

OCTOBER 2018



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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Monday	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Annual Pig Roast
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Fall Trout Derby	22	23	24	25 Youth Committee & Executive Meeting	26	27 Euchre
28	29	30	31			

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall Clean- up, Tree lot setup
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre & Tree sales begin
25	26	27	28	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 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.



Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker.

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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / 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 a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members this year.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that the summer has come and gone once again. It is sad to think that the days are getting shorter and starting to get a bit cooler. It is a reminder that winter is not far off.

There will be many things to do at the club before the cold weather sets in and the snow begins to fall.

The first stocking of the fall is set for a weekday in mid-October. The date has yet to be confirmed but if you are able to help, please let me know. On the day of stocking, the dock used to stock the pond with Trout will be off limits for fishing for a 24 hour period while the fish climatize to their new surroundings. However, use of this dock is permitted for getting your watercraft in and out of the water.

Stan Gibbs has the tickets for the Annual Pig Roast, if you are still wanting to purchase yours. The cost is \$ 25.00 per person.

Our annual Fall Trout derby is scheduled for Sun., Oct. 21. This is also the date of the draw for the fly rod and reel and all the accessories so remember to get your tickets before they are gone.

The annual Fall Clean-up is set for Sat. Nov. 17 which is also the day to set up the Christmas tree lot in preparation for tree sales. The date for tree delivery has not been confirmed yet.

The Wreath Brigade will soon start up in the club basement and the group will be in need of ornaments, trinkets and ribbons.

Watch your newsletter for details of these upcoming activities and give some time to your club.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer, hope to see you around at the club polishing your "jewel" in the heart of the city

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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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 wishes for healthier days ahead go out to Andre Koch as he recuperates at home.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

The winner of the monthly meeting draw for September was Len Greenwell. Congratulations Len!

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.



EUCHRE

Thank you to Lawrence Lainchbury and Teresa Couture for hosting the first Euchre night of the season.

The evenings winners were:
High Man – Don Parker (71)
High Lady – Pat Lockrey (73)
Most Lone Hands – Detlef Von Ruczicki (6)
Mystery Man – Murray Lane and Jerry Mantz
Mystery Lady – Lisa

50/50 – Stu McKellar (\$ 28.00)

The next euchre will be held on Sat. Oct. 27 with the doors open at 6:00 pm and the games starting at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and the evening is open to members and guests.

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.

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 always present should their help be needed.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 13

Word has spread about the amazing Annual Pig Roast that WOFGPA holds each year. Due to its popularity, the tickets are in high demand.

The cost of the Pig Roast dinner is only \$ 25 per ticket which includes your meal with all the trimmings, entertainment for the evening and door prizes.

Don't delay and please speak to Stan Gibbs to get your tickets before they are sold out. All tickets are advance purchase only.

**FALL CLEAN – UP DAY
TREELOT SETUP
Sat. Nov., 17
8:30 am**

Henry Van Eerdewijk is hoping for a great turnout for the annual fall cleanup. One of the many projects for the day is pulling buckthorn which has been ongoing project for the past few months. While one part of the crew works on groundwork, the other half will set up the tree lot.

Delivery of the trees has not been confirmed as yet but it should be during the week of Nov. 19 – 23. The confirmed details will follow in the November newsletter. The tree sales will begin on Sat. Nov. 24.

**FALL TROUT DERBY
Sun. Oct. 21, 2018**

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The draw for the fly rod, reel and all accessories will be done during the awards portion of the derby. The tickets were incorrectly printed stating the draw date as Sat. Oct. 20th and not the correct date of Sun. Oct. 21st. As a reminder, the prize details are: A Scientific Angler – 6 weight – 9 ft rod with a loaded 6 weight reel, rod case, tapered leaders, fly box and flies. (All donated by Lambeth Rod and Tackle, Angling Sports and a few WOF&GPA members).

WREATH BRIGADE

This year, Angela Liberatore and Stan Gibbs will head the Wreath Brigade group in the basement, although they will have different roles. Of course, anyone is welcome to drop by at any time to assist.

Stan will take over the making of the wreaths and scheduling people to assist him. Angela will head the decorating group. She will schedule decorators to keep up with the demand. At this time, we are asking for donations of and ornaments or trinkets (no glass please) and ribbons, which can be used in decoration the wreaths, Charlie Brown trees, crosses and swags. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your donations can be left at the club or brought in during a meeting or function.

**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 instruction time, if required.

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.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club’s website at wofgpa.org

Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Thurs. Oct 11	General Meeting
Sat. Oct 13	Pig Roast (Tickets are available now)
Sun. Oct 21	Fall Trout Derby Draw for Fly Rod and reel and accessories
Thurs. Oct 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 27	Euchre (hosts are needed)
Thurs. Nov. 8	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 17	Fall Clean up and tree lot set up
Sat. Nov. 24	Euchre (hosts are needed)
Sat. Nov. 24	Christmas Tree sales and Wreath Brigade begin
Sat. Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 13	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 27	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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