

JULY 2019



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July

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

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Civic Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25	26	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 and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

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 Executive meetings this summer are Thurs., July 25 and Thurs., August 22. 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. If you are unable to attend, a friend or family member could bring your annual dues to the club at the designated time. Special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

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,

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 has over 200 names on it and a 4-year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We enjoy one of the cheapest annual dues of almost all the clubs in the surrounding area. It is quite remarkable that we can enjoy the unique lake, nice grounds, clean hall, numerous functions, and great tasting Trout for such nominal membership fees. We recognize that some members joined the club solely for the benefit of being able to catch Trout regularly in close proximity to their home while others also attend some of our many functions held throughout the year.

When each member joined it was stressed to them that WOFGPA depends on the efforts of its many volunteers. We thank the volunteers that give 110% but even with these great helpers, we also need help from some of the other members who could help lighten the load.

Do you enjoy all that the club has to offer? If so ... let's get involved, supply new ideas and attend some of the many functions throughout the year.

Recently, some club events have been cancelled due to poor interest. At others, the number of volunteers and participants are almost equal. Think of your efforts as helping to polish this "jewel" in the heart of the city.

All members should note that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. Membership renewals and sticker distribution will be done prior to Executive meetings from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. If you are unable to attend an Executive Meeting (held on the 4th Thursday during the summer months), alternate arrangements can only be made by contacting Stan Gibbs.

It is not acceptable to mail your payment or to leave it with Ray or Barb, the club caretakers. You must attend a meeting to obtain a valid sticker for your membership card. Thank you for your participation in this matter.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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.

The winner of the June monthly meeting draw was Stan Gibbs who won \$ 52.00. Congratulations Stan. Just before the evening's draw, Stan joked that he needed to win in order to pay for his boat spot. Good call, Stan!

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 wish for healthier days ahead is with Marion Colborne as she recuperates.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 13

Following the shortened General Meeting, the Annual BBQ Meat Draw was held.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped to make the evening a success.

The winners of the meat packages were: Joe Ruscio, George Maudsley, Andre Koch, Steve Couture (x2), Julie Thursby, Teresa Couture, Lou Liberatore, Mary Degan and Don Colborne.

The winners of the door prizes were: Teresa Couture, Graham Saunders, Andre Koch, Bert Smit, Steve Couture and Bob Smale.

Congratulations everyone!

ANNUAL CRAPPIE DERBY Sat. June 22

Such a beautiful summer day for angling. Thank you to all who helped out today. The turnout was not as good as hoped for with only 12 anglers coming to display their skills.

The winners were:

1 st place	Andy O'Reilly
2 nd place	Joseph O'Reilly
3 rd place	Bob Smale

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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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ANNUAL BASS DERBY Sun., July 14

Registration:	7:00	
Derby Time:	7:30 am till 11:30	
Cost:	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members are not allowed to fish anywhere in the pond prior to the start of the derby.

During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends.

This bass derby is open to both members and non-members.

Confirmation of the winner's bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall.

The rules will be provided to each angler on the morning of the derby.

Please let Stan know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water

FISHING LEAGUE MEETING

The fishing league meets each Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm in the parking lot by the boat rack. New members are welcome anytime. The target fish changes each week.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas and way from other anglers.

The north and the main dock have new benches installed for members use. If you prefer to use a lawn chair, please take it home with you when done fishing. At no time are tree stumps to be used on the docks.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by resident raccoons or the red-tailed hawk who watched intently as you cleaned it. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking. When done cleaning your catch, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands thoroughly in the washroom.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember that General Meetings are not held in July and August. If you have to pay your membership dues during the summer months, make sure that you attend the club at 7:00 pm on Thurs., July 25 or Thurs., Aug. 22 (the 4th Thursday of each month)

Mon., July 1	Canada Day
Sun. July 14	Bass Derby
Thurs., July 25	Executive Meeting

Mon., Aug. 5	Civic holiday
Thurs. Aug. 22	Executive meeting

Mon, Sept 2	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept 12	General Meeting
Thurs, Sept 26	Executive Meeting
Sat, Sept. 28	Euchre resumes

Thurs, Oct 10	General Meeting
Mon, Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Sat, Oct 19	Annual Pig Roast
Thurs, Oct 24	Executive Meeting
Sat, Oct 26	Euchre
	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs. Oct 31	Halloween

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.

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 only.

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.

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