

NOVEMBER 2017



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Fall clean up, tree lot set up and (tentative) 2 nd stocking
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Christmas Tree delivery
19	20	21	22	23 Youth Committee & Executive meeting	24	25 Euchre Tree sales begin
26	27	28	29	30		

December

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

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2017 - 2018**

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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 of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Club Do's and Don'ts

It has been brought to my attention that some members are letting their dogs run free on our property. Also, it has been recorded on our security cameras that these animals are messing on the grounds and it is not being cleaned up by the owners. If this trend continues, all pets will be banned from the property. If you are caught letting your pet run free, you will be told to leave your pet at home. Let's take some responsibility for our pets and clean up after them.

On another note, rumors are floating around concerning some anglers chumming the water to attract fish. I realize this is not illegal according to the Ontario Fishing Regulations, but personally, I find this practice an unfair advantage to our fish in such a small lake. I will personally ask the Executive body to add to our rules, the restriction on this practice if it persists.

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.

Our best wishes for healthier days ahead are with Bob Shiell and Tom McGill.

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.

MICRO-LIGHT 2 PIECE SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 15, 2017 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble crafted a Micro-Light, 2-piece spinning rod which was used as a draw prize.

Following the Fall Trout Derby, the draw was held. The winning ticket holder was Steve Couture. Congratulations Steve!

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. 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 Lou Liberatore. Congratulations Lou!

PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 14

Kudos to all involved with our second annual Pig Roast. It was another outstanding success.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sunday, October 15th

Thanks to all involved who made this derby another successful one. Kudos!

The derby winners were:

1st place	Don Colborne	105 cm
2nd place	Gord Spotton	101.5 cm
3rd place	Joe Isenor	101 cm
	Lou Liberatore	101 cm

Longest Trout	Brian Roach	41.5 cm
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50 / 50	Rick Farias	\$ 70.00
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EUCHRE RESULTS

The Euchre game was hosted by the Youth Committee, Jeanette Jurasek and Steve Couture. Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre.

DATE: Saturday, November 25

TIME: 7:00 pm SHARP (the doors will open at 6 pm to allow for socializing before the cards are shuffled).

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Ed Brown

High Lady – Cora Thompson

Mystery Men – Detlef Von Ruczicki and Don Parker

Mystery Lady – Grace Sanders

Most Lone Hands – Darlene Dawes

50 / 50 – Brayden Ernteman (\$ 27.00)

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. 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 on the fourth Saturday of the month, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for one evening for the 2017-2018 season.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA".

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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

**FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP AND
(TENTATIVE) 2ND STOCKING
Sat. Nov. 11
(Rain date – Sun. Nov. 12)**

Wow, this will be a very busy Saturday (or Sunday, if it rains on Saturday)

The Grounds Committee Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee the fall clean-up. There are many leaves to be raked and buckthorn to be pulled. Once the leaves are raked up, the tree lot can be set up. Please bring your own rakes. Gloves and hot refreshments will be available all day

Tentatively, Stan Gibbs has set this date for a 2nd stocking of 600 lbs. of Trout. The details, once confirmed will be posted on the bulletin board at the club.

SAT. NOV. 18 - CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY

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. Remember that many hands make light work.

SAT. NOV. 25 – TREE AND WREATH SALES BEGIN

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.

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!

The “shift” calendar for tree sales will be available beginning at the November General Meeting or by contacting Brian Ernteman or Don Colborne. The “shifts” for tree sales last only a few hours each but are loaded with some work, lots of laughs and comradery.

While the tree sales are ongoing, the Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. Drop in anytime to assist. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sat., December 9
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.

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa, who should arrive around 10:30 am.

After this event, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot for a very reasonable price.

**BAKE SALE
Sat., Dec. 9
(in the main hall)**

The Youth Committee is organizing a Christmas Bake Sale in the main hall on Sat. Dec. 9th, during the Breakfast with Santa.

We would love to have any donations of homemade 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) on the morning of Sat. Dec. 9. There will be people in the kitchen preparing for the Breakfast with Santa around 7:30 am, for your donation drop off.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they are all welcome to come to the bake sale before they enjoy a leisurely breakfast. After breakfast, the family can pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

Come early as the goodies sell out quite fast.

**ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL
Thurs., Dec. 14
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.

**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

WREATH BRIGADE

Although the Wreath Brigade does not start making wreaths until later in November, Head Designer, Hermann, is asking for donations of any ornaments (no glass), trinkets or ribbon that could be used by the group when decorating. If you have anything to donate, please leave them at the club with the caretakers.

Hermann would like to thank all in advance for their donations.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

It is the club policy that anyone in a watercraft, including the paddleboat, on the WOFGPA pond must wear a properly sized pfd.

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. Fly fish in suitable areas and way 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.

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 finished cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking. It is recommended that after cleaning your catch, you wash your hands with soap and water or use Purell to sanitize them.

As there is currently an abundance of Black Crappie in the 8 – 10-inch size, please take them but remember to take only enough for one meal.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Always record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area before you leave the club.

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.

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.

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 on a Saturday evening.

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, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs. Nov. 9	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 11	Fall Clean up Christmas Tree lot set up Trout Stocking (tentative date)
Sat. Nov. 18	Christmas Tree delivery
Thurs. Nov. 23	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
Sat. Nov. 25	Euchre Tree Sales start
Sat. Dec. 9	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 14	General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll
Mon. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Thurs., Dec. 28	Executive Meeting
Sun. Dec. 31	New Year's Eve

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Mon. Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Thurs. Jan. 11	General Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 25	Youth Committee and Executive meeting
Sat. Jan. 27	Euchre (hosts are needed)

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.

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 participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson or any of the Executive, who can answer any questions that you may have.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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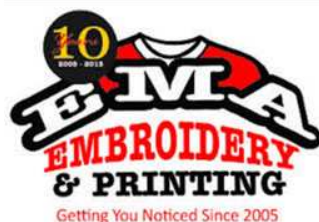
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