

APRIL 2024



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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Post Election Dinner
7	8 150 th Anniversary meeting Trout Stocking	9	10	11 General Meeting Guest speaker – Katrina Moser	12	13 Spring Cleanup
14 Spring Trout Derby	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
28	29	30				

May

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

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

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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 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever wondered the origin of our lake, what its composition is, and the role it plays in our part of the Westminster Natural Area.

Katrina Moser, an Associate Professor of Geography with the University of Western Ontario will probably have some answers for you.

All through 2023, Katrina and her students completed a multitude of tests on our water and sediment samples. Katrina will be joining us at our General Meeting on April 11, 2024 to give us a report on her findings and answer any questions you might have. See you there!

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank Larry Holtzman for building and donating the owl nesting box to be mounted this spring. Thank you to Frank Stepien for donating the Chestnut Oak seedling which will be planted on the property.



New Executive 2024 – 2025 (Left to right) Lou Liberatore (2nd VP), John Manvell (Past President), Stan Gibbs (President), Val Grahl (Membership), Steve Couture (Treasurer), Jeanette Jurasek (Secretary), Marco Liberatore (1st VP), Lawrence Lainchbury (Director), Vito LoRusso (Director)



We would like to welcome Joe Ruscio as our newest Life Member to the club.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs



The winner of the 50/50 was Murray Lane - \$ 85

WELFARE

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.

We wish for healthier days ahead for Mary Degan, Randy Keating and Ted Henderson.

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.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is April 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of April 2024, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, 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.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. 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.

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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 Henry Van Eerdewijk. Congrats Henry!

APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND SCRAP METAL PICKUP

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside.

I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere
519-520-0767

FOR SALE

If you have a boat or canoe that you are wanting to sell or donate to the club, please speak to Stan Gibbs.

ANNUAL POST ELECTION DINNER Sat., April 6

It is a WOFGPA annual tradition that the new Executive and Directors serve dinner to the members present.

Ticket Cost: \$ 30.00 each

- 65 tickets are available
- Contact for tickets: Jeanette Jurasek, Secretary

Cutoff date for ticket purchase is Thurs. March 14. Advance ticket purchase is needed so that the caterer can have an accurate head count to purchase supplies.

The meal this year is: stuffed roast pork, lemon chicken, tossed salad, Greek pasta salad, bread / rolls with butter. Dessert, tea and coffee. Wine will be served with your meal.

Arrive by 5:30 pm
Dinner served 6:00 pm

Door prize: Twin Bridge Charter has donated a June fishing charter for 4 adults or 4 adults and 2 children. The draw will be done from purchased tickets. There is no monetary / cash value if the winner chooses not to take the charter.

Don't delay in getting your advanced tickets from Jeanette Jurasek at any event or function before March 14th.

TROUT STOCKING Mon., April 8 11:00 am

This date has been set aside to stock with trout. The time is approximate and the transfer must be done quickly to avoid stress to the fish.

If you are able to help, come dressed ready to be splashed.

As with all other stockings, fishing will not be permitted from the back dock for 24 hours following the stocking.

SPRING CLEANUP Sat. April 13th

As winter melts away, there is always cleaning to do in order to prepare the club grounds for the warmer weather.

Details will follow in the next newsletter.

Come prepared with work gloves and a rake if you have one.

Any questions, contact Lou Liberatore who will gladly answer your questions.

SPRING TROUT DERBY Sun. April 14

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.

DATE:	Sun., April 14	
TIME:	Register at 7:30	
DERBY:	8:00 till noon	
COST:	Members & non-members	\$ 25
	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 15
	Gentleman's lunch	\$ 8

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.

Thank you to Steve Robertson for donation of baits and tackle for this derby.

LADIES ONLY DERBY
Sat., May 11

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.

PRE-REGISTRATION CUTOFF: Executive Meeting on Thurs., April 25th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

NEW PRICING

COST: \$ 25.00 Members & Non-members
\$ 15.00 Girls (age 12 and under)
\$ 8.00 Gentleman's lunch

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.

Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the morning and at lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.

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.

Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates.

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 get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals.

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 locations frequently.

The Event calendar for 2024 through 2025 should be complete in the near future and once complete, it will be posted on the club website.

Sat. April 6	Post Election Dinner
Mon. April 8	150 th Anniversary Meeting
Thurs. April 11	General Meeting
Sat. April 13	Spring cleanup
Sun. April 14	Spring Trout Derby
Thurs. April 25	Executive Meeting
Thurs. May 9	General Meeting
Sat. May 11	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 12	Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 23	Executive Meeting

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 list.

Watch for details of upcoming event in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.

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