

MAY 2016



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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ladies Only derby
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Pond Walk
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Wrestling Extreme Rules (PPV)	23 Victoria Day - STAT	24	25 Youth Committee meeting	26 Executive meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	10	11
12 Father's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Yard Sale
19	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting	23 Executive meeting	24	25
26 Peter Tolsma Annual Youth Activity Day	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 & 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 (about 15 feet) of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

Our event calendar for 2016 – 2017 will soon be posted on the club's website. 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 joining one of our many committees, please contact the current Chairperson. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

Sat. May 7	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 8	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 12	General meeting
Sat. May 14	Walk around the pond (Rain date – May 15th)
Sun. May 22	Wrestling Extreme Rules
Mon. May 23	Victoria Day – Statutory holiday
Thurs. May 26	Executive meeting
Thurs June 9	General meeting & BBQ Meat draw
Sun June 12	Father's Day
Sat. June 18	Yard Sale
Wed. June 22	Youth Committee Meeting
Thurs. June 23	Executive Meeting
Sun. June 26	Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day
Fri, July 1	Canada Day
Sun July 17	Bass Derby (official)
Wed. July 27	Youth Committee Meeting
Thurs. July 28	Executive Meeting

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. It is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

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. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work. Compensation includes a one-bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RESPECT

This word represents a personality trait that I would hope that all of our members have and use. This week, the parking lot was regraded and it looks great. The smooth ride of your car will tell you that all the pot holes have been fixed. I would like to see it stay this way.

Recently, I have noticed that someone is discarding orange peels all around the grounds. Garbage cans are out for everyone's use, so let us use them. I am sure whoever the culprit is, would not appreciate me dumping garbage on their front lawn.

In additions to this, I would ask all members to stop rolling the railway ties to find dew worms. When this is done, they are never put back straight. They are now on packed gravel so I doubt you will find worms anyway. I think our fees are low enough that you should be able to afford a dozen worms from time to time. They will keep well in your basement refrigerator.

In addition to respecting our club, its grounds and pond, please do the same to your fellow anglers. Recently, there has been some inappropriate behavior between a few members. When fishing on the docks, please allow enough room for all to enjoy what we have to offer. Likewise, on the lake; give other boaters and anglers enough room to fish. I realize with the number of members and their families that we have, not everyone will get along, but let them remember that they are members also and we must show respect in accordance with the club's Code Of Conduct.

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

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.

BOAT RACK

Would the owner of the boat in spot # 118 on the new boat rack, please contact Don Colborne at 519-686-9559. If you know who the owner is, please pass this message to them. Thanks you.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

The Spring Trout Derby was held on Sun. April 17. Thank you to all who assisted with this function.

The winners were:

1 st place	Wayne Kimmerly	125 cm
2 nd place	Joe Ruscio	123 cm
3 rd place	Don Colborne	122.5 cm

Mystery Fish Adam Jastrzerski

EUCHRE

Ken and Pat Lockrey hosted the final Euchre of the season which began with a Pot Luck Dinner.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Bill Lewis (79)

High Lady – Bonnie Earle (71)

Mystery Man – Eric

Mystery Lady – Debbie Parker

Most Lone Hands – (4) Don Parker and Jerry Mantz

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

Members are **NOT** allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts.

DATE: Sat., May 7th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

COST: \$ 15.00 Members
\$ 18.00 Non-members
\$ 5.00 Youth members
\$ 5.00 Lunch only

Note to the ladies: Making your own sundaes with unlimited amounts of toppings will be for dessert.

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting their fish, boat driving and making "Timmies Runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

Andre is in need of male volunteers for the day. If you are interested in helping out, please call Andre at 519-685-5725.

Thank you
Andre Koch

WALK AROUND THE POND

WHEN: Saturday, May 14th
Rain date: May 15th

TIME: Meet in the club parking lot at 9:00 am.

Proper attire must be worn and include boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirt.

This walk should take roughly two hours.

In this event, we will be picking up garbage that has collected around the pond.

I am hoping to have a birdwatcher or two and also someone who is knowledgeable of the ponds and their history.

Garbage bags, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Thank you
Andre Koch & the Youth Committee

WRESTLING EXTREME RULES (Pay per view)

When: Sun. May 22, 2016

Doors open: 7:00 pm

Where: WOFGPA clubhouse

This Pay-Per-View, Wrestling – Extreme Rules is open to all club members. The admission cost is a donation of canned goods for the Food Bank.

There will be refreshments, snacks and hot dogs for a very nominal cost.

I hope to see a good turnout.

Andre Koch
1st Vice President

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 9

On Thursday, June 9th, 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). 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.

GARAGE SALE Sat. June 18 Rain or Shine

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you came across as you did your spring cleaning and make a bit of money?

On the club's main lawn, we will be hosting 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. Don't delay and miss out on having a table to sell your gently used items.

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

**PETER TOLSMA
ANNUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY
Sunday, June 26**

In the many years that I have been associated with this club, I have witnessed the evolution of dedicated conservationists and avid anglers. The process usually starts at an early age with young children on the docks experiencing their first fish on a Fisher Price fishing rod. The initial excitement is usually phenomenal and often progresses quickly as the young angler slowly gains knowledge and experience.

Like most young children their thirst for knowledge is relentless, so as they are explained the significance of our pond and the surrounding woods, the seed is sown for the future conservationist. This part of their growth usually only lasts for a couple of years until other interests take over their lives such as video games, cars, shopping and the opposite sex just to name a few. The comforting part is that a lot of these children come back to nature at some point in their lives and become avid anglers and conservationists.

To help expose these children to what we enjoy at our club, we host the annual Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day. This day is filled with activities such as a fishing derby, target casting, target shooting (is supervised by licensed members), and this year we will be tying some flies for fishing. Lunch is provided and prizes awarded: all free to participants. There is a nominal charge for the adults to cover the cost of their lunch. Cool drinks and water will be available all day at no cost.

This activity requires pre-registration and all participants must be accompanied by an adult for the day. All the fun starts at 9:00 am with our derby and usually ends by 2:30 or so with the award presentations.

The day is open to all member's children or grandchildren 12 and under. To register your children or grandchildren please send me an email with the child's name and age at **presidentwofgpa @ gmail.com** or call 519-668-2609 (evenings). See you soon on the pond.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" navy golf shirt and "camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA" - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered "bucket" hats can be purchased for only \$15.00 each.

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

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

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.

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. 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.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. All Black Crappie larger than 9 inches are breed stock and must be returned to the water.

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.

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.

It 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 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 RENTAL**

<p>George Bray Sports Association Inc.</p> <p><i>A Hockey Program for Children with Special Learning Needs A Parent Participating Non-Profit Organization</i></p> <p>Murray Howard, President Email: murrayhoward@execulink.com</p> <p>Serving the Community since 1968</p>	<p>My Handyman Bo</p> <p>No job is too small, Call for a free estimate</p> <p>Bo Grahl 519-453-0659</p> <p>Bo can do many tasks in and around your home. Did I mention computer repairs too?</p>	<p>YOUR AD PLACED HERE COULD REACH OVER 225 WOFGPA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES EACH MONTH</p>
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