

## NOVEMBER 2021



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### November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting Remembrance Day	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Fall Cleanup and Tree lot setup
21	22	23	24 Christmas Tree delivery	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre Tree Sales begin
28	29	30				

### December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	10	11 Breakfast with Santa
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Executive Meeting (New Date)	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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A New Start!

With the Covid-19 restrictions being lifter to some degree, it seems that we can start taking part in events that were not available for the past couple of years.

Our club is also returning to events that we have not been able to do for some time. There are still some guidelines that we have to follow such as masks indoors and proof of double vaccination for indoor events. In the near future we will be hosting Euchre evenings, poker nights, Annual Turkey Roll and Breakfast with Santa. I hope that we can all get together and enjoy our club's social activities once again.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone. If your renewal date on your notice is November 1, 2021, then your membership ran from November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Your membership will lapse at the end of November, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4 year wait time.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files.

All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

## 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 thoughts and prayers are with the Isenor family at this difficult time after the passing of Joe's mother on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ATTENDING CLUB FUNCTIONS

The government has set out guidelines which must be followed by members and their guests when attending club functions.

Each person attending an indoor club function must provide proof of full vaccination for covid-19. The club will retain this information and will not share with anyone unless a situation for contact tracing should arise. In this situation, it will be shared only with pertinent organizations.

Physical distancing of 2 metres is no longer required. All attendees must wear a mask or face covering at all times except for the times they are eating or drinking.

## 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)

## 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.

A monthly meeting draw is done following the General Meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month.

## ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs. Dec. 9 (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. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

Proof of full vaccination is required to attend.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**  
**Sat., December 11**  
**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. Proof of full vaccination is required to attend and will be confirmed. All guests, including children must wear a mask or face covering except when they are eating or drinking.

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.

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.



**EUCHRE**

After a slow start, it is now permitted to host Euchre evenings. Proof of full vaccination is required to attend. Masks must be worn except when eating or drinking.

DATE: Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00  
COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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 snacks served and door prizes. A donation of a door prize is always welcome. If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month and would like more details, please speak with Teresa Couture. She is available by phone and at Euchre night. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be present. Hosts are needed to host evenings throughout the season.

**FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SETUP**  
**Sat. Nov. 20 at 8:30 am**

Henry Van Eerdewijk is organizing the annual Fall Clean up before winter arrives. He has a long list. Please bring a rake if you have one. Gloves will be supplied.

At the same time, the tree lot will be set up. The trees will be delivered on Nov. 24 at 9:00 am. Lots of help is needed and many hands make light work.

**BIRCH BRANCHES & DOGWOOD BRANCHES**

Stan Gibbs is looking for birch branches and dogwood branches to be used for decorating by the Wreath Brigade. The birch branches should be a minimum 2 feet long or more and at least 1 – 2 inches thick.

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. 11

Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar 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 Lou Liberatore this year.

Sat. Nov. 20

This is the day set aside for fall cleanup and 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. 24th

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club early in the morning. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out dressed to get damp and dirty. Work gloves and hot refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Sat. Nov. 27

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold. We are pleased to announce the pricing for Christmas Trees and Wreaths this year, which is:

\$ 40	Under 6 ft
\$ 55	6.5 – 7.5 ft
\$ 70	7.5 – 8.5 ft
\$ 85	over 8.5 ft
\$ 25	Wreaths, Table tops
\$ 35	Crosses
\$ 40 - \$ 60	Large outdoor pots

While the tree sales are ongoing outside, 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.

Donations of non-glass ornaments, trinkets and ribbons are always welcomed by the wreath brigade. If you come across any that you are no longer using, they can be left at the club.

## FALL TROUT DERBY Sat., Oct. 16

What a great day for fishing a derby, although not too many Trout were angled.

The winners of the derby were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gord Spotton	117.5 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scott Howe	114.5 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Janice Colborne	81 cm

Mystery Fish Stan Gibbs

To date, the Executive are only aware of one tagged Trout caught so far. There are still 2 tagged fish unclaimed. If you catch a tagged Trout, bring the tag to the Executive to claim your prize. Good luck.

### MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. This item is in limited supply.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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. Any of the Executive body can assist you at any time.

### HALL RENTALS

Did you know that the WOFGPA hall can be rented for your next "special" occasion for a very reasonable price? Hall rentals cover use of the hall and brick patio area but not the grounds and docks.

The hall has a maximum seating capacity of 80 persons, which makes it just the right size for a small reception, showers, meetings, Anniversary parties, Christmas parties and birthdays.

The hall is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one for a "Celebration of Life".

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 evening only.

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 Engagement and Stag and Doe parties, outdoor weddings and photoshoots on the property.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Now that the Ontario government is starting to relax the covid-19 rules about gatherings, the Executive is actively planning many of the functions which have not been held since the pandemic started.

Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently. In the event that there is a last-minute change, the President will send an email out to the membership.

Thurs. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 20	Fall Clean up Tree lot set up
Wed. Nov. 24	Tree delivery
Thurs. Nov. 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Nov. 27	Euchre Christmas Tree sales begin

Thurs. Dec. 9	General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 11	Breakfast with Santa
Mon. Dec. 20	Executive Meeting (New Date)

Thurs. Jan 13	General Meeting
Sat. Jan. 22	Euchre
Thurs. Jan. 27	Executive Meeting

Thurs. Feb. 10	General Meeting
Sat. Feb. 19	Annual Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 21	Family Day holiday
Thurs. Feb. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Feb. 26	Euchre

Thurs. March 10	General Meeting and Annual Elections
Thurs. March 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. March 26	Euchre

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. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved. Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time.

**The club website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)**

If any members would like a copy of WOFGPA's Rules & Regulations or the its Constitution, please contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com) or by telephone.



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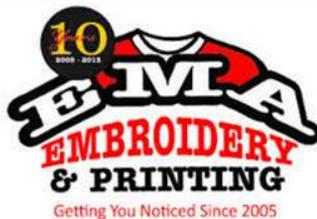
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