

MAY 2017



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May

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

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	13	14	15 Youth Committee meeting (one week early)	16	17 Yard Sale, Car Wash & BBQ
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25 Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day	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 & 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.

CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend the club on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting). 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.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Conservation starts now!

As WOFGPA members at every meeting, we swear by the club's Conservation Pledge "... to defend from waste the Natural Resources of my Country, its Soils & Minerals, its Waters, Forests, Air & Wildlife".

On Saturday, May 6th, we will be walking around the pond on the deer trail to pick up garbage. This garbage has been left by other hikers, local teens or has been blown into this area. I estimate that it will be a 1.5 to 2-hour event, which will include a little history of the animals and the pond.

If you would like to bring your dog for a walk, please bring your "little or big buddy". Remember that all dogs must be on leash and be able to get along well with other dogs. Bring your own bags for disposing of your pet wastes, should it occur.

Proper footwear should be worn as it will probably be muddy. Garbage bags will be supplied by the club.

DATE: Sat. May 6th
TIME: 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. at the club parking lot

Andre Koch
1st Vice President

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.

Mary Degan, Tom McGill and Dianne Waite have not been having the "best of days" lately and could use some cheering up. If you have the time, reach out to them, just to say "hello".

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.

EASTER CAKE DRAW

This amazingly decadent, German chocolate 8-inch round cake has a vanilla Cadbury mini egg buttercream frosting. It was baked and decorated by Katie Schaefer. The pleased winner of this cake for his Easter dinner was Richard Boal, who claimed never to win anything.



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!

POT LUCK DINNER AND A NIGHT OF EUCHRE

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting the final Euchre evening. Thank you "Punch Bob" for his dedicated punching of "happy faces" throughout the year. What an amazing Pot Luck dinner we shared before the evening of cards began for the 34 players in attendance.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Bill Lockrey (67)
High Lady – Arlene Whiteway (72). Arlene also had 5 lone hands.
Most Lone Hands – Cora Thompson (5)
Mystery Man – Ken Lockrey
Mystery Lady – Sue Brown
50 / 50 – Teresa Couture

Euchre will resume on Sat. Sept. 23rd. Have a fun filled summer.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Sun., April 23 turned out to be a beautiful day for angling. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in making this derby memorable.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1st place Don Colborne
2nd place Gord Spotton
3rd place Jeremy Beaton

Youth Division

1st place Nash Cassin
2nd place Grant Hamulecki

Biggest Trout Stan Gibbs
50 / 50 Daniel Magnifico

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

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

Members are reminded that the new paddle boat must not be used for fishing at any time.

DATE: Sat., May 13th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

DERBY TIMES: 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.

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.

YARD SALE 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".

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 29

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

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 casting, target practice with pellet guns and bird house building. All events should wrap up by midafternoon.

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 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 activities. This year, our Youth Committee members are planning some new events such as: face painting, water balloons and popcorn.

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.

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. Cool drinks will be available all day.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

Sat. May 6	Pond Walk-around
Thurs. May 11	General meeting
Sat. May 13	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 14	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 25	Youth Committee meeting and Executive meeting
Thurs. June 8	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 17	Yard Sale Car Wash & BBQ
Sun. June 18	Father's Day
Thurs. June 22	Youth Committee & Executive meetings
Sun. June 25	Youth Activity Day

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.



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