

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



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November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11 Remembrance Day	12 Sign up for tree sales begins
13	14 Superbowl party meeting	15	16	17	18	19 Trout stocking Fall cleanup / tree lot set up
20	21	22	23 Tree delivery & Wreath Brigade	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre Christmas tree sales begin
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Turkey Roll	9	10 Breakfast with Santa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive meeting	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN WOF&GPA

Our newsletter is available on our website www.wofgpa.org
Please visit our site in order to keep informed of upcoming events at the club.

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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, & 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, can attend any of the meetings. Your input is highly valued and appreciated.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report is presented at the General and Executive meetings, showing the accounts are in order. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.

The newsletter, the annual Event Calendar, the club history, many photos and up to date club information can be obtained on our website at www.wofgpa.org



IN CONSIDERATION OF ALL MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE CLUB; SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED WITHIN 15 FEET OF ALL CLUB ENTRANCES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN MAKING WOFGPA TRULY SMOKE-FREE.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Poaching is an ongoing problem that affects all WOFGPA members. Think about this: any fish taken from the pond by a "poacher" is one less fish available for a dues paying member.

Due to WOFGPA's close proximity to the woods just to the north and east of the property; the pond has been frequented by unwanted, non-members fishing. These individuals enter through the woods and decide to toss a line in the water. Although, this scenario sounds harmless enough, the individual may not be aware that the club is private property and that they are poaching.

Thanks to the diligence of a member for recently pointing this out to an unwanted angler on the east side of the pond. While we welcome visitors to this site, the use of the club facilities (including the docks) is for members and their guests only.

Even as a member, if you are fishing and do not have a valid card displayed, you should expect to be asked by the caretakers or any other member to stop fishing and that you must leave the premises immediately. Anyone not visibly wearing a valid membership card should NOT be fishing on WOF&GPA property. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

All non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

Yours in Conservation, Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

If you know of a club member or their immediate family who could use some cheering up or has achieved one of life's milestones, please contact Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

This tame and well behaved dwarf rabbit was caught at the club. It was caught to keep it safe from predators but now it needs a home.

This bunny comes with its own cage, food and bedding, hay and a salt block.

If interested, call Andre at 519-685-5725.

ANNUAL DRAW for FREE MEMBERSHIP

At each General Meeting that you, as a club member, attend, one ballot per membership is entered into the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night at the March General meeting.

The winners of the monthly meeting draw for October were: Gord Spotton (fishing rod) and Mike Steele (Power Bait).



CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

\$ 30 each – any type of tree

\$ 40 – larger trees (7 foot and taller)

Candy canes are free

It is that time of year again! Our volunteers will trim your tree to your specifications and give you tips on how to care for the tree over the Christmas holidays.

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of fish in the pond. Join the fun!

Saturday, November 12 (No earlier please) Tree sale volunteer sign up begins today. Volunteers are needed to assist with tree sales. The shifts last only a few hours. It is a great way to meet other members and to help our organization make its biggest fund raising event of the year successful. Contact Don Colborne to schedule your shifts.

Saturday, November 19 Tree lot set-up and fall clean up and Trout stocking. A lot of assistance is needed to set up the Christmas tree lot and for the fall clean up. Please bring a cordless drill or rake and arrive early. Refreshments available. A second stocking will take place mid-morning. Come ready to be splashed.

The contacts are Stan Gibbs and Don Colborne.

Wednesday, November 23 (time to be announced) The Christmas trees will be delivered to WOFGPA, most likely in the morning. Assistance will be needed in unloading these trees. During the unloading, the larger trees will be identified by spray painting the trunk base. Don Colborne will post delivery details on Bulletin Boards at the club. Please contact Don after Nov. 12 to confirm your assistance on this delivery.

Saturday, November 26 Tree Sales start and continue until all Christmas trees are sold.

HELP WANTED

A lot of assistance will be needed as the basement undergoes extensive renovation to relocate storage areas and convert the main area into a classroom. Although the list sounds short, there are so many things to be done. The anticipated completion date of this renovation before January 1, 2012.

Now that the basement is completely dry, interior renovations have begun.

Howard Pearcey is the contact for this reno. If you can assist at all, please call Howard at 519-280-3080.

WREATH BRIGADE
Wed. Nov. 23 (time to be posted)

Hermann will once again be heading the Wreath Brigade venture for the club. The Christmas trees are due to be delivered (most likely in the morning). After lunch, assembly can begin. All wreath making will happen in the club basement and is ongoing, so feel free to come by anytime. As time gets closer, the time to meet on Nov. 23 will be posted on club bulletin boards.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Quite a few anglers came to try their luck on Oct. 23. The winners of the derby were:

Adult Division:		
1 st	126.0 cm	Gord Spotton
2 nd	123.5 cm	Niki Tolsma
3 rd	122.5 cm	Ron Dennis and Brian Allen
Youth Division:		
1 st	Pearle Dellelis	
2 nd	Emilie Jurasek	
3 rd	Nolan Lambkin	

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted in making this derby a success. Also, a special thank you to the sponsors: Lambeth Rod and Tackle and Koller Farms.

A trout stocking has been planned for Sat. Nov. 19 at approximately 10:00 am. It is very fascinating to watch. A lot of assistance is needed to transfer the trout to the pond quickly. If you are able to help, please come dressed to get splashed with water.

Please check these boards on a regular basis for details of all upcoming events.

TURKEY ROLL

Thursday, December 8, 2011
At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 15 turkeys weighing between 4 - 5 kgs each. Tickets for each draw are only \$ 1.00 each.

Refreshments, snacks and door prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

SUPERBOWL XLVI Meeting
Mon. Nov. 14 at 7:00 pm

Andre Koch is hosting a meeting to start organizing for the Superbowl XLVI party on February 5, 2012. The meeting will be held in the club office. If you are interested in assisting or have any suggestions, please come by.



EUCHRE

Euchre is open to members as well as non-members so remember to spread the word that euchre has started. Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting.

The results of the October 24th games were:

High Man – Bill Lewis (77)
High Lady – Zam Fakira (75)
Most Lone Hands – Cora Thompson (5)
Mystery Man – Larry Thompson and Jerry (tied)
Mystery Lady – Leigh Baker
50/50 Draw – Larry Thompson

Next Euchre: Sat., November 26 hosted by Andre Koch and Teresa Couture

Time: 7:30 pm SHARP! Arrive early enough to socialize before the games begin.

Cost: \$ 5.00 per player. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. In progressive euchre, your partner will constantly change throughout the evening.

Progressive euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Mark this date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun.

The February 25, 2012 Euchre game is still in need of hosts. If you are interested and unsure but would like more details, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 10, 2011
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. Breakfast is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, hash brown potatoes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea

The cost is very reasonable at:

Adults - \$ 3.00
Children - \$ 1.50 (2 to 5 years)
Children under two years old – no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa. After this and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the Tree lot.

Plenty of assistance will be needed to clean up the hall immediately following the breakfast as another function is scheduled for early afternoon.

FIREARMS AND HUNTER SAFETY & BOW HUNTING COURSES

A former instructor at WOFGPA, Emad Hazboun has generously agreed to teach these courses. These courses will be offered to both club members and the public so spread the word.

Emad may be contacted at 519-317-4132 or by email at emadhaz@heafs.com for further details.

HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? A number of people have already rented the hall for their function rather than hold it at their home and be left with a huge mess to clean afterward.

The hall has a seating capacity of up to 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small wedding reception, showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays. The club hall has full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar. No Stag and Doe parties please.

Call Paulette or Bob at the club at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall. You will be pleasantly surprised to find out that the club still has the cheapest rates in town. WOFGPA members receive discounted rates on evening rentals.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

If you know of any prospective members, ask them to contact the Club President, Stan Gibbs, so that their name(s) can be added to the waiting list.

FISH REGISTRY

Club Rules state that every member must display a valid membership card, observe all fishing rules/limits and record their daily Trout catch, if any, in the Fish Registry Logbook.

TIRED OF AVOIDING GOOSE POOP ON THE DOCKS

Aren't we all! We all are tired of having to watch where we step. As you are aware, the geese and ducks roam freely and they leave their droppings everywhere: in the grass, on the sidewalks and on the docks.

It takes only a few minutes to sweep goose poop off the dock and into the water with the brooms that are located at each dock. The job is much easier if it is done regularly. Your efforts at sweeping away the poop will go a long way in making WOFGPA enjoyable for everyone.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

We have pens, lanyards, Tee shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, and toques, patch crests, key chains available in stock. We can also order lined jackets with embroidered club crest, with or without your name. Orders for custom merchandise can be made at any time by contacting Tom McGill, either at a meeting or by telephone.

UPCOMING EVENTS

General Meetings and Executive Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursday, respectively. Members are encouraged and invited to attend and participate in all meetings.

Thurs. Nov. 10	General meeting
Sat. Nov. 12	Volunteer for Tree Sale shifts by contacting Don Colborne
Mon. Nov. 14	Superbowl XLVI meeting
Sat. Nov. 19	Christmas Tree Lot set up
	Fall Clean up – contact Stan Gibbs – 2 nd Trout stocking
Wed. Nov. 23	Christmas Tree delivery
	Wreath Brigade begins
Thurs. Nov. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 26	Euchre (hosted by Teresa Couture & Andre Koch)
	Christmas tree sales begin
Thurs. Dec. 8	General meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 10	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 22	Executive meeting

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Thurs. Jan. 12	General meeting
Thurs. Jan. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 28	Euchre- hosted by Pat & Ken Lockrey
Sun, Feb. 5	Superbowl XLVI party
Thurs. Feb 9	General meeting
Sat. Feb. 18	Tackle Swap
Thurs. Feb. 23	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 25	Euchre – 2 hosts are needed
Thurs. March 8	General meeting and Elections
Thurs. March 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Mar. 24	Euchre – hosted by Alex Duffitt and Roseanne Parent
Sat. Mar. 31	Jiggs' Dinner
Sat. April 7	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 12	General Meeting
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck & Euchre – 2 hosts are needed

Mark your calendars with these events so you don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to contact any committee chair to offer fresh ideas or to offer your assistance.

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