

## SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER



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### September 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Grounds Cleanup
12	13	14	15	16	17 Grounds set up for Doors Open	18 Doors Open London – Goodwill Tree of Life showcased
19 Doors Open London	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24	25 Euchre
26	27	28	29	30		

### October 2010

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

**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)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer days are coming to a close.

The nights are getting shorter as we can't see to barbeque at 9:00 pm although it is still warm. All the stores are offering their "Back To School" specials at the mall. The tanned children are getting bored of long hot summer days and are caught up in the excitement of the first day of school. Most of us have taken our vacation.

Like everyone else, we are getting ready for the fall to arrive. In September, we will be showcasing "The Goodwill Tree of Life" during our third involvement with Doors Open London. We are holding a cleanup before this event. Euchre will also be resuming for the season. There will be a Trout Stocking if the water gets cool enough and this will be posted on the Bulletin Boards. In October, a Fall Trout Derby is planned along with a Halloween Party for the Kids.

Details for these events and others can be found in this newsletter, our website and on the Bulletin boards. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss out on the fun.

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

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In lieu of starting a WOFGPA Dart League, only tournaments will be hosted by the Club. Look for advance notice in the newsletter for the first dart tournament. Many thanks to Alex Duffitt for his organizing efforts and hard work on improving the basement area for future dart players.  
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A speedy recovery and healthier days ahead are sent to Jack Gerard as he recuperates in Parkwood Hospital after an illness. Fred Pearce has been feeling under the weather lately and also looks forward to healthier days and more fishing. If you have some time why not call or drop in to see these members who would welcome your company.

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.  
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## 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.



## DOORS OPEN LONDON and THE GOODWILL TREE OF LIFE Showcase on Sat. Sept. 18 1:00 pm

Regular visitors to the club will have witnessed this magnificent tree carving evolve since its inception in October 2008. It is not "chainsaw art"; it is a hand and tool creation of wood, representing many of nature's beasts.

As Canada's oldest, private conservation club, WOFGPA has invited a number of representatives from the city of London, local news, businesses and conservation groups to name a few for a short showcase ceremony on Saturday, September 18 at 1:00 pm. Come out a show your support to "your" club on this day.

Make arrangements to visit some of the other 49 sites in London as they open their doors to the public during this weekend.

## SUMMER BASS DERBY

The second Bass Derby held this summer was well received by the 23 anglers present. The results of this derby were:

Adult Division		
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Andre Koch	151 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Bob Smale	131 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Chris Mitchel	125 cm
Youth Division		
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Jazzlyn Palmer	124.5 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Connor Mitchel	118 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Jordan Enns	79.5 cm

Although Todd Stewart did have the longest length in bass of 164 cm, he opted to be credited with catching the largest bass of the day at 44cm.

Thank you to Alex Duffitt for hosting this derby. Steve Couture, Howard Pearcey, Jim Morrow, Roseanne Parent, Shania Legg, Mike Harb, Dave and Joan Kazimer, Brian Ernteman and Andre Koch assisted him in many capacities.

## FALL TROUT DERBY

The Fall Trout derby has been scheduled for Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional details will follow in the October newsletter. Mark your calendar and tell your friends, as our derbies are open to the public.

If water temperatures permit, there will be a trout stocking prior to this derby. The stocking date and time will be posted on the Bulletin Boards in October.

## DOORS OPEN LONDON AT WOFGPA

Saturday, September 18, 2010  
Sunday, September 19, 2010

During these two days, many buildings and historical sites across London will be open to the public. Representatives at each site will introduce you to the sites' history and significance to London. Doors Open London is the once-a-year chance to fully explore your city as many of the private properties are normally closed to public viewing and access. Come out and celebrate the heritage of the London 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 that it has been selected as one of the visitor sites and it will be our third of, hopefully many years involvement with this function. As Canada's oldest conservation club (established in 1875), we have been involved in many joint conservation ventures with other organizations in the area. There have been many changes to the club as it has evolved over the past 135 years. During this time, the membership has also made many contributions to London's unique history.

All members are welcome to help in planning for this special weekend event. Please contact Lawrence Lainchbury to confirm your assistance.

### 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.

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



## EUCHRE RESUMES

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 25, 2010  
**Hosts:** Steve & Teresa Couture  
**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP  
**COST:** \$ 5.00 per player

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. Try to arrive by 7:15 to avoid confusion at registration.

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

### MEAT SHOOT Sun. Oct. 3 9:00 am

Andre Koch 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.

For more details, you may contact Andre at 519-685-5725

### 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.

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.



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