

# NOVEMBER 2018



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## November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall Clean-up, Tree lot setup
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre & Tree sales begin
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## December

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

**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 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.



**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 is not permitted anywhere on club property.**

## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. 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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information.

If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members this year.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cannabis and our club

I'm sure most of you have heard that the consumption of cannabis is now legal in Canada. With the legalization of cannabis come many questions as to where it can be used.

As far as our club is concerned, your Executive's opinion is that it should be not allowed on the property.

There are two main reasons for this thought process. Firstly, we feel that it is the same as alcohol, and our Rules and Regulations state that there is to be no consumption of alcohol on our grounds at any time. Alcohol is only permitted at a licensed event, but must be consumed inside the building; smoking is not allowed inside the building.

Secondly, regardless of someone having a Medical License to use cannabis, it still cannot be smoked wherever children can gather to play. Our grounds are open to all children and grand-children of our members.

We will be adding a statement to our Rules and Regulations to address this. If you have any questions or concerns, please attend our next General Meeting so that we may address them.

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

## GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

The winner of the monthly meeting draw for October was Stan Gibbs (\$ 53.00). Congratulations Stan!

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.



## EUCHRE

Thank you to Jeanette Jurasek, Brian Ernteman, Dave Jeffries and the Youth Committee for hosting the October Euchre night.

The evenings winners were:  
High Man – Tony Dukic  
High Lady – Marg MacKellar  
Most Lone Hands – Darlene Dawes  
Mystery Man – Stu MacKellar  
Mystery Lady – Virginia Walker

50/50 – Braydon Ernteman – (\$31.00)

The next euchre will be held on Sat. Nov. 24 with the doors open at 6:00 pm and the games starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and the evening is open to members and guests.

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 the public. 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, please speak with Teresa Couture for details. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be always present should their help be needed.

## FALL TROUT DERBY Sun. Oct. 21, 2018

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to assist with the Fall Trout Derby.

The winners of the derby were:  
1st Ryan Johnson 121.5 cm  
2nd Tim Locke 121.0 cm  
3rd Don Colborne 119.0 cm  
Mike Comeau 119.0 cm

Biggest Trout Joe Russolo 43.0 cm

50/50 Bert Smit \$ 97.00

The winner of the Scientific Angler 6 wt, 9 ft fly rod and reel, rod case, tapered leaders, fly box and flies and instruction time was Mike Comeau. Congratulations Mike.

**FALL CLEAN – UP DAY  
TREELOT SETUP  
STOCKING (TENTATIVE)  
Sat. Nov., 17  
8:30 am**

Wow, this will be a very busy 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. Please check the website and club bulletin boards.

Delivery of the trees has not been confirmed as yet but it should be during the week of Nov. 19 – 23. The confirmed details will be posted on the website and the bulletin boards.

Christmas tree and Wreath Sales begin on Sat. Nov. 24 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 “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. This year, Angela Liberatore and Stan Gibbs will head the Wreath Brigade group in the basement, although they will have different roles.

Stan will take over the making of the wreaths and scheduling people to assist him. Angela will head the decorating group. She will schedule decorators to keep up with the demand. At this time, we are asking for donations of and ornaments or trinkets (no glass please) and ribbons, which can be used in decoration the wreaths, Charlie Brown trees and crosses. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your donations can be left at the club or brought in during a meeting or function.

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!

As with all things, we have had a price increase from our tree supplier, resulting in a nominal increase in the cost of this year’s Christmas tree. This year the club will sell trees for the following prices:

- \$ 35 Under 6 ft
- \$ 45 6 – 8 ft
- \$ 55 Over 8 ft
- \$ 15 Wreaths, table tops, crosses and “Charlie Brown” trees
- \$ 5 Bundled branches

**ANNUAL PIG ROAST  
Sat. Oct. 13**

Thank you to everyone involved with the annual Pig Roast. The event was another rounding success.

As expected, the cooks out did themselves when they presented the group with the roast pig.

The entertainers, Cathy Trulove, Dale Sewers and Tom Carriere were outstanding.

Thank you to Katie Gibbs for the lovely “pig pen” cake which finished off our meal.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA  
Sat., December 8  
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.

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE  
Sat. Dec. 8  
Starting at 8:30 am**

The Youth Committee and some of the mentors will host a Bake Sale for anyone wishing a sampling of Christmas goodies for a very reasonable price.

If you are able to donate any baked goods for the bake sale, please contact Jeanette Jurasek (Youth Cte mentor) to make arrangements for delivery to either the club or Jeanette. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

**ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL  
Thurs. Dec. 13  
(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!

## 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](http://www.heafs.com) instruction time, if required.

### CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Here are just a few reminders as you begin to decorate your home for the holidays.

- Carefully inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or “suspect” lights. New LED lights are much safer than the “old” ones and very energy efficient. Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.
- Keep all real Christmas trees well-watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible. Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness as it is a fire hazard.
- Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to animals? Keep your pets away from these items or refrain from purchasing them.
- As tempting as it seems, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked and get stressed as we enjoy the festivities with family and friends.
- Never leave candles, a fireplace or woodstove unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.
- Have fun with family and friends and remember – **DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO.** There are many other options such as abstaining, having a designated driver, staying the night, taking public transit or calling for a ride home.

### 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.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. 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 outdoor weddings.

## 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club’s website at [wofgpa.org](http://wofgpa.org)

Thurs. Nov. 8	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 17	Fall Clean up and tree lot set up, 2 <sup>nd</sup> stocking (tentative)
Sat. Nov. 24	Euchre
Sat. Nov. 24	Christmas Tree sales and Wreath Brigade begin
Sat. Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 13	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 27	Executive Meeting

### 2019

Thurs. Jan. 10	General Meeting
Thurs., Jan. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 26	Euchre
Sun. Feb. 3	Pond Hockey Day
Thurs. Feb. 14	General Meeting
Mon. Feb. 18	Family Day Family Day Ice Derby (tentative)
Sat. Feb. 23	Tackle Swap
Sat. Feb. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Feb. 28	Executive Meeting

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.

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.

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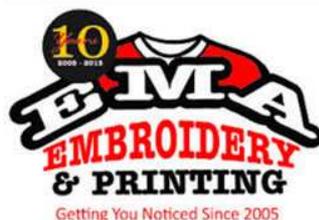
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