

NOVEMBER 2024



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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	15	16 Fall Clean up and Tree Lot Set up
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Xmas Tree Delivery	28 Executive Meeting	29 Tree sales begin	30

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Breakfast with Santa
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Executive Meeting (early)	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteers Needed

If there was one time during the year that your club could use your help, now is that time.

In a few short weeks we will be setting up our Christmas Tree lot in preparation for sales that start on the last weekend in November. This fundraiser is the most important one of the year, which raises a substantial amount of monies that are used to operate our club and its activities, and keep your membership dues at a reasonable rate.

This event starts with our Fall cleanup on November 23rd at 8am, our grounds will be cleaned, our pond readied for the winter months, and our tree lot rack system will be put in place.

On November 27th our trees will be delivered. They will need to be placed on the racks and the netting removed.

Our sales start on November 29th and carry on till all trees are sold, usually around 3 weeks.

Don Colborne will be looking for volunteers for tree unloading, and lot staff for when we start selling, if you are interested in either or both of these chores you can call Don at 519-686-9559. As for the Fall cleanup, just come on out.

We also build wreaths, table top trees, and potted plants out of our scrap tree trimmings. These items are decorated and sold. If this activity interests you, please contact Stan Gibbs at 519-709-9413 or Angela Liberatore at 519-680-1222. We have a nice warm workshop set up in the basement of our club.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

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 wishes for healthy days are with Marco Liberatore and Ted Henderson.

TRINKETS, RIBBON AND CHRISTMWS TRIM NEEDED

As you begin to decorate for the holidays, please consider donating to the Wreath Brigade. All your no longer wanted ribbon, trinkets and ornaments (no Glass) can be used for decorating the many items that the created by the Wreath Brigade.

Please drop these items off at the club or bring to a meeting.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Angela Liberatore

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

NOTE: The December Executive meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 23 at 730 pm. This is early due to the Christmas holidays.

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 July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is November 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from November 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of November 2024, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, 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.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files.

The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. 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.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sun., October 20

The weather was amazing for the 61 anglers who landed 68 Trout.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Ron Dennis	145.5 cm
2 nd	John Fitch	135.5 cm
3 rd	Matthew Lapore, Scott Howe and Spence Alexander	135.0 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Chasse Evercham	96.5 cm
2 nd	Drew Henry	42.5 cm

Largest Trout	Stan Gibbs	53 cm
50/50 Draw	Delbert Huber	\$ 177.00

Thank you to all who assisted with this derby.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sat. Dec 7

Come out for a great club cooked breakfast before the family heads to the tree lot to pick that perfect tree for this Christmas.

Santa will arrive for a visit with the children around 10:30.

Cost:

Adults \$ 10

Children \$ 6 (ages 5 to 10)

No charge for children aged 4 and under

ANNUAL TRUKEY 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. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

**APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND
SCRAP METAL PICKUP**

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside.

I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere
519-520-0767

TORONTO SPORTSMAN SHOW
Fri., March 14, 2025

Are you interested in a bus trip to the Toronto Sportsmen Show on Fri. March 14, 2025.

A bus will leave from the club at 8:00 am and travel to the International Centre in Mississauga. Stops will be made along the way at various En Routes. The bus will then pick everyone up from the show around 3:30 pm, making a stop for dinner in Mississauga prior to returning to London around 8:00 pm.

The cost will be \$ 60 per person for the bus, providing the bus is full. Space is limited.

Ticket for the Sportsmen Show and dinner are not included. If interested, please contact Lou Liberatore at 519-317-5748 or at lliberatore@sympatico.ca

Please contact Lou as soon as possible as the bus will need to be booked. A down payment to reserve your seat is required. Deadline to register is March 1, 2025

FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP
Sat. Nov 16

8:00 am (Rain or shine)

Lots of work needs to be done in cleaning the grounds prior to setting up the tree lot.

Please bring a rake if you have one.

Gloves and refreshments are provided.

If you can come, please confirm with Lou Liberatore or Stan Gibbs.

TREE DELIVERY
Wed., Nov. 27

The truck will arrive fully loaded with trees which need to be unloaded in a timely manner. Once unloaded, the netting need to be removed from some as they are stood up on the tree lot.

Many hands make light work. Work gloves, refreshments and comradery abound. Hope to see a great turnout of able-bodied persons.

TREE SHIFT SCHEDULING

Don Colborne is the main contact for scheduling persons for tree shift selling.

The shifts last only a few hours and cover morning, afternoon and evening shifts.

Only one person is required to handle cash in the trailer per shift. Lots of help is needed on the lot to sell trees, trim and bag trees and help get the tree to the car or truck. This is especially true on weekends and after dinner hour weekdays.

There always seem to be a race to get assigned the best shifts so don't delay in contacting Don Colborne.

Pricing for 2024

Wreaths & swags		\$ 30
Trees	under 5'	\$ 50
	5-6.5'	\$ 60
	6.5-7.5'	\$ 70
	7.5-8.5'	\$ 80
	Over 8.5'	\$ 90

The trees from WOFGPA sell out at break neck speed.

Don't delay in getting your tree this year or you may find only an empty lot.

There has not been a price increase in 2024.

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.

Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates.

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 get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not on hourly rate rentals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these locations frequently.

Thurs Nov 14	General Meeting
Sat Nov 16	Fall Clean up Tree lot set up
Thurs Nov 28	Executive meeting
Fri Nov 29	Tree Sales begin
Sat Dec 7	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs Dec 12	General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll
Mon. Dec. 23	Executive meeting (held early due to the holidays)
Wed Dec 25	Christmas Day
Thurs Dec 26	Boxing Day
Tues Dec 31	New Years Eve

2025

Wed Jan 1	New Years Day
Thurs Jan 9	General Meeting
Thurs Jan 23	Executive Meeting
Thurs Feb 13	General Meeting
Fri Feb 14	Valentines Day
Sat Feb 15	Tackle Swap

Mon Feb 17	Family Day Ice Derby
Thurs Feb 27	Executive Meeting

Thurs Mar 13	General meeting
Thurs Mar 27	Executive Meeting

Sat Apr 5	Post Election Dinner
Thurs Apr 10	General Meeting
Sat Apr 12	Spring Clean up
Sun Apr 13	Spring Trout Derby
Fri Apr 18	Good Friday
Sat Apr 19	Easter Breakfast
Sun Apr 20	Easter Sunday
Thurs Apr 24	Executive Meeting

Thurs. May 8	General Meeting
Sat May 10	Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 11	Mothers Day
Mon May 19	Victoria Day
Thurs May 22	Executive Meeting

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.

Watch for details of upcoming 150th Anniversary events in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.



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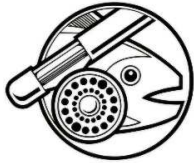
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