

JUNE 2019



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13 General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	14	15 Yard Sale
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 Crappie Derby
23 Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day / 30	24	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
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14 Annual Bass Derby	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27
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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.



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.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. 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 and / 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 a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members in 2019.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A great loss to our club and its members.

By now, you have heard that Brian Ernteman passed away recently.

Brian was a great guy that thought his club was the greatest thing since sliced bread. He embraced all facets of our club's activities, including but not limited to, helping me run all the fishing derbies, and helping Don organize and run our Christmas tree lot.

Brian was a strong voice on our Executive body for many years helping to run our club and keep our goals focused on what the Association stood for.

Brian was also a great mentor for the youth involved in our club, including his two grandkids, Autumn and Bradan whom he brought to the club for meetings, functions that the youth ran, and simple times just fishing with them.

Brian didn't reserve his volunteer efforts while just at the club. He also spent many hours watching over our little piece of paradise while on his computer at home via the camera system.

To say the least, Brian's dedication and strong will to support our club, his quick wit and colorful sense humor will be missed by many.

Brian was elected as Director in 2008, then elected as 2nd Vice President in 2012, and served on numerous committees' right up to the time of his passing. Brian was awarded with a Life Membership in 2015

Brian, thank you, and rest in peace.

A celebration of Brian's life will be held at the club main hall on Sat., June 22 from 2:00 til 4:00 pm.

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 May monthly meeting draw was Chuck Silverthorne who won \$ 61.00. Congratulations Chuck.

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 Andre Koch and Marion Colborne.

LADIES ONLY DERBY Sat., May 11

Thank you to all those who participated in spoiling the ladies present on our annual Ladies Only Derby.

The winners of the day were:

1 st place	Janice Colborne	119 cm
2 nd place	Wanda Sanders	118 cm
3 rd place	Judy Sanders	116 cm

Biggest Trout	Julie Thursby	41 cm
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50/50	Anthony Liberatore	\$ 38.00
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PETER TOLSMA YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sun. June 23

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cutoff to register is Sun. June 16 (Father's Day). You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs only.

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.

There is no cost for the children to attend on this day. There is a nominal cost of \$ 5.00 to the adults for their lunch. Refreshments will be constantly available throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:30 am with fishing derby starting at 9:00 and running til 11:30. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught rather than the number and size of the fish. A BBQ lunch will be served following the derby.

Greg Balch is well known as a Youth Conservation Educator. About 12:30, Greg will be doing talks and quizzes on some of his critters.

We will break into smaller groups around 1:30 as the children try bird house building, casting at targets and possibly fly tying.

The day will wrap up about 2:30 to 3:00 pm with a balloon toss.

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 and their friends to enjoy a day filled with a variety of activities and the wonderful environment of WOFGPA.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Sat. June 15

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. All vendors will be permitted to set up near the fence on the east side of the lawn and in the shade. 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".

BBQ MEAT DRAW

Thurs., June 13

On Thursday, June 13th, 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 many door prizes to be awarded throughout the night.

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

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

ANNUAL CRAPPIE DERBY

Sat. June 22

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.

DATE: Sat., June 22
TIME: Register at 7:00
DERBY: 7:30 till noon
COST: only \$ 10.00 per angler (derby is open to club members and the public)

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

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.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

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.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. The pond currently has an abundance of Black Crappie and a derby has been scheduled for Sat., June 22.

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.

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.

JOIN A COMMITTEE

The new event calendar will soon be posted on the club website. If you would like more information about what each committee does, please contact the chairperson listed at the front of the newsletter.

You may join a committee at any time. You will meet other members who share your love of the club and all it has to offer. If you wish to run for an Executive board position in the future, you must have served on a committee.

ANNUAL BASS DERBY
Sun., July 14

Registration:	7:00	
Derby Time:	7:30 am till noon	
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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new event calendar for the 2019-2020 season should soon be available on the website.

Thurs., June 13	General meeting
Sat. June 15	Yard Sale
Sun. June 16	Father's Day
Sat., June 22	Crappie Derby
Sun., June 23	Youth Activity Day
Thurs. June 27	Executive Meeting

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU HAVE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, MAKE SURE THAT YOU ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXECUTIVE MEETING).

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

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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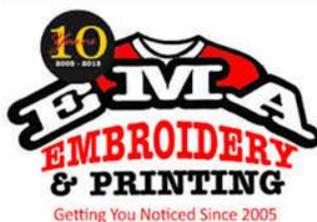
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