

## OCTOBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



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### OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 <i>General meeting</i>	9	10 Pond Walk
11 Thanksgiving Sunday	12 Thanksgiving Monday (STAT)	13	14 Stocking (New date)	15	16	17
18 Fall Trout Derby	19	20	21 <i>Youth Committee meeting</i>	22 <i>Executive meeting</i>	23	24 Euchre
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Movie Night	31

### NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12 <i>General meeting</i>	13	14 Fall Clean up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Tree lot setup
22	23	24	25 <i>Youth Committee meeting</i>	26 <i>Executive meeting</i>	27	28 Euchre <i>Tree sales begin</i>
29	30					

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 & 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 (about 15 feet) of all club entrances**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that once again we as a club are without a club caretaker. Unfortunately, Sheryl had to leave due to health issues. On behalf of the Association, I hope her future shows a speedy recovery and improved health.

If you know someone that might be interested in the position as resident caretaker, please have them contact me or one of the Executive members. We will be advertising for the position soon.

In our Event calendar, it showed that we will be stocking our pond with trout on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately our supplier cannot deliver on this date due to it being Thanksgiving weekend. The new date will be Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The fish should be here around 9:00 am. Since this is during the week, we will need help from anyone that is free. If you are retired or working shifts, your help would be appreciated. There is a possibility that we will do both fall stockings on that day, and if so the second load would be late morning or early afternoon. If we do both that day, there should be more than ample fish in the pond for our Trout Derby.

I look forward to seeing you on the pond.

**Yours in Conservation,  
Stan Gibbs**

## RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

At this time, we are in need of new resident caretaker(s) for the club.

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work.

Compensation includes a one bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals.

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at e-mail [wofgpaSecr@wofgpa.org](mailto:wofgpaSecr@wofgpa.org).

Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

## 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. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the September monthly meeting draw was Tom McGill. Congratulations Tom.

## 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.

## TROUT STOCKING (NEW DATE)

On Wed., Oct. 14th, the first fall stocking of trout will happen. The fish will arrive around 9:00 am.

There may be a second stocking later around the noon hour. This will be announced in the morning of Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

## WALK AROUND THE POND

**Sat. Oct. 10**

**(Rain date: Sun. Oct. 11)**

The Youth Committee invites club members for a leisurely walk around the pond to clean up garbage that may be present there.

The group will leave from the parking lot at 9:00 am. Gloves, garbage bags and refreshments will be provided. Please wear suitable footwear and be dressed for the weather.

## HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT

On Friday, October 30, the Youth Committee will host a Halloween Movie Night. The kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

The movie of choice is Hocus Pocus. The door opens at 7:00 pm and the movie begins at 7:30 PM. The children are encouraged to bring a blanket and pillow to stretch out and watch the movie.

RSVP to Andre Koch by Oct. 26th. An accurate head count is needed so that every child will get a goody bag.

## NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

Some merchandise is in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 each. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock.

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

## FOR SALE

Please contact Stan Gibbs if you wish to become the new owner of the yellow, 14 foot aluminum canoe, which is located in spot # 109.

The price is \$ 200.00 or best offer.

## EUCHRE

The first Euchre night of the season happened on Sept. 26th and was hosted by Teresa Couture and Andre Koch.

The results of the evening were:

High Man – Ed Brown (78)

High Lady – Cora Thompson (66)

Mystery Man – Wayne Bainbridge

Mystery Lady – Lois T.

Most Lone Hands – Arlene Whiteway

50 / 50 – Pat Lockrey

The next Euchre will be held on Sat. Oct. 24th and will be hosted by the WOFGPA Youth Committee.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December) and is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre evening in 2016 and would like more details as to what is involved, please contact Teresa Couture.

## 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 email at [emadhaz@heafs.com](mailto:emadhaz@heafs.com) or visit his website [www.heafs.com](http://www.heafs.com)

## 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.

## FALL TROUT DERBY

Mark your calendar and tell your friends that our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby.

**Date:** Sunday, October 18  
**Registration:** 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)  
**Derby Times:** 8:00 am until Noon  
**Cost:** Members - \$ 15.00  
Non-Members - \$ 18.00  
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby. Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

## TRAVEL FLY ROD

**Draw Date: Thurs. Dec. 10, 2015**  
**(during the annual Turkey Roll)**

Paul Noble has built another rod for the club. This medium-fast action, 4 piece travel fly rod is 9 feet long and 7 weight.

There is a limit of 200 tickets at \$ 3.00 each for this draw.

Please see Andre Koch at each meeting and function to purchase your tickets.

## 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.

It 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 evenings.

Please contact the club 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

**THE CLUB HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR  
STAG AND DOE PARTY RENTAL**

## FISHING ETIQUETTE

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. Those who are fly-fishing should choose a suitable area which is away 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.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

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 done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. All Black Crappie larger than 9 inches are breed stock and must be returned to the water.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

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.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.



Hot air balloon splashes in the club pond, circa 1997

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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](http://www.wofgpa.org)

Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing.

Thurs. Oct. 8 General meeting  
Sat. Oct. 10 Pond Walk - rain date is Sun. Oct. 11  
Sun. Oct. 11 Thanksgiving  
Wed. Oct. 14 Stocking  
Sun. Oct. 18 Fall Trout Derby (Host: Stan Gibbs)  
Wed. Oct. 21 Youth Committee meeting  
Thurs. Oct. 22 Executive meeting  
Sat. Oct. 24 Euchre (Hosts: Youth Committee)  
Fri. Oct. 30 Halloween Movie Night

Wed. Nov. 11 Veteran's Day  
Thurs. Nov. 12 General Meeting  
Sat. Nov. 14 Fall Clean up  
Sat. Nov. 21 Christmas tree lot setup  
Wed. Nov. 25 Youth Committee meeting  
Thurs. Nov. 26 Executive meeting  
Sat. Nov. 28 Euchre (Hosts: Youth Committee)  
Tree sales begin

Sat. Dec. 5 Breakfast with Santa  
Bake Sale hosted by the Youth Committee  
Thurs., Dec. 10 Turkey Roll  
Wed. Dec. 16 Youth Committee meeting (one week early)  
Thurs. Dec. 17 Executive meeting (one week early)

Thurs. Jan. 14 General meeting  
Sat. Jan. 23 Euchre  
Wed. Jan. 27 Youth Committee meeting  
Thurs. Jan. 28 Executive meeting

Sat. Feb. 6 Hockey Day in Canada  
Sun. Feb. 7 Superbowl "L" party  
Thurs. Feb. 11 General meeting  
Mon. Feb. 15 Family Day – Statutory holiday  
Sat. Feb. 20 Annual Tackle Swap  
Wed. Feb. 24 Youth Committee meeting  
Thurs. Feb. 25 Executive meeting  
Sat. Feb. 27 Euchre

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

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