

MAY 2022



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May 2022

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

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Yard Sale
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting BBQ meat Draw	10	11 Black Crappie Derby – pre-register by May 26th
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Youth Activity Day (register by June 9)
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 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The days are getting warmer warm weather is almost here and it is time to start considering all the warm weather activities that you will be able to do. For your pleasure, WOFGPA has added quite a few more fun-filled events to your calendar.

Some of the events include: a second trout stocking, Annual BBQ Meat Draw, a Yard Sale, the Youth Activity Day and 2 more derbies; one for Black Crappie and one for Bass. All the details for these events are outlined in the newsletter, on the club website and the Bulletin Board. Many of our events are open to members, their guests and also the public.

If you have any ideas for an event or how might be improved, contact the Entertainment Chair. We want to have a variety in the functions offered and welcome your ideas.

Please wear your Badge while on the property so that everyone can see that you are a member. If you see anyone not wearing a valid badge, please approach him or her and ask him or her to display his or her badge. If they do not have one, politely ask them to leave as they are considered trespassing. If you see anything unusual, please report it to our club custodians or call any of our Executives.

Remember to observe your daily limits for Trout and to record all caught Trout in the Fish Log Book, which is located just inside the Registry Room at the side of the building.

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Bob Smale.

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.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw.

Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. General meetings are not held in July and August.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone.

If your renewal date on your renewal notice is May 1, 2022, then your membership ran from May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of May, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

LADIES ONLY DERBY

The Ladies Only Derby scheduled for Sat. May 7th had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. A minimum of 20 lady anglers was required by pre-registration and this number was unfortunately not reached.

STOCKING

The date is May 3. Please come dressed to get splashed. For further details, please speak with Stan Gibbs.

Stocking is enjoyable to watch but please stand back from the action to watch as the fish need to be transferred to the water in a timely fashion.

SPRING TROUT DERBY
Sun. April 24th

What a great day for angling. Kudos to all the volunteers who assisted in making this yet another memorable derby.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

Janice Colborne	126.5 cm
Ron Dennis	125.0 cm
Don Colborne	123.5 cm

Youth Division

Elias Sweet	79.5 cm
Luke Misek	79.5 cm
Nash Cassin	76.0 cm

Biggest Trout	Dave Harris	45 cm
50/50	Peter Soave	\$ 96.00



Elias Sweet was awarded his Youth Division prize.

ANNUAL YARD SALE
Sat. June 4th

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. All vendors will be permitted to set up their picnic table 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.

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".

CHRISTMAS TRINKETS NEEDED

As you do your spring cleaning, please set aside unwanted Christmas trinkets, ribbons and non-glass ornaments which can be used by the Wreath Brigade during Christmas Tree Sales. Thank you in advance for your generous donations which can be brought to any meeting or function.

BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thurs., June 9th

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 one or two persons. There will be 10 meat packages and door prizes to be awarded throughout the night.

Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one ticket per family per draw.

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

ANNUAL CRAPPIE DERBY
Sat. June 11

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 11
	<u>You must pre-register with Stan Gibbs by May 26th Executive Meeting.</u>
TIME:	Check in starts at 7:00
DERBY:	7:30 till noon
COST:	Members \$ 17
	Non-Members \$ 20
	Youth (under 12) \$ 5

Pre-registration is needed to obtain the correct amount of food in advance of the derby. 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

The club website is www.wofgpa.org

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

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

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cutoff to register is by the General Meeting on Thurs. June 9th. You must pre-register by contacting the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com or by phone.

If you are looking for a fun way to finish off the school year with the children 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.

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.

After lunch, everyone will break into smaller group and try their skills at some of the planned events. The day will wrap up in the afternoon following a short awards ceremony.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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

Randy Keating will be available at all meetings and functions to assist you with your purchase or your custom order.

RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Constitution and the Rules & Regulations. If any members would like an electronic copy of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com or by telephone.

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. 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 or engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently

Sat. May 7	Ladies Only Derby - cancelled
Sun. May 8	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 12	General Meeting
Mon. May 23	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 26	Executive Meeting

Sat. June 4	Yard Sale
Thurs. June 9	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 11	Crappie Derby – pre-register by May 26th
Sun. June 19	Father's Day
Thurs. June 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 25	Youth Activity Day

Sat. July 9	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 28	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.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time during the year. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.



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