

AUGUST 2023



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August

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

September

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

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

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Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

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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.

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU MUST ATTEND TO PAY YOUR DUES, PLEASE COME AT 7:00 PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE MEETING (4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH). THESE DATES ARE JULY 27TH AND AUGUST 24TH.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time you are sitting down to read this newsletter summer will be in full gear.

Over the past two weeks, we have had some of the hottest weather that I have experienced in a long time. Unfortunately, when it gets hot, like it has been, the trout seem to go into hiding, but rest assured they are still in the pond. If you are patient enough, they can still be had.

If you are an avid angler our pond offers a lot of excitement with other species such as bass, crappie, and some perch. Let us not forget the other attractions our club has to offer: that being the abundance of wild life and an immense population of different birds to observe. We also boast a Carolinian forest with amazing plants to see.

Often my favorite times are spent just sitting on one of the docks with a Timmies, and chilling.' So just because the fishing has slowed a little, there is still lots to do and see.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

Many club members who are not 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.

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.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

FOR SALE

If any members wish to sell or donate a watercraft that they no longer use, please contact Stan Gibbs with the details.

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 July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00

Boat Rack	\$ 60.00
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There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is August 1, 2023, then your membership period ran from August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of August 2023, 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. 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. 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.

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

WOFGPA IS TURNING 150 YEARS

In 2025, Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Assn will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. The journey to WOFGPAs sesquicentennial anniversary began in 1875.

We are looking for volunteers to help organize an amazing event celebration of this momentous occasion.

If you would like to be a part of organizing this event, please contact Jeanette Jurasek, club Secretary and Chair of the 150th Anniversary Celebration either at home or at any club meeting.

Jeanette Jurasek
Secretary

SUMMER BASS DERBY Sat. July 8

Thank you to everyone one who came to assist with this derby. It was a beautiful day for all the anglers present. The winners of the day were:

1 st	Stan Gibbs	186 cm
2 nd	Scott Howe	169 cm
3 rd	Steve Robertson	120 cm
Big Bass	Jeff Zeisner	51 cm
50/50	Patsy Bowes	\$ 62.00



Jeff Zeisner proudly displays the "Biggest Bass"

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 30

We are pleased to announce our Annual Pig Roast Dinner will be held on Sept. 30th.

The tickets are \$ 30.00 and will be available from the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek starting Aug. 24th at the Executive Meeting. Tickets can also be purchased at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and the General Meeting in September or by contacting Jeanette. Do not delay as a limited number of tickets are available.

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 night only.

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.

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

Mon Aug 7	Civic Holiday
Thurs Aug 24	Executive Meeting

Mon. Sept. 4	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 14	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 23	Euchre (tentative)
Thurs. Sept. 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 30	Annual Pig Roast

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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