

NOVEMBER 2019



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 General Meeting & Guest speaker	15 Bow Making class (members only)	16 Fall Clean Up & Tree Lot set up & stocking
17	18 Christmas tree delivery	19	20	21	22 Christmas Tree Sales begin	23 Euchre
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General meeting & Turkey Roll	13	14 Breakfast with Santa & Bake Sale
15	16	17	18	19 Executive Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	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 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 and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. 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, a friend or family member could bring your annual dues to the club at the designated time. 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 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 has over 200 names on it and a 4-year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that we have fresh trout in the pond, there has been an increase in the number of anglers at the club. It is nice to see folks that have been hibernating for the summer.

Unfortunately, with more people on the property, there is an increase in garbage being thrown around. Recently I have seen worm boxes, coffee cups, fishing equipment packaging and cigarette butts on the grounds, on the docks and in the waters. I was also told that some people are putting their butts down the holes in the docks.

Really Folks!!! Please keep in mind that we are a conservation club, and are responsible for the care and upkeep of our grounds and waters, please respect this.

With more anglers, this means tighter fishing quarters for those on the docks, respect your fellow anglers, there are lots of fish for everyone.

At the November General Meeting, we will have a guest speaker, Ms. Katrina Moser of Western University. Her group has visited the club many times taking core samples and testing certain parameters of the water. She will give a presentation of their findings and answer questions that the group may have. It is anticipated that this will be an informative presentation. Mark your calendar so you don't miss out.

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.

Our condolences to the Bird family after the passing of Joan Bird earlier this month.

Our wishes for healthier days ahead go out to Pat DeVincenzo and Bert Smit.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

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. The winner of the monthly meeting draw was Jim Graham (\$ 50.00)



EUCHRE RESUMES

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture, Pierson Paulmert and Zack Wathen for hosting the evening. Thank you also to all the players who came out for an evening to socialize and play cards.

The winners of the evening were:

Most Lone Hands- (2) Eleanore Von Ruczicki, Ed Brown, Ruth Lalonde, Jim Henderson, Jerry Mantz, Don Parker, George Maudsley
High Lady – Bonnie Earle (68)
High Man – Detlef Von Ruczicki
Mystery Lady – Darlene Keating
Mystery Man – Ken Lockrey

50/50 draw – Nancy Hogg (\$ 32.00)

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 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.

Mark your calendars for the next Euchre night.

DATE: Saturday November 23

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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 present. Hosts are desperately needed to host an evening throughout the season in order for the event to continue.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 5

Marco Liberatore would like to thank all those involved with assisting in yet another successful Annual Pig Roast.

The winners of door prizes were: Adam Mohammed (International Bakery certificate), Cindy Gibbs (Belmont Restaurant certificate), Bo Grahl (wine), Bonnie Earle (wine), Angela Liberatore (wine), Geoff Bradley (wine).

FALL TROUT DERBY Sat., Oct. 26

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make this derby a success.

In total, there were 41 anglers who came out to try their skills. The names of the winners will be posted in the December newsletter.

BOW MAKING CLASS
Fri., Nov. 15 at 9:00 am,

This class is open to members of WOFGPA only. Cora Thompson and Angela Liberatore will host a class in making the same bows that the club uses for decorating wreaths. It takes only a short time to learn how to make these beautiful bows for your own use. All materials will be supplied for you.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL
Thurs. Dec. 12
(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!

The draw for the silver ring and pendant will be done during the evening. Tickets are \$ 5.00 each and available at every club function.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sat., December 14
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 scrambled eggs, pancakes and baked beans, orange 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 bringing goody bags for every child.

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. 14

This Bake Sale is always held on the same date as the Breakfast with Santa. It is the perfect opportunity to pick up some extra goodies for the holidays. Details will follow in the December newsletter.

FALL CLEAN – UP DAY
TREELOT SETUP
TROUT STOCKING
Sat. Nov., 16
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. On the same date, trout will be stocked in the pond and the Christmas tree lot will be set up.



It is almost Christmas Tree selling time again. This is the club's largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are what 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!

Thurs., Nov. 14

Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar starting on Thurs., Nov. 14, at the General Meeting and continuing until all shifts are filled. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours. Don will be assisted by George Maudsley this year.

Sat. Nov. 16

This is the day set aside to set up the tree lot. The day will start at 8:30 rain or shine. The tree lot will be set up after the grounds have been cleaned. Trout are scheduled to be delivered as well.

Mon., Nov. 18 at 9:30

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club at 9:30. 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 dressed to get damp and dirty. Hot refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Fri., Nov. 22

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold.

We are pleased to announce that although we have had a price increase from our tree supplier, WOFGPA will keep the same pricing as last year to all its loyal customers. The pricing is as follows:

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

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.

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 and oversee the decorators to keep up with the demand.

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

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. Real 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.

During the holiday season, 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 either from a taxi or family and friends.

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 only.

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.

HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED AT CHRISTMAS

WOFGPA will once again sponsor two families for Christmas through the Salvation Army. Once the arrangements are made, Stan Gibbs will let everyone know the details for each family via the December newsletter.

At the club, we will have donation boxes for canned and packaged food. These items can be left anytime after the tree sales begin. You may leave these items either in the club or the tree lot trailer.

If you choose to give a monetary donation for the families, please give it directly to Stan Gibbs. He will use these donations to complete the families' Christmas hampers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs. Nov. 14	General Meeting with Guest speaker, Katrina Moser of Western University
Fri. Nov. 15	Bow Making class (members only)
Sat. Nov. 16	Fall Clean Up Tree Lot set up Trout stocking (tentative)
Mon., Nov. 18	Tree delivery at 9:30. Lots of help is needed
Fri., Nov. 22	Tree sales begin
Sat. Nov. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 28	Executive Meeting
Thurs. Dec. 12	General Meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 14	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 19	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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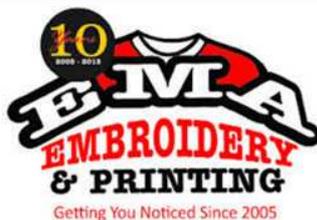
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