

DECEMBER 2017



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December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bake Sale and Breakfast with Santa
10	11	12	13	14 General meeting & Turkey Roll	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Youth Committee & Executive meeting	29	30

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Hockey Day in Canada at WOFGPA
21	22	23	24	25 Youth Committee and Executive meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30	31			

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2017 - 2018**

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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 & minerals, its waters, forests, air & wildlife, & 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Merry Christmas.

This phrase is used to greet people during the Holiday Season. These two words are also synonymous with giving.

I would like to suggest a way that you can give yourself a very nice gift. Over the next little while our club will be hosting a couple of fundraising events and selling Christmas trees, wreaths and swags to help off-set the cost of operating our association. If you could spare a few hours for a shift on the tree lot, or in Herman's sweat shop you will meet some great people, and have fun doing it.

We are also holding our Annual Turkey Roll on our General Meeting night. We raffle off 7 turkeys and 3 hams; there is a large door prize and snacks.

We also host a Christmas breakfast, Santa makes an appearance around 10:30 am with goodies for the children.

There is also a Bake Sale organized by our Youth Committee.

These two events are very inexpensive to attend. By supporting your club in these endeavors, all monies raised stay with the association and help keep your rates as low as possible.

As in past years, our association has offered to help out a couple of local families. We try to supply each family with a full Christmas dinner, a Christmas tree, and gifts for all. We will be looking for non-perishable food items, new clothes or toys off their wish list, and cash donations. All donations must be received by December the 17th. My wife, Cindy, has once again offered to take the monetary donations and complete the wish list. Together we can make this Christmas a memorable one. This is the wish list for the two families.

Family #1:

Mom - Likes owls...enjoys crafts and her aquarium.

Child #1 - Girl - Age 6 - Wears size 7-8 - enjoys dolls, crafts and "anything girlie".

Child #2 - Boy - Age 3 - Wears size 4T-5T - enjoys vehicles, Paw Patrol and Batman.

Family #2:

Mom - Enjoys reading, drawing and painting.

Child #1 - Girl - Age 6 - Wears size 6 - enjoys My Little Pony, princess and crafts.

Child #2 - Boy - Age 5 - Wears size 5T - enjoys vehicles, crafts and books.

Child #3 - Boy - Age 2 - Wears size 3T - enjoys blocks, puzzles, colouring and anything musical.

If you choose donate a gift that is specific for one of these two families, please mark it with both the Family # and the Child #.

From my family to yours,
Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year
Stan Gibbs

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) 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.

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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our best wishes for healthier days ahead are with Bob Shiell, Tom McGill and Andre Koch.

Our condolences to the Brown family after the passing of Dick Brown, one of the club's Past Presidents.

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the November monthly meeting draw was Lawrence Lainchbury.

EUCHRE RESULTS

The Euchre game was hosted by the Jeanette Jurasek, Brian and Braeden Ernteman and Teresa Couture. Thank you for doing such a wonderful job.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man - Don Parker (67)

High Lady - Deb Parker (79)

Mystery Men - Jerry Manx

Mystery Lady - Lois Tilletson

Most Lone Hands - Ed Brown (5)

50 / 50 - Ruth Lalonde (\$ 30.00)

Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre.

DATE: Saturday, January 28, 2018

TIME: 7:00 pm SHARP (the doors will open at 6 pm to allow for socializing before the cards are shuffled).

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 non-members. 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, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for many evening for the 2017-2018 season.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES HAVE BEGUN

SAT. NOV. 25 – TREE AND WREATH SALES BEGAN

Christmas tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for a shift to sell trees, please speak with Brian Ernteman or Don Colborne. The “shifts” for tree sales last only a few hours each but are loaded with some work, lots of laughs and comradery.

The Christmas Tree Sales is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds keep your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond.

While the tree sales are ongoing, the Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. Drop in anytime to assist. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided.

Now is the time to get involved at your club and join the fun!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Sat., December 9 9:00 till 11:00 am NEW PRICES

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: sausage and eggs, pancakes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost for adults is \$ 6.00
The cost for children (up to 6 yrs.) is \$ 3.00
No cost for children aged 2 and under.

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa, who should arrive around 10:30 am.

After this event, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot for a very reasonable price.

BAKE SALE Sat., Dec. 9 (in the main hall)

The Youth Committee is organizing a Christmas Bake Sale in the main hall on Sat. Dec. 9th, during the Breakfast with Santa.

We would love to have any donations of homemade baked goods with all proceeds going to the club. Anyone who wishes to donate baked goods is asked to bring them to the club early (before 9:00 am) on the morning of Sat. Dec. 9. There will be people in the kitchen preparing for the Breakfast with Santa around 7:30 am, for your donation drop off.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they are all welcome to come to the bake sale before they enjoy a leisurely breakfast. After breakfast, the family can pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

Come early as the goodies sell out quite fast.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

Thurs., Dec. 14

At 7:30 pm

(immediately following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be a large door prize to be won.

Refreshments, snacks and prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Carefully inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or “suspect” lights. New LED lights are much safer than the “old” ones and very energy efficient. Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.

Keep all real Christmas trees well-watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible. Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness as it is a fire hazard.

Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to animals? Keep your pets away from these items or refrain from purchasing them.

As tempting as it seems, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked and get stressed as we enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.

Have fun with family and friends and remember – DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO. There are many other options such as abstaining, having a designated driver, staying the night, taking public transit or calling for a ride home.

All the best in 2018.



The Executive and Committee Chairpersons of WOFGPA wish everyone all the best life has to offer in 2018.

DANGER – THIN ICE

December weather usually means a drop in the daily temperature and we know that soon, the ice will form on the pond despite the warm weather we have had through November. Please stay on the docks to fish until the ice has completely formed and is at least 10 cm. thick.

A windmill has been installed to aerate the water. There are buoys marking the location of the aeration stones. These two areas may stay as open water or will have a thin ice covering. Please keep well away from these areas, as they will never be deemed safe to support any weight, including your pet's weight.

Do not let your pet run loose on the property, including the ice. It is the club policy that all dogs be leashed at all times and in control of their owners.

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.

The ice conditions will be posted and monitored regularly. Please stay off any unsafe ice and remember that ice conditions vary from day to day. Obey the thin ice signs and exercise caution at all times on pond ice. When in doubt, stay off the ice.

Always use the "Buddy" system and never venture out alone.

Mark your fishing holes with a flag or small branch – for safety and consideration of others.

Ice derbies will be held throughout the winter months and often on very short notice. If you want telephone notification of scheduled derbies, please leave your name and number with Stan Gibbs. The derby dates will be posted on the website and the Bulletin Boards at the club.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA".

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, 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.

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.

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

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.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening.

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, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. Dec. 9	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 14	General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll
Mon. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Thurs., Dec. 28	Executive Meeting
Sun. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve

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Mon. Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Thurs. Jan. 11	General Meeting
Sat. Jan. 20	Hockey Day in Canada at WOFGPA
Thurs. Jan. 25	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 27	Euchre

Sun. Feb 4	Superbowl Party
Thurs. Feb. 8	General meeting
Sat. Feb. 17	Tackle Swap
Thurs. Feb. 22	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 24	Euchre

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 benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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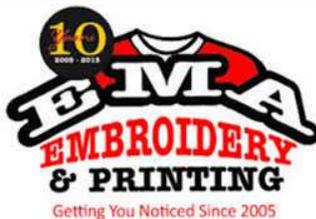
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