

## OCTOBER 2019



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### October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Annual Pig Roast
6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12
13	14 Thanksgiving	15	16	17	18	19 1 <sup>st</sup> stocking (tentative)
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Fall Trout Derby Euchre
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

### November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 General Meeting & Guest speaker	15	16 Fall Clean Up & Tree Lot set up
17	18	19	20	21	22 Christmas Tree Sales begin	23 Euchre
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

**REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association  
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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.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. If you are unable to attend, a friend or family member could bring your annual dues to the club at the designated time. Special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

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,

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email 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 has over 200 names on it and a 4-year wait.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Kettle Lake

Have you ever wondered how our lake has become the jewel it is?

At our General meeting in November, we are excited to have a guest speaker who may be able to answer some questions as to how our lake was formed, and how it has evolved over thousands of years.

Katrina Moser, a geography professor at the University of Western Ontario and some of her students have done some water testing, and some core samples from the bottom of our lake to study in their labs. Through these tests, some insight might be given as to the history of our lake,

I hope we have a good turnout from our membership so that all will know how precious this little piece of paradise is, and as stewards understand what we need to do to keep it this way.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

### 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. The winner of the monthly meeting draw was Joe Isenor (\$60.50)

### 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 heartfelt condolences are with the Smit family after the passing of Bert's mother, Alice Smit, earlier this month.



## EUCHRE RESUMES

Thank you to Steve and Teresa Couture for hosting the evening. Thank you also to all the players who came out for an evening to socialize and play cards.

The winners of the evening were:  
Most Lone Hands- Jerry Mantz (4)  
High Lady – Pat Lockrey (67)  
High Man – Bill Lewis (70)  
Mystery Lady – Debbie Parker  
Mystery Man – Murray Lane

50/50 draw – Jerry Mantz (\$ 32.00)

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 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.

Mark your calendars for the next Euchre night.

DATE: Saturday, October 26

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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 and evening, one of the Executive will be present. Hosts are desperately needed to host an evening throughout the season.

### ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Sat. Oct. 5

All tickets have been sold for the Annual Pig Roast.

### FALL TROUT DERBY

Sat., Oct. 26

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby. Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

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.

## TROUT STOCKING

Two tentative dates have been set aside for stocking the pond with Trout. These dates are Oct. 19 and Nov. 16. Once the dates are confirmed, the details will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

## FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP

The fall clean-up is scheduled for Nov. 16. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

It is expected that the Christmas trees will be delivered during the week of Nov. 18 - 22. Details will be posted on the Bulletin Board once they are confirmed.

## 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. Fly fish in suitable areas and way from other anglers.

The north and the main dock have new benches installed for members use. If you prefer to use a lawn chair, please take it home with you when done fishing. At no time are tree stumps to be used on the docks.

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 or the red-tailed hawk who watched intently as you cleaned it. 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. When done cleaning your catch, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands thoroughly in the washroom.

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

## 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)

## 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 only.

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

Sat, Oct 5	Annual Pig Roast
Thurs, Oct 10	General Meeting
Mon, Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs, Oct 24	Executive Meeting
Sat, Oct 26	Euchre
	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs, Oct 31	Halloween
Mon, Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs, Nov. 14	General Meeting with Guest speaker
Sat, Nov. 16	Fall Clean Up
	Tree Lot set up
Week of Nov. 18 – 22	Tree delivery
Fri., Nov. 22	Tree sales begin
Sat, Nov. 23	Euchre
Thurs, Nov. 28	Executive Meeting
Thurs, Dec. 12	General Meeting and Turkey Roll
Sat, Dec. 14	Breakfast with Santa
	Bake Sale
Thurs, Dec. 19	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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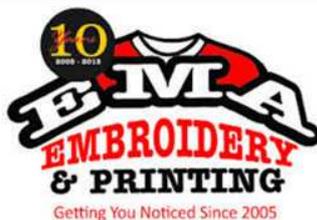
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