

JUNE 2017



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & BBQ Meat draw	9	10
11	12 Youth Committee meeting	13	14	15	16 Ohsweken Raceway Trip (rain date June 23)	17 Yard Sale & Car Wash
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25 Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day	26	27	28	29	30	

July

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

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 & 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.

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 27 and August 24th.

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.

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 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 4 to 5 year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Rules

I have been asked many times over the last month for clarification on different rules at our club. I do not mind talking with folks and answering their questions, however just a reminder that if you lose the printed copy of the rules that were handed out at your initiation, copies are also posted in the main hall by the washrooms, the bulletin board, our web site, and in the fish registry room.

I have heard rumors that not all the anglers are registering their trout when they are done fishing, this is a very important part of our fish stocking program. If the trout are not logged out then I assume that there are still plenty in the pond therefore re stocking numbers will be lower. A friendly reminder among anglers to log out their fish would be helpful.

A notice was in last month's newsletter regarding the Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day scheduled for June 25/2017. We had to cancel this event last year due to lack of interest, which is unfortunate. We have a full day of events set up to show our future members what this club and its involvement in angling and conservation is all about. If you are interested in bringing a child or children out please call me at 519-668-2609 by June 19/2017. I need pre-registration to have food and materials on hand for the day.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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 May monthly meeting draw was won by Robert Huber.

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.

On May 3, Dennis Mainstone's wife of 69 years, Annette passed away with her family at her side. On May 22, Umberto Toso's brother, Benito, aged 83, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Mainstone and Toso families during this difficult time.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee will meet each Wednesday evening at the club at 6:00 pm to tackle any ground work that needs to be done. Once the evening's work is complete, the group may go fishing so have your fishing rod handy. New members are welcome to come out at any time.

MICRO-LIGHT 2 PIECE SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 15, 2017 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made a Micro-Light, 2-piece spinning rod to be used as a draw prize.

Tickets cost \$ 5.00 each and are limited to 200 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

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.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm till dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA" for only \$ 20.

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.

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

On Sat., May 13, the ladies of WOFGPA were treated to a day of pampering as they fished for Trout without interruptions and were served an amazing luncheon by the men. Thank you to all those involved with making this Ladies Only Derby so special for the ladies.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1st place Jess Buncick
2nd place Tish Comeau
3rd place Wanda Sanders

Largest Trout Mary Degan

Youth Division

1st place Brianna Van Den Berge



(Left to Right) - Tish Comeau (2nd), Brianna Van Den Berge (Youth), Mary Degan (Largest Trout), Wanda Sanders(3rd), Jess Buncick (1st) and Andre Koch (1st VP)



The Youth Division winner, Brianna Van Den Berge proudly holds up Trout # 3.

BBQ MEAT DRAW THURS., JUNE 8, 2017

On Thursday, June 8th, immediately following our shortened General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw.

The format is similar to the Turkey Roll held each December. The Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for two persons (or two meals for an individual). There will be 10 meat packages and 3 door prizes to be awarded.

Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one per family per draw unless additional tickets are available.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free, burnt meat from the barbeque.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to class schedules and exams, the Youth Committee will hold their June meeting on Monday, June 12 at 6:30 pm in the main hall.

OHSWEKEN SPEEDWAY TRIP Friday, June 16 (Rain date June 23)

A group will be going to the Ohsweken Speedway for an evening of racing. As it was popular last year, we have decided to go again this summer.

Everyone will meet at the club at 5:00 pm SHARP and will be carpooling to the racetrack.

The cost for gas is \$ 5.00 per person unless you are one of the drivers.

Admission to the racetrack is \$ 14.00 per person.

Hope to see a great turnout.

YARD SALE & CAR WASH Sat. June 17 Rain or Shine

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am.

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa Couture.

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money? Remember the old saying "one person's junk is another person's treasure".

The Youth Committee will be washing vehicles in the parking lot from 9:00 am till noon. The cost is only \$ 10.00 per vehicle. Hope to see a lineup of vehicles to help support the Youth Committee and the club.

PETER YOUTH YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY
Sunday, June 2
(Pre-registration deadline – Mon, June 19)

If you are looking for a great way to start your summer holidays, bring your children, grandchildren or neighbour's children out and together we will expose them to a variety of fun filled activities.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day and not just "dropped off" at the club.

Registration for the derby will be at 8:00 am with fishing lasting till 11:00 am. In this derby, children will get points for each fish species that they catch.

Following the derby will be a BBQ lunch before everyone tries each of the afternoon events which include face painting, water balloon toss, casting practice and many other fun-filled activities that the Youth Committee is planning. All events should wrap up by midafternoon following the awards ceremony.

The winner with the overall highest score for the day will receive a trophy to take home. Their name will also go on the Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day plaque which hangs in the main hall.

If you plan to attend could you please call Stan in the evenings at home and let him know how many participants and their ages so enough supplies will be on hand for everyone. The final date to pre-register is Mon., June 19.

There is no cost for the children taking part in the day but there is a nominal \$ 5.00 charge for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch. An endless supply of cool drinks will be available all day.

Let us show our future members and club leaders what this club is all about.

OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY
SUN., JULY 9

Registration:	7:30 – 9:00 am	
Derby Time:	8:00 am till noon	
Cost:	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members are not allowed to fish 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 at 12 noon.

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.

UNOFFICIAL BASS DERBY

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 12th. As this derby is unofficial, the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support your bragging rights. The cost for this derby is \$ 8.00 per adult and \$ 5.00 per youth (aged 12 and under).

Mark your calendars.

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 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 Saturday evenings.

Please contact the club caretakers, 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 party, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS TO BE RENEWED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, REMEMBER THAT THE CLUB HOLDS ONLY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND NOT GENERAL MEETINGS. MARK THE DATE AND DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE.

The event calendar for 2017 – 2018 is available on the club website www.wofgpa.org

Thurs. June 8	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Mon. June 12	Youth Committee meeting
Fri., June 16	Ohsweken Raceway Trip
Sat. June 17	Yard Sale Car Wash
Sun. June 18	Father's Day
Thurs. June 22	Youth Committee & Executive meetings
Sun. June 25	Youth Activity Day
Sat. July 1	Canada Day (Stat)
Sun, July 9	Bass Derby (Official)
Thurs., July 27	Executive Meeting
Mon, Aug 7	Civic Holiday
Sat. Aug 12	Bass Derby (unofficial)
Thurs, Aug 24	Executive Meeting
Mon, Sept 4	Labour Day (Stat)
Thurs., Sept. 14	General Meeting
Sat., Sept 23	Euchre
Thurs., Sept. 28	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting

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.

As the date of each event gets closer, the details of the function, including the contact person, will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the club website, www.wofgpa.org.

If you are interested in participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson who can answer any questions that you may have. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.



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