

JULY 2022



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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bass Derby (pre-register by June 23)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

August 2022

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

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.

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)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Looks like the summer season is here in full force. Some telltale signs are warm weather, longer days, and the trout fishing seems to have slowed down. If you are patient they can still be had, the trout are deeper during the day and come to the surface to feed in the early morning and just before dusk. If you are in the mood Bass season opened last weekend and we have a healthy population of all sizes, remember all bass must be returned to the lake. In addition to bass, the pan fish are plentiful and fun to angle for by all ages.

Speaking of Bass, our Annual Bass Derby will be held in early July. This year we would like to welcome Finch Chrysler as one of our sponsors. They have made a very generous donation towards this function. I hope to see a good crowd at this event.

With folks around the property again, I am noticing some disturbing trends that need to be addressed. I have noticed cigarette butts on the grounds, on the docks, and in the docks. We have put butt containers at each dock and on the bulletin board out front, PLEASE USE THEM!!! By the way the holes in the dock connectors are not for butts and small garbage.

Another area of concern is empty beer cans on the property and in the trash cans. Remember if you are caught consuming alcohol on our premises, your membership will be revoked.

The final thing is the fish cleaning station. When you clean your catch, please discard the remains in the bush, close to the water's edge and just ahead of the cleaning table. A number of folks are just dropping these remains around the table and some are even hanging them on the steel rods that hold our chicken wire fence up. This practice creates an environment for bugs and flies, not to mention the smell.

Please be respectful of your club and it will be there for your enjoyment for many years.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

BBQ MEAT DRAW THURS. JUNE 9TH

Following a short General Meeting in June, we held our Annual BBQ Meat Draw. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the event.

The winners of the evening were: Joe Ruscio (x2), Ron Dennis, Bob Smale, Marco Liberatore, Gary Carew (x2), Herb Lukings and Don Colborne.

Congratulations everyone!

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.

Best wishes are with Cindy Gibbs as she recovers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ed Brown's family after his passing on June 9th. Ed had been a member for over 20 years and will be missed by the Euchre players.

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 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 renewal notice is July 1, 2022, then your membership ran from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of July, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and 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 which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. 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 on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. 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.

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.

ANNUAL BASS DERBY Sat. July 9th

Members are **NOT** allowed to fish during a derby, which includes before the derby starts in the early morning. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. Any fish caught during the derby do not count towards your daily limit.

DATE: Sat., July 9th
TIME: Check in starts at 7:00
DERBY: 7:30 till noon
COST: Members \$ 17
Non-Members \$ 20
Youth (under 12) \$ 5

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and refreshments and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

If you can assist, please contact Stan Gibbs.

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

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

Randy Keating will be available at all meetings and functions to assist you with your purchase or your custom order.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

Another successful Youth Activity Day has come and gone. Thank you to Jeanette Jurasek for organizing this event and to all those who came to assist. Your efforts have created lasting memories for all the children who attended.

The day began with a fishing derby where points were collected for each fish caught. After a BBQ lunch, the kids had the chance to practice casting and build a birdhouse, which could be decorated at home.

The winners of the day were:

1 st	Jake Enns	77 points
2 nd	Noah Romanczuk	35 points
3 rd	Minerva	32 points



After the derby, the kids made birdhouses.



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. Now that the weather is warmer, the fish will move to deeper, cooler water.

The north and the main dock have benches installed for members use. If you prefer to use a lawn chair, please take it home with you when done fishing and do not store it on club property. 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.

RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's Constitution and the Rules & Regulations.

If any member would like a copy of one or both of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com or by telephone.

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. 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 engagement parties or outdoor weddings and 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

Fri. July 1 Canada Day
Sat. July 9 Bass Derby
Thurs. July 28 Executive Meeting

Mon. Aug. 1 Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 25 Executive Meeting

Mon. Sept. 5 Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 8 General Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22 Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept 24 Euchre resumes

Sat. Oct 1 Annual Pig Roast (tickets will be available starting Aug. 1)

Mon Oct 10 Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs Oct 13 General Meeting
Sat Oct 15 Fall Trout Derby
Sat Oct 22 Euchre
Thurs Oct 27 Executive Meeting
Mon Oct 31 Halloween

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.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time during the year. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.



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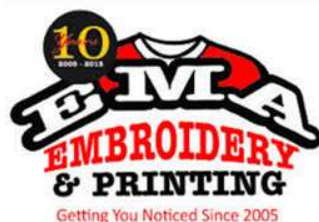
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