

August 2018



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THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE COME TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:00 PM TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Civic holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre
23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2018 - 2019**

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Club Caretakers

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.

 **Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.**

SUMMERTIME MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. The dates for the next Executive meeting is August 23rd. In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing.

Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information.

If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently a 4-year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Small Steps

Over the last few years there has been many discussions and plans to make our club building and property more user friendly to all, including those with physical challenges.

I would like to report that the main dock has now been completed; the final piece was the hand rail, which should make it more comfortable to access the benches at the end. I would like to thank Lawrence Lainchbury and Joe Ruscio for their assistance in this install.

I have been asked if and when the club house and its access will become more user friendly, my answer is yes, in small steps. The complete job of making our club house accessible to those with physical challenges is a very costly one: two entrances must be changed and a family bathroom has to be created, in addition access up to the main door has to be addressed. At this time, we are looking into both entrance door replacements, the rest will follow when money and volunteer hours permit it.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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 wishes for healthier days ahead go out to: Tom McGill, Bert Smit, George Maudsley and Bob Smale.

The Executive body, on behalf of the members, would like to thank Tom and Shirley McGill for the many years that they spent reaching out to the membership whether it be to offer a happy anniversary, get well message or a condolence to the family during a difficult time.

Also, thank you Tom for running the monthly meeting draws for so many years.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

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

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem. Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond.

If you see anyone fishing with no visible membership card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

BASS DERBY Sun. July 8

The 16 anglers who came out to try their luck at the Annual Bass Derby were pleased with their catch.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Bill Eggett	128.5 cm
2 nd	Alex Duffitt	123.5 cm
3 rd	Stan Gibbs	122.5 cm

Biggest Bass Glen Terrien 44 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Lydia Wilson	57 cm
2 nd	Drew Carson	34 cm
3 rd	Aeis Nicopkis	18 cm

50/50 Jeff Zeisner (\$ 42.00)

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to assist for the derby.

CLUB MERCHANDISE - NEW PRICING

Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Toques	\$ 10.00
Baseball caps	\$ 12.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 15.00 – while supplies last
Camo hats	\$ 20.00
Short sleeve T-shirts	\$ 15.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Hoodies	\$ 30.00
Zippered Hoodies	\$ 40.00
Wiki Golf shirts	\$ 25.00 – while supplies last

The club has pens, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.



EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars.

DATE: Saturday, September 22nd
TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm
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 the public. 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.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Teresa Couture for details. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be present. Hosts are needed for the 2017 – 2018 season in order to continue.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 13

It may seem early but tickets for the annual Pig Roast are in limited number and sell out early.

The cost of the Pig Roast dinner is only \$ 25 per ticket which includes your meal with all the trimmings, wine with dinner, entertainment for the evening and door prizes.

Don't delay and please speak to Andre Koch to get your tickets before they are sold out. All tickets are advance purchase only.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm till dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner.

You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby. If you want to come out for just an evening of comradery and fishing, please come with your rod and tackle.

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.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club's website at wofgpa.org

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Mon. Aug. 6	Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 23	Executive Meeting
Mon. Sept. 3	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 13	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 22	Euchre resumes
Thurs. Sept. 26	Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Thurs. Oct. 11	General Meeting
Sat. Oct. 13	Pig Roast (Tickets are available now)
Sun. Oct. 20	Fall Trout Derby
	Draw for Fly Rod and reel and accessories
Thurs. Oct. 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 27	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 8	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 17	Fall Clean up and tree lot set up
Sat. Nov. 24	Euchre
Sat. Nov. 24	Christmas Tree sales and Wreath Brigade begin
Sat. Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa
	Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 13	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 27	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.



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