

AUGUST 2020



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Civic holiday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Membership renewals only (6:30 – 7:30 pm)	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

September

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

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2020 - 2021**

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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.



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.

Please dispose of all wastes in the garbage cans and not tossed on the ground or in the water.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

General meetings are not normally held in the summer months.

As a courtesy, the Membership Committee and Executive will be at the club from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on Thurs., August 13 to accept membership renewal dues with an August 1st or later renewal date.

This spring when the pandemic was declared, the Executive extended the grace period for renewals as the club had to close its doors. Additional dates to pay dues were held to accommodate those members with renewal dates up to July 1st and they are finally caught up. If your membership was impacted, please note that dues must be paid before the last day of July.

Without exception, beginning August 1st, any late payment will not be accepted and you will no longer be considered a member in good standing. If you have a watercraft, it must be removed from the Boat Rack asap. If you wish to rejoin, please contact Stan Gibbs to have your name added to the waiting list.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) 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 has over 250 names on it and an estimated 4 to 5-year wait time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Coronavirus pandemic has certainly put a damper on our daily lives, including your ability to enjoy your club and all of its functions.

With the recent news of new limits on size of gatherings, we, your Executive feel that it is time to start commencing with some of our normal activities.

Starting immediately, we will be renting our hall with limitations of 35 people, so folks that have used our hall for birthdays, showers and anniversaries will be allowed to do so once again. Please keep in mind that physical distancing (2 m apart) is still a requirement, along with wearing masks for all indoor functions.

In September, our General and Executive Meetings will commence once again for you to attend, however we are limited to 35 attendees. If you plan to attend, please arrive early and bring a mask. Once the 35-person limit is filled, all others will be turned away. Please remember that if you cannot attend, there will be minutes of the meetings in the hall entrance.

I hope this news lightens your mood somewhat in these trying times.

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.

Congratulations to Todd and Joanne Stewart who were married on July 25th.

Our heartfelt condolences are with the Lou and Marco Liberatore and their families after the passing of their mother, Francesca Liberatore, aged 90, on July 15th.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League has resumed each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm til 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 have any questions, please contact Stan Gibbs.

HALL RENTALS

The non-gender washroom will be open for members to use while angling at the club. The hall will reopen for all rentals with groups no larger than 35, due to provincial regulations under the Emergency Measures Act.

Anglers are welcome to come and try their luck. The water temperature is rising so the fish have moved to deeper, cooler water.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for 2020 – 2021 is also available on the club website.

At the present time, the Executive has determined that all club functions are cancelled until October 1st. This situation may change as government regulations change during the pandemic.

If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email. The cancellation will also be posted on the website and on the bulletin board at the club.

Mon. Aug. 3	Civic holiday
Thurs., Aug. 13	Membership renewals only
Thurs. Aug. 27	Executive meeting
Mon. Sept. 7	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept. 10	General Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 26	Euchre (cancelled)

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.

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