

## May 2023



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### May

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

### June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Yard Sale
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting & BBQ Meat draw	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Youth Activity Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	

**REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN**

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Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

**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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Helping Hands

I would like to send praise to our many volunteers that we have in our club. In particular, a group of men that helped me redo our parking lot with boulders. Not only did we unload a tractor trailer load with over 80 stones on it, and placed them professionally around the perimeter of our lot, but we spent more than 11.5 hours in the rain doing it. Prior to that we removed all the railway ties and disposed of them, and leveled the ground where the large stones were to go. I am not telling you all this for a pat on the back, but wanted to impress upon you all the significant savings that these volunteers procured for future jobs and keeping your rates as low as possible. Many thanks to Vito Larrusso, Jim Ketchabow, Lawrence Lainchbury, Murray Lane, Sam Bruno, and Steve Couture. If you see these folks around the club, please say thanks.

On another topic, our Ladies only Trout Derby is a go. If you didn't register and still want to participate just show up on the day. Remember there is no fishing before or during the derby unless you are registered.

There has been an increase in fees, effective July 1, 2023. Please check this newsletter for further details.

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.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

## WELFARE

Many club members who are not 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 heartfelt condolences are with Christine Goodchild and her family after the passing of her husband, Brian.

Our thoughts are with Jeff and Jeanette Jurasek and their family after the passing of Jeff's brother, Jason.

Our thoughts are with Gord Spotton and Jeanette Cronkwright and their family after the passing of Gord's father.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Randy Keating and David Kelly as they recuperate also with Andre Koch.

## 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 July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00

Boat Rack	\$ 60.00
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There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is May 1, 2023, then your membership ran from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of May, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, 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.

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

## APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND SCRAP METAL PICKUP

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside.

I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere  
519-520-0767

## 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.

Please speak with any of the Executive at meetings and functions.

**FOR SALE**

If any members wish to sell or donate a watercraft that they no longer use, please contact Stan Gibbs with the details.

**POST ELECTION DINNER  
Saturday, April 1, 2023**

Thank you to all involved with yet another fantastic dinner. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done.

The winners of the evening were:

Lynne Dennis who won the fishing charter for 4 persons and donated by Twin Bridge Charters



**Lynne Dennis proudly displays the certificate for the Twin Bridge Fishing Charter**

Farm Boy Gift Basket- name not provided  
50/50 – name not provided

**SPRING TROUT DERBY  
Sun. April 16**

What a great day for fishing. Thanks to all the volunteers who came to help and make this such a successful event.

The winners were:

Adult Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paxton Mills	126 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Harris	124 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Roach	124 cm

Youth Division:

1 <sup>st</sup>	J.C. Reyes Jr.	120.5 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zale Nicolopoulos	119.5 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Weber	114 cm

Big Fish Bruno Pedrick 44.5 cm

50/50 Mike Small \$ 275.00

**YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING  
Thurs, May 11 at 6:30 pm**

For those of you who are 12 to 17 years old and would like to become more involved with the club, come out and join the Youth Committee.

The benefit of being a member of the Youth Committee are:

- if you are aged 16 – 18, your Youth Fee is waived.
- You received a hat and t-shirt with an ID tag
- You will be chosen first for your community school hours
- You get valuable exposure to working within a successful group of like-minded youth committee members
- When you turn 18 years old, you will automatically become a paying member of the club and do not have to be placed on the long waiting list for membership
- If you go away for college or university, your membership is renewed when you complete your studies, without waiting.

If you are interested and want to learn more about this group, you need to be 12 to 17 years old and show up at 6:30 pm on Thurs., May 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be discussing upcoming activities and elections. If you have any questions, please call the Youth Committee Chair, Jeanette Jurasek at 519-685-0237 (evenings) or by email; at jeanette\_jurasek@hotmail.com

**LADIES ONLY DERBY  
Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup>**

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.

PRE-REGISTRATION CUTOFF: Executive Meeting on Thurs., April 27<sup>th</sup>

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

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

**NEW PRICING**

COST:	\$ 25.00	Members & Non-members
	\$ 15.00	Girls (age 12 and under)
	\$ 8.00	Gentleman's lunch

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.

Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the morning and at lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.



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.

**ANNUAL YARD SALE**  
**Sat. June 3<sup>rd</sup> – rain or shine**

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 begins at 7:00 am. Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Val Grahl (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 8**

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. There will be 10 meat packages and 3 door prizes to be awarded. Remember that nothing tastes better than free, burnt meat from the barbeque.

**YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY**  
**Sat. June 24**

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Thurs., June 15. You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

Note: Members will not be permitted to fish 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 with fishing lasting until 11:00 am. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught rather than the number and size of fish. 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 to name a few. These events should finish mid afternoon.

**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 and not on daytime rentals. 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 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

Mon/Tues	May 8-9	Fish stocking
Thursday	May 11	Youth Meeting
		General Meeting
Sat. May 13		Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 14		Mother's Day
Mon May 22		Victoria Day
Thurs, May 25		Executive meeting
Sat June 3		Yard Sale
Thurs June 8		BBQ Meat Draw
		General Meeting
Sun June 18		Father's Day
Thurs June 22		Executive meeting
Sat June 24		Youth Activity Day
Sat July 1		Canada Day
Sat July 8		Summer Bass Derby
Thurs July 27		Executive Meeting
Mon Aug 7		Civic Holiday
Thurs Aug 24		Executive Meeting

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 list.

The new event calendar for the upcoming year will be completed shortly. Watch for details of upcoming events.



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