

September 2009 Newsletter



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 Labour Day	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12
13	14	15 Pleasure Craft Operators Card required	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre resumes
27	28	29	30			

October

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

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.**

The newsletter and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Go Green!

In the near future you will be seeing some changes around our Club that will help the environment stay green.

First off we have had install a new high efficiency furnace and air conditioner. We have also had the duct system up graded and cleaned so that the new system will work even better. This has all been done under the watchful eyes of our first vice Don Colborne, Thanks Don.

Next you will see a windmill on the grounds in the near future. This piece of equipment will help the health of our pond by aerating the water, without using any hydro. It should reduce the probability of a winterkill, and give our fish a better environment.

Since we do not have any regular Blue Box pick up at our Club, we have purchased some larger bins and will fill and take them to a depot ourselves. So be careful not to throw recyclables away at the Club, try and use the bins. At this point I am not sure where they are going to be stationed so watch for further notice.

Last of all, our bar fridge died on us this past weekend, this is not particularly good news, but every cloud has a silver lining. The two fridges in the bar hopefully will be replaced with one larger one that is more energy efficient.

I hope will do their part to keep us as Green as possible.

As a reminder to the membership to attend to the October 8th General Meeting where a vote will be taken from the members present to determine whether WOFGPA will have 100% affiliation with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

Yours in conservation

Stan Gibbs

The Executive, on behalf of the members wish their condolences to the Gibbs family after the passing of Cindy Gibbs's mother, to the Toner family after the passing of Barb's father and to the Anderson family after the sudden passing of John's son.

If you know of a 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.

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



**Recipient of the Jack Livermore Award – Don Colborne (centre).
Recognition for the Tree Carving – Herman Szielasko (left)
and Howard Pearcey (right).**

Just a reminder that all members pledged to assist, when possible in making this "Jewel in the heart of London" really shine.

To assist at any function or venture, make contact with any of the Executive, committee chairs or just show up. The little bit you give of yourself will come back to you tenfold. WOFGPA Executive and members would like to extend a hearty welcome to the newest members. Remember to introduce yourself at one of the many functions or projects.

Each August, WOFGPA holds an Appreciation Barbeque to thank its many members who have volunteered at one of the many functions or who have assisted the club in some special way. Each time that you assist, the function host will record your name so that you will be on the invitation list for next August.

WOFGPA Merchandise is available again!

Wear your WOFGPA wear proudly.

Jackets with embroidered crest	\$ 40.00
Hooded fleece sweatshirt with crest	\$ 30.00
Caps with embroidered crest	\$ 12.00
Toques with embroidered fish crest	\$ 10.00
T-shirts with embroidered club crest	\$ 13.00
T-shirts with silk-screened club crest	\$ 10.00
Lanyards / key fobs	\$ 5.00

All taxes are included in the price.

To place an order, call Tom McGill at 519-652-2875.

The WOFGPA newsletter is a great place to advertise as the newsletter reaches over 225 families each month. The price is very reasonable. If interested in placing or you would like more information, call Teresa at 519-668-6257 (evenings) or by email at tcouture@gapenviromic.com

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH US

NOTICE TO SMOKERS

As a reminder to all members who smoke cigarettes and cigars.

Nothing is less appealing than cleaning a Trout only to discover a cigarette butt in its belly or to see the parking lot littered with cigarette butts. We are certain that these smokers are not leaving butts thrown carelessly all over their lawns at home and we ask that the same courtesy be shown to the WOFGPA property.

Please completely extinguish your butts and leave ALL cigarette butts in the large cans placed on all the docks and around the building.

For the members and guests convenience, garbage cans are located around the property for all refuse. Soon, recycling containers will be available for your use. Strive to keep the pond, grounds and parking lot of your club in pristine condition for all to enjoy.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY COURSES & SAFE BOATING

If there is sufficient demand, extra courses will be scheduled.

For more information and dates for the next course contact:

Paul General
905-765-4627

pgeneral@sixnations.ca

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



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 so remember to spread the word that euchre is starting again.

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2009

Hosts – Steve & Teresa Couture

TIME: 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive in time to ensure you get a seat to play for the evening).

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.

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.

BOAT RACK AGREEMENTS

Jim Morrow needs to update all his records for the Boat Rack.

All persons with a boat / canoe on the Boat Rack must reconfirm their Boat Rack Agreement at WOFGPA.

Arrangements can be made by contacting Jim Morrow by phone or by attending a meeting.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

You may obtain your valid membership card when you pay your membership renewal at any meeting or through special arrangement with Stan Gibbs only. **DO NOT MAIL YOUR PAYMENT.**

As a member, if you do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Any non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for both trespassing and poaching.

Observe your fishing limits, which are determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Logbook.

Please send your "fish story" or tall tale to Teresa at tcouture@gapenviromic.com who will share as many as possible in upcoming newsletters.

TREE CARVING

The tree-carving project is really starting to come to life. Herman and Howard could really use the assistance of others and are surprised that more help hasn't been forthcoming. Make your mark in the history of WOFGPA. Stop by anytime the men are there to assist. No experience required.

All great works of art have "official names". It has been suggested that the tree carving, although currently incomplete, but is proudly displayed on the main lawn of the club, also receive its "official" name. The name chosen should reflect our clubs mission, suggest the local area or just be creative. As you are deciding on your choice for a name submission, please take some time to visit the tree carving for inspiration.

Name submissions for the tree carving can be made electronically on-line through the club's website, can be presented at any meeting or mailed to the club to the attention of the secretary. Please put "Tree Carving Name" in the subject line.

The deadline for name submissions will be our fiscal year end, February 28, 2010. The "official" name will be announced at the General Meeting and Election held on the second Thursday in March 2010.

Remember that 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 as one of the first duties of the new President. Come to a General meeting and get your name on a ballot.

PLEASURE CRAFT OPERATORS CARD

As of September 15, 2009, all operators of motorized pleasure craft must possess a Pleasure Craft Operator's Card when operating a boat, canoe, and Jet Ski or pleasure craft.

To obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card, candidates need to pass an accredited test. Visit www.tc.gc.ca and search "operator card" for more information. The Pleasure Craft Operators card is valid for life.

Here is a short list of some of the penalties / fines imposed on boat operators, not including any administrative fees:

- \$ 250 not possessing a pleasure craft operator's card or not having it with you when stopped
- \$ 100 underage operation of a pleasure craft
- \$ 100 speeding on waterways
- \$ 250 operation of a pleasure craft in a careless manner
- \$ 600 minimum fine for operation while under the influence of alcohol (no level of blood alcohol is acceptable as it is for driving a car). You will also be forbidden from operating a pleasure craft for three years.
- \$ 200 for each absent or incorrectly sized pdf on the pleasure craft

Although the government has given a few years notice that a Pleasure Craft Operators card will be required as of September 15, 2009, many individuals have procrastinated at getting their card. You can expect that all waterways will be monitored closely and all watercraft operators can expect to be asked to show proof of a valid Pleasure Craft Operators card.

Please act responsibly and get yours now.

FALL TROUT DERBY

- Date:** Sunday, October 18, 2009
- 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 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 but of course this will be dependant on the water temperature. 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 and will be monitored regularly. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Please remember to mark your calendars so that you don't miss an event. With each event, a contact will be named if you wish to volunteer a bit of time to better this very unique organization. As the date of each event gets closer, the details will be printed in the newsletter, posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the website. The event calendar for 2009 – 2010 is available on the website www.wofgpa.org

- Mon. Sept. 7 Labour Day (Statutory holiday)
- Thurs. Sept. 10 General meeting
- Tues. Sept. 15 all pleasure craft operators MUST have a valid Pleasure Craft Operators card.
- Thurs. Sept. 24 Executive meeting
- Sat. Sept. 26 Euchre
- Thurs., Oct 8 General meeting
- Mon. Oct. 12 Thanksgiving (Statutory holiday)
- Sun. Oct. 18 Fall Trout derby
- Thurs. Oct. 22 Executive meeting
- Sat. Oct. 24 Euchre
- Sat. Oct. 31 Halloween
- Wed. Nov. 11 Remembrance Day
- Thurs. Nov. 12 General meeting
- Sat. Nov. 14 Christmas Tree Lot set up
- Thurs. Nov. 26 Executive Meeting
- Sat. Nov. 28 Euchre

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