

JULY 2021



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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	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive meeting	27	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
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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

About a week ago, I informed our membership of the Walleye that was caught in our pond. A few days ago, a member called to report that he had caught another one. This is very disturbing.

After doing some research into the spawning habits of walleye, I am pretty sure that they cannot reproduce in our pond, which is good news. That being said, the fact that they are in there and competing for food that our regular stock depend on further reduces the food supply for our fish. Walleye are a voracious feeder, and will quickly create an unbalance in the food chain.

If anyone knows how these fish got into our pond, I would greatly appreciate a call. As I said earlier, if another walleye is caught, please let me know as soon as possible, and dispose of them.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST.

Some members have been granted an extension on their grace period to pay their dues. These individuals have been contacted by Val Grahl, Membership Chair as to available dates to pay dues. The province will soon start their 3-step plan of opening things. All memberships will be up to date as of the end of July.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone. If your renewal date on your notice is July 1, 2021, then your membership ran from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Your membership will lapse at the end of July, which is the one-month grace period permitted and your name removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4 year wait time.

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 on file.

All membership renewal notices are sent electronically, and mailed only to those persons without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues. 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.

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?" This is especially important during the pandemic as many of our members venture outside or visit friends and family infrequently and would likely welcome a call.

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.

Wishing for speedy recovery and healthier days ahead to those individuals affected by Covid-19 and other health issues. All are recovering at home. Among this list is: Hermann Szielasko, George Maudsley, Kyla Isenor.

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences is with Cathy Truelove and Dale Sewers and their family after the passing of Cathy's father, Larry. Our prayers are with them during these difficult times.

CANCELLED EVENTS

The province will soon implement a 3-stage plan for opening up the province. As things open, there will be updates on the news and the Middlesex London Health Unit website.

The Executive has decided that all club functions will be cancelled until we are in "Stage 3". Until that time, the Annual Tackle Swap, the Black Crappie Derby and the Youth Activity Day have been cancelled.

Currently our meetings are closed to members due to group size limits. Hopefully, this will change soon.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. This item is in limited supply. Please contact Stan Gibbs about mask purchases.

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. Any of the Executive body can assist you and are present at meetings.



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