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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 of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fishing Clubs and Friendships

Since joining the Western Ontario Fish and Game Club back in the early 90's, I have been fortunate to meet some very special people and build some lasting friendships that continue to this day.

The great thing about our club is that we all have a common interest, that's fishing.

I have been on many fishing trips with great people that I have met here, they range from a couple of hours on the pond or a river around London, to week long stays at remote camps.

A couple of weeks ago I spent a week with a group of great guys on the French River. We enjoyed some great fishing, excellent food, and some of the most interesting conversations on everything from fishing to politics. Four of the men were members of our club and through them, I met three more interesting guys. One member of our group was Joe Ruscio, he has been with this club for many years.



Joe Ruscio showed his fishing prowess when he landed this forty-inch Muskie on a 5 of diamond spoon tipped with his secret recipe pork strip. Congrats Joe Well done!!

This is evidence that if you take the time to get to know the different members in our club good things can happen.

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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our condolences, thoughts and prayers are with Nancy Logie after the passing of her husband of 50 years, Brian, on Sept. 23rd. Brian was a teacher at Thames Secondary School as well as a contributing historian to both the Hockey Hall of Fame and the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Our best wishes for healthier days ahead are with Bob Shiell, Tom McGill and Ken Lockrey.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) 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.

MICRO-LIGHT 2 PIECE SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 15, 2017 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made a Micro-Light, 2-piece spinning rod to be used as a draw prize.

Tickets cost \$ 5.00 each and are limited to 200 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

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. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 14

This event was sold out shortly after the tickets became available.

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the trimmings with your meal on Sat. Oct. 14. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:00 pm with dinner served around 6:00 pm. The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring. Due to the popularity of this meal last year, it has now become an annual event.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA".

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time.

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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

FALL TROUT STOCKING

The water temperature of WOFGPA pond is still quite warm and a tentative date to stock the pond is Thurs. Oct. 5. This date may be postponed til the water cools. Stan will post the finalized details on the bulletin board at the club once the date is confirmed. Please check the boards regularly for updates.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sunday, October 15th

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

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

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.



EUCHRE RESUMED

The first Euchre game of the season was hosted by Andre Koch and Teresa Couture. Due to the very unusual heat wave that we were having, a smaller than normal group of players were out to play cards.

Remember to mark your calendars for the next evening of Euchre.

DATE: Saturday, October 28, 2017
TIME: 7:00 pm SHARP (arrive earlier than 6:45 to ensure you get a seat to play).
COST: \$ 5.00 per player

The winners of the Sept. 23rd evening of cards were:
High Man – Detlef Von Ruczicki (76)
High Lady – Cora Thompson (63)
Mystery Man – Jerry Manx
Mystery Lady – Marg McKellar
Most Lone Hands – Bonnie Earle (4)
50 / 50 – Cora Thompson - \$ 19.00

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 non-members. 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, except December, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for many evening for the 2017-2018 season.

FISHING ETIQUETTE

It is the club policy that anyone in a watercraft, including the paddleboat, on the WOFGPA pond must wear a properly sized pfd.

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. Fly fish in suitable areas and way 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.

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 finished cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking. It is recommended that after cleaning your catch, you wash your hands with soap and water or use Purell to sanitize them.

As there is currently an abundance of Black Crappie in the 8 – 10-inch size, please take them but remember to take only enough for one meal.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Always record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area before you leave the club.

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.

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.

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

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.

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 evenings.

Please contact the club caretakers, 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 party, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for 2017 – 2018 is available on the club website www.wofgpa.org

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| Mon. Oct. 9 | Thanksgiving Monday |
| Thurs. Oct. 12 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 14 | Pig Roast Dinner |
| Sun. Oct. 15 | Fall Trout Derby Spinning Rod Draw |
| Thurs. Oct. 26 | Youth Committee and Executive Meeting |
| Sat. Oct. 28 | Euchre |
| Thurs. Nov. 14 | General Meeting |
| Sat. Nov. 23 | Euchre |
| Thurs. Nov. 28 | Youth Committee and Executive Meeting |
| TBA | Tree lot set up and fall clean up |
| Sat. Nov. 25 | Tree Sales start |
| Sat. Dec. 9 | Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale |
| Thurs. Dec. 14 | General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll |
| Thurs., Dec. 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.

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.

If you are interested in participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson who can answer any questions that you may have. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

The Executive and Committee Chairs hopes that the members have had a happy, fun-filled summer.

WREATH BRIGADE

Hermann Szielasko is chomping at the bit to start making wreaths again this year in the basement of the club.

Although the Wreath Brigade does not start making wreaths until later in November, he is asking for donations of any ornaments (no glass), trinkets or ribbon that could be used by the group when decorating.

If you have anything to donate, please leave them at the club with the caretakers.

Hermann would like to thank all in advance for their donations.



The volunteers who attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day dinner with the carving.



Two members, Mustafa Mzala and Joe Ruscio assist with the spring Trout stocking.



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