

NOVEMBER 2016



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Clean Up Tree Delivery 2nd stocking
20	21	22	23	24 Youth Committee meeting (new date) & Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre (hosts- Youth Committee) Tree Sales begin
27	28	29	30			

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General meeting & Turkey Roll	9	10 Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Youth Committee meeting & Executive meeting	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

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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.

NEW DATE

The Youth Committee members of WOFGPA are actively involved in school, extras curricular activities and part time jobs. They also have to balance their time spent with family and friends.

Due to their hectic schedules, the Youth Committee members have decided that all their meetings will now be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. The Executive meeting will start at 7:30 pm. The doors will open for membership renewals at 7:00 pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Autumn is here!

It is hard to tell if you are watching the weather, it has been very nice up until now considering we had snow last year at the Annual Fall Trout Derby. The signs are there though. The trees are changing colours, the geese and ducks are stopping for a rest of their way south, the first fall stocking has taken place, and the water temperature has been steadily dropping.

I heard this from a reliable source: two of our members took an unscheduled swim when their boat tipped while fishing.

A couple of things happened which prevented this event from being tragic, both anglers were wearing their life jackets. Two dock anglers noticed the pair in trouble, launched the rescue boat and went to assist the pair in the water to get to shore.

I would like to thank Bob Smale and Dan Efford for their fast thinking and courage in the rescue.

Both men were shocked that this happened so fast and without warning, but did admit to standing in the boat while fishing.

I'm relieved that all ended well, I can't stress enough the safety that needs to be taken while in a water craft. Members must follow all boating rules and remember that anyone operating a water craft with a motor is required to have their boating license.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our event calendar for 2016 – 2017 is posted on the club's website at www.wofgpa.org. 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

If you are interested in joining one of our many committees, please contact the current Chairperson. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee. This summer's events are:

Thurs. Nov 10	General Meeting
Fri. Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Sat., Nov. 19	Fall Clean up Xmas Tree Delivery 2 nd stocking
Thurs. Nov. 24	Youth Committee Meeting (new date) Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 26	Euchre (hosts – Youth Committee) Xmas Tree Sales begin Wreath Brigade begins
Thurs. Dec. 8	General meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 10	Breakfast with Santa Bake / Craft Sale
Thurs. Dec. 22	Youth Committee meeting (new date) Executive meeting
Sun. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Mon. Dec. 26	Boxing Day
Sat. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve
Thurs. Jan. 12	General Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 26	Youth Committee meeting Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 28	Euchre (hosts needed)

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. 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.

PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 1

Thank you to Andre Koch, Lou Liberatore and Joe Ruscio for arranging the details and hosting the Pig Roast dinner. This profitable evening was sold out well in advance. Not only did all those who attended have a good time and a great meal, there were also plenty of leftovers to take home.

The winners of the door prizes were: Doug Marsh, Don Turner, Bonnie Earle and Lawrence Lainchbury.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sunday, October 16th

What a beautiful morning it was. Thank you to everyone who assisted in making this derby another successful one.

The winners were:

1 st place	Jeremy Beaton
2 nd place	Joe Isenor
3 rd place	Luke Cassin
Mystery Fish	Jeanette Jurasek

**FALL CLEAN UP
2ND STOCKING
And
CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY
Sat. Nov. 19**

It is that time of year again.

The Christmas Tree Sales is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds keep 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.

The Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. Drop in anytime to assist.

If you are able to donate unwanted ornaments or trinkets (except glass ornaments) 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.

Sat. Nov. 19 – starting at 8:30 am

This day has been set aside to do a bit of a cleanup around the club grounds. The Grounds Chairman, Henry Van Eerdewijk is hoping to have lots of help with raking and pulling buckthorn. Please bring your own rakes.

The second stocking is tentatively scheduled for this morning.

Don Colborne has also arranged for the trees to be delivered to the club lot on a Saturday morning, rather than a weekday when many members are at work. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The large trees will be marked with spray paint at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist with the clean-up, stocking and unloading of the trees, come out to the club. Remember that many hands make light work.

Sat. Nov. 26

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 November General meeting. The “best” shifts are usually spoken for early so don’t delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices will be \$ 30, \$ 40 and \$ 50.

**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



Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.



A NIGHT OF EUCHRE

Thank you to the Youth Committee for doing such a great job of hosting the October Euchre evening for the twenty-eight players in attendance.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man –	Don Parker
High Lady –	Eleanore Von RucZicki
Most Lone Hands –	Detlef Von Ruczicki
Mystery Man –	George Maudsley
Mystery Lady –	Deb Parker
50 / 50 –	Emily Jurasek

The next Euchre will be on Saturday, November 26, 2016. This evening will be hosted by the Youth Committee. The games start at 7:00 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:00 pm to allow the card players to socialize before the games begin.

The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need to have a partner when you arrive. The games are open to both members and non-members.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for 2017.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

Thurs., Dec. 8, 2016

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!

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Sat. Dec. 10, 2016

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.

Anyone who wishes to donate baked goods is asked to bring them to the club early (before 9:00 am) in the morning on Sat. Dec. 10. The doors will be open at 7:30 am, as the cooks for the Breakfast with Santa will be at the club.

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. Many of the goodies sold out early last year so don’t delay.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 10, 2016
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: sausage 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.



A little girl tells Santa and his helper elf what she is hoping to find under the tree on Christmas Day.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” navy golf shirt and “camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

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

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.

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

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 includes all children), which makes it just the right size for a wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays.

The hall 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 Barb and Ray Smith 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 party rentals.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club. Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.

Each membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member’s daily catch limit.

There are no General meetings held in July and August. Membership dues will be accepted at 7:00 pm of the night of the Executive meetings in the summer months.

Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted and will be returned. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership Chair) at 519-453-0659 or with Stan Gibbs (President) at 519-668-2609.

SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

PETS AND CHILDREN

All dogs must be on leash on club property and under the control of their owner at all times. A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.

If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult while on club property.

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