are unfamiliar as to what that is, I'm not even going to try and explain it. To make long story shorter, I threw the pike down the hole. Early the next morning, my 5 year old came screaming into the house sobbing that there was an alligator in the outhouse waiting to bite her. All this happened about forty years ago, and it's all true.

Jim Morrow

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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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All WOFGPA members wish Gary Carew a speedy recovery from surgery earlier this month. Gary and his wife Isabelle are long standing and active members of WOFGPA throughout the years. If you have a few moments, please call the Carews to say hi and that you are thinking about them.

DOORS OPEN LONDON AT WOFGPA

**Saturday, September 20, 2008
and
Sunday, September 21, 2008**

During these two days, many buildings and historical sites will be open to the public. Experts at each site will introduce you to the sites history and its significance to London. There are over 50 sites in total. Doors Open London is the once-a-year chance to fully explore your city.

During this weekend, come out and celebrate our heritage in the community. The sites range from places of worship, to natural areas, to businesses and grand homes and estates. There is something for everyone to see and something for all to learn.

This year, WOFGPA is proud to announce that it has been selected as one of the sites and it will be our second of many years involvement with this function. We are very honoured that our club was chosen as one of ten sites in London, which was detailed in the Doors Open Ontario book, which was published earlier this year. As Canada's oldest conservation club (established in 1875), we offer a very unique history to the city. There have been many changes to the club as it has evolved over the past 132 years. During this time, the membership has also been involved in many joint conservation ventures with other organizations in the area.

The Executive and Committee members would like to show other London and area residents about our history, what we stand for and have to offer. Please give us your ideas to polish our "jewel" in the heart of the city.

For more information about this weekend's sites which are open to the public, please visit the DOORS OPEN LONDON website at

<http://www.doorsopenlondon.ca>

Come join us on September 20th and 21st!

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**CLUB HISTORY / MEMORABILIA NEEDED**

We are looking for any documented history of the club, the property, old photos or any paraphernalia you might have. If you are willing to loan them to the club or allow us to make a copy, please call Stan Gibbs. Any items donated to the club for this weekend will be returned to its owner following this event.

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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.



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars. This function is open to members as well as non-members.

DATE: Saturday, September 27, 2008

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP (Doors open at 7:00 pm so please arrive early enough to get a seat to play.)

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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. We hold it on the 4th Saturday of each month from September through November and January through April. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. We always have things to munch on and we serve a light snack during the break. Door prizes are available at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Doors Open London weekend**

**September 20 – 21, 2008**

During the Doors Open London weekend, a number of displays, demos and talks have been planned for the guests.

Of course, there is also the “behind the scenes stuff such as planning and set up” for this event.

Volunteers will be scheduled in short shifts of a few hours so that there will always be an adequate number of members at the club to meet and greet the “Doors Open London” guests.

This is a great time for any new members to volunteer at a club function. Not only will you get to meet other members in a fun and social atmosphere but you will also learn much about the history of your club, WOF&GPA.

We would like to thank those who have already volunteered their time. If you have already volunteered, you will be contacted as the date gets closer regarding your availability for specific time slots.

If you haven't left your name as yet, it isn't too late to do so. Just contact Stan Gibbs at 519-668-2609 to offer your assistance with this fun filled and informative venture.

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OFAH Members

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is looking to update their records. Although they do know how many members they have, they are not aware if any of these members are also WOFGPA 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 val.grahl@rogers.com and provide her with your OFAH membership number. She will also gladly accept renewals and new OFAH memberships.

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 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.
- Anything 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 decided by your membership type will apply.

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 in the fall.

We usually do not have time on our side 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 late September for details about the next Trout stocking.

You can be assured that we all want to see more Trout in the pond before the Fall Trout Derby.

For more details, contact the Ponds Chairman, Stan Gibbs.

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

## REMINDER – WAITING LIST

There are almost 70 people waiting to become members. We expect that this list will grow after the Doors Open London weekend, September 20 – 21.

### Do not let you membership lapse.

- If your membership does lapse, you will be required to add your name to the already lengthy waiting list if you choose to rejoin.
- If you have a boat in the Boat Rack, it will have to be removed immediately, as you are no longer a member in good standing
- No longer will the \$ 10.00 penalty be accepted for late membership renewal due to the length of the waiting list.

Only Stan Gibbs should be contacted to add your name to the waiting list or to check on your status on the list. Thank your for your co-operation.

## ~~~~~ 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., Sept. 11                 | General meeting            |
| Sun., Sept. 13                   |                            |
| Sat. Sept. 20 thru Sun., Sept 21 | Doors Open London weekend  |
| Thurs., Sept. 25                 | Executive meeting          |
| Sat., Sept. 27                   | First Euchre of the season |
| Thurs. Oct. 9                    | General meeting            |
| Sat., Oct. 11                    |                            |
| 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        |

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WOFGPA Photo Corner

Highlights from Doors Open London
September 2007



WOFGPA President, Stan Gibbs introduces Doors Open London 2007 guests to some of the great features of our club and its history.



A young family gains an appreciation for our history.



A young boy has a new perspective for some of the animals native to the area thanks to a great Taxidermy display setup by Greg Balch. Member Ted Dilts looks on.



Guests learn about some of the birds that can be found in the area.



Some new Canadians smile as they enjoy a boat tour of the pond.



Guests take some time to rest and enjoy a few quiet moments viewing the pond and property from the Ron Earle Memorial Pergola.

We hope to see more guests at Doors Open London this year. Please visit some of the many other sites throughout the city on September 20 & 21

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