

NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



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NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 General meeting	13	14 Fall Clean up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Tree lot setup
22	23	24	25 Youth Committee meeting	26 Executive meeting	27	28 Euchre Tree sales begin
29	30					

DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Breakfast with Santa and Bake Sale
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	11	12
13	14	15	16 Youth Committee Meeting (one week early)	17 Executive meeting (one week early)	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
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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 (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Someone once told me that if you lived in Canada, and didn't like the weather, just wait five minutes!!

This was exactly the case on Sunday during our Annual Fall Trout Derby. First thing in the morning, the weather was cool but calm, a few hearty fishermen showed up to catch a trout or three. Within a half an hour I thought we were competing in our Annual Ice Fishing Derby. The snow was so thick I could barely see across the front bay. My boat had an inch of snow in it in just one half hour. When the snow stopped the winds picked up, making it difficult to anchor anywhere. About eleven a.m. the sun peeked out for a while and lifted the spirits of the hearty anglers.

All in all it was a typical fall day in Canada. Even with the bad weather, we had 27 anglers our including five children under twelve who stayed and fished the whole morning. I tip my hat to these courageous young anglers. I think there was 26 trout taken that day; the trout were not bothered by the weather.

My only concern for the day was that out of the 27 anglers only 7 were actual members. It is nice to showcase our club to friends and family but the reason we hold these events is for the members first.

This derby also marked the end of our 20115 Fishing League. Once again all who participated thoroughly enjoyed our friendly competition on Tuesday nights. I must say that even though I have been fishing for most of my life, I still learn some new tricks that the other anglers are happy to share.

This year our Angler of the Year is Gord Spotton, who accumulated over 500 points to claim the title. His angling technique was simple but effective. Most of the time he utilized the age old tactic of fishing with dew worms on a hook, sometimes accompanied by a bobber. He certainly showed some of us who thought we were accomplished anglers with all our fancy rod and lures. The reason I mention this, is that I wanted any of you that thought that they could not compete, just talk to Gord and our next General Meeting after he is presented with his trophy and prize. Congratulations Gord!

**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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

On Oct. 24th, one of our former, long time caretakers, Russell Fralick, passed away after lengthy illness. Our thoughts and prayers are sent to his wife of 53 years, Sheena, and their children and grandchildren.

Our condolences are sent to Bert Smit and his family after the passing of his sister-in law in early October.

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretaker(s) for the club.

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work.

Compensation includes a one bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com

Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

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. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the October monthly meeting draw was Bob Thursby. Congratulations Bob.

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Some merchandise is in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

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 email at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 5, 2015
9:00 till 11:00 am

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

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, pancakes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:

Adults - \$ 5.00

Children - \$ 3.00 (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 event, 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.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
Sat. Dec. 5, 2015

The Youth Group is organizing a Christmas Bake sale to be held in the main hall of the club during the Christmas Breakfast with Santa.

They are asking for donations of home-baked goods with all proceeds going to the club.

All donations will be accepted by special arrangement to meet at the club and pick-ups can be made by contacting Andre Koch at his home in the evenings.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they can also come to the Bake Sale when they come to pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

FOR SALE

Please contact Stan Gibbs if you wish to become the new owner of the yellow, 14 foot aluminum canoe, which is located in spot # 109. The price is \$ 200.00 or best offer.



FALL CLEAN UP
Sat. Nov. 14
Starting at 8:30 am

On Sat. Nov. 14, starting at 8:30 am, the Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdegwijk will oversee the cleaning up the club grounds before the winter snow sets in.

There are a few tasks need to be done. The main task is leaf raking. If the leaves, especially the oak leaves are not raked up the grass will be affected in the spring. Please bring your rake from home. We will supply the work gloves and garbage bags.

Pulling buckthorn is an ongoing task of the grounds committee.

Hot refreshments will be supplied.

We hope to see a good turnout to make the workload easier for all.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond. Now is the time to get involved at your club and join the fun! Brian Ernteman and Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar starting at the November General meeting

Sat. Nov. 21

This is the day set aside to set up the tree lot. If you have a cordless drill, please bring it. The day will start at 8:30 am, rain or shine.

Around Nov. 25 (Date to be confirmed)

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club before 10 am. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The large trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out. Delivery details, including date and time will be posted on the club Bulletin Board once finalized.

Sat. Nov. 28

Christmas tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for a shift to sell trees, please speak with Brian Ernteman or Don Colborne after Nov. 12 meeting. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices are:

\$ 30 – any tree up to 7 feet high
\$ 40 – any tree larger than 7 feet

\$ 15 – small wreath
\$ 30 – large wreath
\$ 5 - swag

If you are able to donate unwanted ornaments or trinkets to the Wreath Brigade, please bring them to a meeting or function or drop them off at the club.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

EUCHRE

Thank you to the Youth Committee for hosting the October Euchre night. Superb job.

The results of the evening were:

High Man – Andre Koch (61)
High Lady – Sylvia Lewis & Arlene Whiteway (66)
Mystery Man – Ken Lockrey
Mystery Lady – Peggy
Most Lone Hands – Tony Dukic (3)
50 / 50 – Pat Lockrey

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. Nov. 28th and will be hosted by the WOFGPA Youth Committee.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December) and 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. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre evening in 2016 and would like more details as to what is involved, please contact Teresa Couture.

FALL TROUT DERBY

On Sunday, Oct. 18th, twenty seven cold anglers came out to try their luck at angling the 26 trout caught.

The winners were:

Adult Division

1st Marco Libertore
2nd Adrian Jenkins
3rd Aurelio Pirocchi

Youth Division

1st Clark Renaud

50/50 draw – Lloyd Thompson

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to brave the snow and cold and make this another successful derby.

TRAVEL FLY ROD Draw Date: Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015 (during the annual Turkey Roll)

Paul Noble has built another rod for the club. This medium-fast action, 4 piece travel fly rod is 9 feet long and 7 weight.

There is a limit of 200 tickets at \$ 3.00 each for this draw.

Please see Andre Koch at each meeting and function to purchase your tickets.



ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs., Dec. 10, 2015 At 7:30 pm

(Immediately following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be door prizes to be won.

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

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.

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.

It 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 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 RENTAL

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. Those who are fly-fishing should choose a more suitable area which is away 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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

Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing.

Wed. Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Thurs. Nov. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 14	Fall Clean up
Sat. Nov. 21	Christmas tree lot setup
Wed. Nov. 25	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Nov. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 28	Euchre (Hosts: Youth Committee) Tree sales begin
Sat. Dec. 5	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale hosted by the Youth Committee
Thurs., Dec. 10	Turkey Roll
Wed. Dec. 16	Youth Committee meeting (one week early)
Thurs. Dec. 17	Executive meeting (one week early)
Thurs. Jan. 14	General meeting
Sat. Jan. 23	Euchre
Wed. Jan. 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Jan. 28	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 6	Hockey Day in Canada
Sun. Feb. 7	Superbowl "L" party
Thurs. Feb. 11	General meeting
Mon. Feb. 15	Family Day – Statutory holiday
Sat. Feb. 20	Annual Tackle Swap
Wed. Feb. 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Feb. 25	Executive meeting
Sat. Feb. 27	Euchre

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

Giving some time to better the club is what each WOFGPA member pledged. It is also a great way for new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

Hope to see many new faces at some of our many functions.

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