

JUNE 2018



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JUNE

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Black Crappy Derby
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	15	16 Yard Sale, BBQ and Car Wash
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

JULY

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1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Bass Derby	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28
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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.



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 26 and August 23rd. 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-year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 10, the Executive have determined that on all future stocking days, the back dock (most northerly) will be closed to all anglers for a 24-hour period. This reminder will be posted on stocking days.

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. If you wish to have an electronic copy of the club Constitution or the Rules & Regulations, contact Teresa Couture, the club Secretary.

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 the stocking numbers will be lower. A friendly reminder among anglers to log out their fish would be helpful.

A number of fish that were cleaned from our stock have had some strange items in their stomachs, specifically cigarette butts, please be mindful of our lake and don't pollute it with your garbage.

A notice was in last month's newsletter regarding the Youth Activity Day. 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 17/2018 (Father's Day). I need pre-registration to have food and materials on hand for the day.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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.

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.

Tom McGill, Hermann Szielasko and George Maudsley would welcome a phone call just to say "hello" as they have all had recent health issues.

Our condolences to the Cronkwright - Spotton family after the passing of Jeanette's mother in early May.

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

Thank you to all those who came out to cater to the ladies during their derby. Although the day started off raining and cool, it did not deter these ladies from getting their catch of the day.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1st Janice Colborne
2nd Judy Sanders
3rd Mary Degan

Youth Division

1st Brianna Van Den Berge
2nd Hanna Nieuland

Largest Trout Wanda Sanders 39 cm

BLACK CRAPPY DERBY Sat. June 9

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

DATE:	Sat., June 9	
TIME:	Register at 7:30	
DERBY:	8:00 till noon	
COST:	Members	\$ 15.00
	Non-Members	\$ 18.00
	Youth	\$ 5.00 (12 and under)

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.

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

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

The May monthly meeting draw was won by Mary Degan (\$ 56.00)

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.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 14

On Thursday, June 14th, 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.

YARD SALE, BBQ AND CAR WASH Sat. June 16 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 (evenings).

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 also 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. Lovers of a good barbeque will be able to enjoy a burger for a reasonable cost.

BBQ AND CAR WASH Sat. June 16 8:00 til Noon

Many of the Youth Committee will be washing your vehicle and others will be busy barbequing the best burger in town for you to enjoy while you wait for your vehicle or browse the tables at the yard sale.

I am looking for 2 or 3 adults that would also like to help the club at the car wash.

If you are able to help, call Andre at 519-685-5725

Thank you
Andre Koch (1st VP)

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 24

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cutoff to register is Sun. June 17 (Father's Day).

NOTE: Members will not be permitted to fish at the pond prior to the Youth Activity Day Derby.

Please note that all children **must** be accompanied by an adult throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:00 am with fishing lasting until 11:00 am. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught.

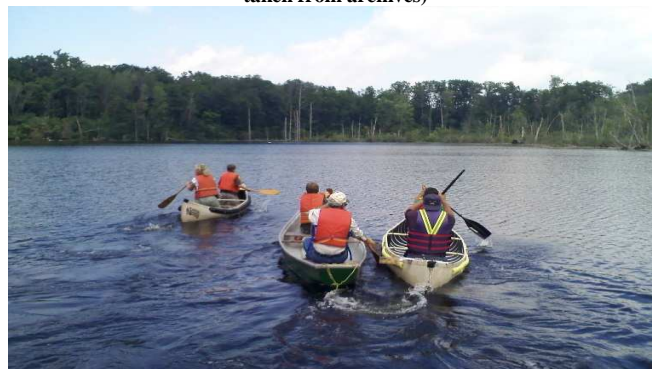
A BBQ lunch will be served following the derby.

The afternoon will be filled with a variety of activities such as fly-tying, bird house building, target casting and a water balloon toss to name a few. These events should finish in the mid-afternoon.

So, if you are looking for a fun way to finish off the school year and start your summer vacation early then look no further. Bring out your children, grandchildren, neighbour's children to enjoy a day filled with a variety of activities and the wonderful environment of WOFGPA.



A group of youth learn to cast and hone their new-found skills (picture taken from archives)



Canoe Races (picture taken from archives)

If you are planning on attending the Youth Activity Day please contact Stan Gibbs in the evening and let him know how many participants you will be bringing and their ages. This is needed for a headcount to purchase enough supplies.

There will be no cost for the children who are participating but a nominal cost of \$5.00 will be charged for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch.

So, come on out and have some fun! Remember to pre-register by Sun., June 17th.

WREATH BRIGADE

As you do your spring cleaning this year, I ask that you gather any unwanted trinkets or Christmas ornaments (non-glass only) that the Wreath Brigade could use to decorate with next winter. Donations can be left with the caretakers or brought to any meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Stan Gibbs will take over as the lead contact for the wreath brigade. Angela Liberatore will assist by acting as the volunteer coordinator for the 2018 Wreath Brigade season.

Hermann Szielasko

BASS DERBY Sun. July 8

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE - NEW PRICING

Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Toques	\$ 10.00
Baseball caps	\$ 12.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 15.00 – while supplies last
Camo hats	\$ 20.00
Short sleeve T-shirts	\$ 15.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Hoodies	\$ 30.00
Zippered Hoodies	\$ 40.00
Wiki Golf shirts	\$ 25.00 – while supplies last

The club has pens, 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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season should be available soon. It will be posted on the website once the details are finalized.

Sat. June 9	Black Crappy Derby
Thurs. June 14	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 16	Yard Sale, BBQ and Car Wash (rain or shine)
Sun. June 17	Father's Day
Sun. June 24	Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day
	Pre-register by Sun. June
Thurs. June 28	Executive Meeting

IF YOU NEED TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, REMEMBER THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE ATTEND AT 7:00 PM ON THE DAY OF AN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Sun, July 1	Canada Day
Sun, July 8	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 26	Executive Meeting
Mon. Aug. 6	Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 23	Executive Meeting
Mon. Sept. 3	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept. 13	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 22	Euchre resumes
Thurs, Sept 26	Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Thurs. Oct 11	General Meeting
Sat. Oct 13	Pig Roast
Sun. Oct 20	Fall Trout Derby
	Draw for Fly Rod and reel and accessories
Thurs. Oct 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 27	Euchre

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.



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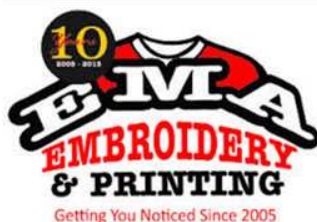
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