

May 2018



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May

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

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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

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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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting 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.

If you move or change phone numbers or email, please let Val Grahl know. The club does not assume responsibility if your membership lapses and we do not have your correct contact information.

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.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I think Spring has finally arrived.

Recently we hosted our annual Spring Trout Derby, over 90 anglers attended to try their hand at fishing for that big trout. The weather was great and the fish were on the bite, most anglers landed trout. The best part of the day was presenting awards to those young anglers, under 12 years of age, who had smiles from ear to ear.

With the warmer weather coming you will find all kinds of opportunities to enjoy yourself at our club, there is fishing, boating, derbies, functions, bird watching, trail hiking, or just relaxing. Speaking of birds, there is a pair of Loons on our waters, I am not sure if they are here for a visit while travelling north or if we are lucky, they may be nesting. We also have baby goslings roaming the grounds already.

This is also a great time to get jobs done around our property, we did a major cleanup a couple of weeks ago, I would like to thank all that helped. We also stabilized our south dock by widening the walkway and dock, thanks to all that helped.

The Tuesday Night Fishing League has started, we have a great group of anglers that compete on a friendly level for points. We are always looking for new anglers, so if you would like to come out, we meet around 5pm in the back lot.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

FLY FISHING ROD DRAW

During the awards portion of the Spring Trout Derby on Sun, April 21, the winner of the fly fishing rod was drawn. The winner of the fly-fishing rod was Ron Dennis. Ron found it funny that he had the winning ticket. Ron had purchased one of these rods for himself at the same time that the club purchased one for the draw.

Congratulations Ron.

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.

EUCHRE

The final Euchre of the season was held on April 28th. The evening began with a pot luck dinner which was enjoyed by the 35 in attendance. The variety of food was amazing and many were sharing the recipes for certain dishes.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Ken Lockrey (67)
High Lady – Cora Thompson (76)
Most lone hands – Lois Davis (5)
Mystery Man – Louis Cormier and Detlef Von Ruzsicki
Mystery Lady – Eleonore Von Ruzsicki and Marg MacKellar
50/50 – Detlef Von Ruzsicki (\$ 32)

SPRING TROUT DERBY

After a week delay due to bad weather, the club finally held the annual Spring Trout Derby on Sun, April 21.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Braydon Johnson	121 cm
2 nd	Peter Soave	118 cm
3 rd	Ryan Johnson	117.5 cm
	Scott McCloud	117.5 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Nash Cassin	114.5 cm
2 nd	Tyson Kim	103 cm
3 rd	Emma Hieawlahd	70.5 cm

Largest Fish Bob Thursby 42 cm

50/50 Cora Thompson \$ 135.00

Draw Prizes

Rod and Reel Ron Dennis
Fish Bowker Gord Spotton

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to make this such a successful derby for all the anglers of the day.

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY
Sat., May 12

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.

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 (guests)

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

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING
Thurs., May 24
6:00 pm

On May 24th, the Youth Committee will meet in the main hall to discuss things that they are interested in doing. This group is open to youth members that are aged 10 through 17.

Andre Koch
1st VP and Youth Committee mentor

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 will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

This derby was formerly held in August but it was decided that the weather was too hot and the attendance was down. We hope to see a good turnout.

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 & 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 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.

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.

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.
Hermann Szielasko

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.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sunday, June 23

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. 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!

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

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.

Thurs. May 10	General Meeting
Sat. May 12	Ladies Only Trout Derby
Sun. May 13	Mother's Day
Mon. May 21	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 24	Executive Meeting
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 23	Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day
Thurs. June 28	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

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 benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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