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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15 Good Friday	16 Easter Breakfast (cancelled)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Spring Cleanup
24 Spring Trout Derby	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting Cutoff to pre-register for Ladies Only Derby	29	30

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ladies Only Derby
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

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Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

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 and minerals, its waters, forests, air and wildlife, and 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, are welcome to attend all club meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is presented at the Executive meeting and questions and comments are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend this meeting.



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you read through this month's newsletter, you will notice that we have some new elected persons on our Executive Board. I would like to welcome Jeanette Jurasek as our new Secretary, Louie Liberatore as our new 2nd Vice President, and Randy Keating as a new Director. I'm sure they will do a fine job for our Association in the future.

As for the two members that that declined their nominations, their past efforts on our board are greatly appreciated.

One definition of Volunteerism is:

The principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward. This definition is so true in regards to Joe Isenor and Teresa Couture.

Joe served for 3 years on the Executive Board, he stepped up when it appeared that the spot of 2nd Vice would not be filled. He did a great job and I am sure he will be around for many years helping wherever he can. Joe, I truly enjoyed working with you!

Teresa has served as Secretary for 21 years; she was first elected in 2000. She has been instrumental in the operation and guidance our Association with a dedication that is difficult to measure. Teresa came in when I started as President, she has been a great asset to me in the creation of our club as we see it today. Thank you very much for all that you have done, I will surely miss having you at my side.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs



WOFGPA Executive 2022 - 2023

Left to right: Lou Liberatore (2nd VP), Steve Couture (Treasurer), Marco Liberatore (2nd VP), Val Grahl (Membership), Stan Gibbs (President), Jeanette Jurasek (Secretary), Randy Keating (Director), Lawrence Lainchbury (Director)

WELFARE

Many club members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing might welcome a quick call to say "Hello and what have you been up to?" 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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Tony Dukic.

Our heartfelt condolences to Joe and Michelle Isenor and their family after the passing of Michelle's mother.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. General meetings are not held in July and August.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone.

If your renewal date on your notice is April 1, 2022, then your membership ran from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of April, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections. The winner of the one-year membership is Tracy McCaw. Congrats Tracy!

SPRING TROUT DERBY
Sun. April 24th

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

TIME:	Register at 7:30	
DERBY:	8:00 till noon	
COST (NEW)	Members	\$ 17.00
	Non-Members	\$ 20.00
	Youth	\$ 5.00 (12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

LADIES ONLY DERBY
Sat. May 7th

This derby will have mandatory pre-registration by the Executive Meeting on Thurs. April 28th. Please confirm your attendance by contacting Randy Keating at 519-476-1916. A minimum of 20 anglers is needed to make this event go ahead as planned.

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

REGISTER:	7:30 am until 9:00 am (pre-register)
TOURNAMENT:	runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon
COST:	\$ 17.00 Members
	\$ 20.00 Non-members
	\$ 5.00 Youth members
	\$ 5.00 Lunch only (guests)

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting their fish, boat driving and making "Timmies Runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

Randy Keating is in need of male volunteers for the day. If you are interested in helping out, please call Randy at 519-476-1916

STOCKING

Two dates have been set aside to stock the pond with Trout this spring. The dates are April 19 and May 3. Please come dressed to get splashed. For further details, please speak with Stan Gibbs.

Stocking is enjoyable to watch but please stand back from the action as the fish need to be transferred to the water in a timely fashion.

SPRING CLEANUP
Sat. April 23rd – Rain or Shine

Lou Liberatore, new Grounds Chair, will host the annual Spring Clean-up. A crew of volunteers will meet at 8:30 am to clean up the club grounds after the winter months. A number of tasks are planned. Please bring your own rake and work gloves. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact Lou if needed for more details.

Lou would like to remind those persons who smoke that cigarette butts must be disposed of in one of the receptacles provided.

Other members and guests are disgusted to see butts tossed on the lawn and floating in the water where they could harm the fish. Please treat the club pond and property as you would your own property.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

Any of the Executive can assist you at any time.

RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Constitution and the Rules & Regulations. If any members would like a copy of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com or by telephone.

The club website is www.wofgpa.org

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Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

For more information and the starting date of the next course, please contact Emad by phone at 519-317-4132 or by e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

FOR SALE

For those who attended the Annual Tackle Swap on March 19th and for those who missed it: are you still need of more tackle? One of our vendors, Mike Mitchell is hosting a swap in Nilestown at the Legion. The event takes place on April 30th, from 8:30 to 1pm.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price?

The hall has a maximum seating capacity of 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays.

The hall is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply. Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Please contact the club caretaker, Barb at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe or engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.

PHOTOS NEEDED

Each photo must be no larger than 30mB in size.

Many members have expressed concern that the club website does not have many photos or those posted seem a bit outdated.

To address this, Lawrence Lainchbury would love to post your photos on the club website but hasn't been able to as he hasn't received any submissions. With a variety of pictures, he will be able to rotate them.

We ask that the photos be of club functions, scenery or local birds and wildlife. Please do not include photos of minor children unless you are the parent or guardian and give permission to post the child's image to Lawrence in your email.

Send your photo submissions to Lawrence Lainchbury at lw.lainchbury@bell.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently. In the event that there is a last-minute change, the President will send an email out to the membership.

Many have expressed concerns about gathering in large groups. For this reason, the Executive has decided to forego the Annual Jiggs Dinner, the Easter Breakfast and Euchre nights for the spring.

The new event calendar for 2022 – 2023 is complete and should be on the website in the near future.

Thurs. April 14	General Meeting
Fri. April 15	Good Friday
Sat. April 16	Easter Breakfast – cancelled
Sun., April 17	Easter Sunday
Sat. April 23	Spring Clean up
Sun. April 24	Spring Trout Derby
Thurs. April 28	Executive meeting

Sat. May 7	Ladies Only Derby (pre-register by April 28)
Sun. May 8	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 12	General Meeting
Mon. May 23	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 26	Executive Meeting

Sat. June 4	Yard Sale
Thurs. June 9	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 11	Crappie Derby
Sun. June 19	Father's Day
Thurs. June 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 25	Youth Activity Day

Sat. July 9	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 28	Executive Meeting

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.



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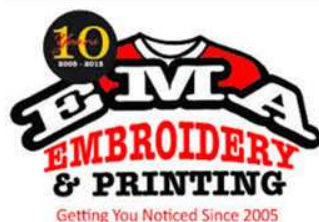
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