

DECEMBER 2018



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December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 / 31	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre
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.



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 is not permitted anywhere on club property.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. 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 and / 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 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members this year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The ultimate gift

By now, I'm sure that you have heard that we lost our oldest active member of our Association.

Tom McGill joined our club at the age of 16, and was active pretty much until his passing in November. Tom took part in events such as our Liars night, which he won in 1948. Throughout the years that followed, Tom was on our Executive and helped out on various committees. His last duties were running our 50/50 draws at our General meetings.

Tom also had a love for gardens. When his good friend, Ron Earle passed away, he helped construct and surround our Ron Earle Volunteer Memorial Pergola with many plants and shrubs.

Tom was also a great fisherman, and he shared his knowledge and his outstanding flies with many members including myself. When I took the position of President, after Ron passed away, Tom passed on to me great advice on leading our club.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his loving wife Shirley, and his family.

Tom was the ultimate volunteer; once again he has shown us the way, how to maintain and flourish a club such as ours.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

The winner of the monthly meeting draw for November was Murray Lane (\$ 55.00). Congratulations Murray!

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.

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 condolences and prayers are with the families of two members who passed away in November: Umberto Toso and Tom McGill.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery are sent out to Fadel Jeha as he recovers at home.

HELPING OUT WITH CHRISTMAS

Each year, the club reaches out to the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper program and sponsors two families by making their Christmas wishes come true and to provide them with all the makings for Christmas dinner.

This year, the details for the two families are:

FAMILY # 1

Father

- Office Supplies needed to reestablish a small business

Daughter (Age 16)

- Drawing Supplies (sketch paper, pencil crayons, etc.),
Landmark Movie Theatre Gift Certificates

FAMILY # 2

Mother

- Painting Supplies, Tim Hortons or Chapters Gift Certificate
Son (Age 16)

- Drawing Supplies (sketch paper, pencil crayons, etc.),
Landmark Movie Theatre Gift Certificates

Daughter (Age 12)

- Arts & Crafts kits or supplies, Landmark Movie Theatre Gift Certificates, wears size Women's Small clothing

Son (Age 7)

- Action Heroes, anything related to music, wears size Youth 10-12

Daughter (Age 1)

- Dolls, Building Blocks, wears size 12 months

If you choose to buy a gift for a person listed above, please mark it clearly with both the Family # and the ID of the person.

All donations of gifts or money should be brought to the club, or tree lot trailer no later than Sat., Dec. 15th to allow for any last-minute shopping to get any missed items before the hamper is delivered to the families.

Large boxes for donations of food items will be left in the club and in the tree lot trailer.

In advance, the club would like to thank you for your generosity this Christmas.



EUCHRE

Thank you to Jeanette Jurasek and Andre Koch for hosting the November Euchre night. Kudos on such a wonderful evening.

The evenings winners were:

High Man – Gerry Lalonde
High Lady – Lois D. & Arlene Whiteway
Most Lone Hands – Randy Keating
Mystery Man – Tony Dukic
Mystery Lady – Kay Cormier

50/50 – Ken Lockrey – (\$ 24.50)

The next euchre will be held on Sat. Jan. 26, 2019 with the doors open at 6:00 pm and the games starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and the evening is open to members and guests.

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 always present should their help be needed.

CHRISTMAS TREE PRICING AND SALES

Tree sales have begun and will continue until the last tree leaves the lot. As with all things, we have had a price increase from our tree supplier, resulting in a nominal increase in the cost of this year's Christmas tree.

This year the club will sell trees for the following prices:

- \$ 35 Under 6 ft
- \$ 45 6 – 8 ft
- \$ 55 Over 8 ft
- \$ 15 Wreaths, table tops, crosses and "Charlie Brown" trees
- \$ 5 Bundled branches

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**Sat., December 8
9:00 till 11:00 am**

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 scrambled eggs, pancakes and baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

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 bringing goody bags for every child.

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.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

**Sat. Dec. 8
Starting at 8:30 am**

The Youth Committee and some of the mentors will host a Bake Sale for anyone wishing a sampling of Christmas goodies for a very reasonable price.

If you are able to donate any baked goods for the bake sale, please contact Jeanette Jurasek (Youth Cte mentor) to make arrangements for delivery to either the club or Jeanette. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

**Thurs. Dec. 13
(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 door prizes 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

Here are just a few reminders as you begin to decorate your home for the holidays.

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.

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.

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 instruction time, if required.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Sat Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 13	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 27	Executive Meeting

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Thurs. Jan. 10	General Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 26	Euchre
Sun. Feb. 3	Pond Hockey Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	General Meeting
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day Family Day Ice Derby (tentative)
Sat. Feb. 23	Tackle Swap
Sat. Feb. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Feb. 28	Executive Meeting
Thurs. March 14	General Meeting and Annual Elections
Sat. March 16	Spring Fling
Sat. March 23	Euchre
Thurs. March 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. March 30	Jigg's Dinner

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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN WOFGPA'S NEWSLETTER.



The Executive and the Committee members of WOFGPA wish all its members the best of the Christmas season and health and happiness in 2019.



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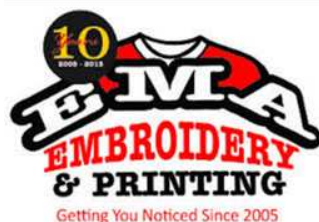
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