

# OCTOBER 2020



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## October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11 Thanksgiving	12	13	14	15	16	17 Fall Trout Derby (Cancelled)
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25	26	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 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Fall Clean up and Tree lot set up
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27 Christmas Tree sales begin	28
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

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, all membership renewal notices will be sent electronically. Renewal notices will be mailed only to those persons without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues. Any late payment will not be accepted and you will no longer be considered a member in good standing. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has over 250 names on it and an estimated 4 to 5-year wait time.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'd like to say right away I hope everyone is doing well in these very trying times we have and continue to go through.

There have been some interesting situations at our club in regards to events being cancelled, trying to generate some income with the restrictions that have been set forth.

One thing that doesn't seem to change is the amazing members we have here at the club.

As you all know with fall fast approaching, it also means that our annual Christmas tree sales will be just around the corner as well. The Executive committee talked extensively about the situation: were we going ahead with the tree lot or not, knowing full well that the money generated from the sales is, as always, our biggest fund raiser for the continuing operation of our club. One of our biggest obstacles was whether or not we would have the volunteer base to run the lot as effectively as in the past, as you all know it takes a lot of volunteer hours to pull this off each year!

Let me tell you, when Stan put out the word to see if we would have enough volunteers, the response was fantastic!! The members of this club, all volunteers, have again come through in these very challenging times. It's because of this member's respect to not only their club but also towards each other, we now can proceed with this annual event.

It should also be noted with things changing, what seems like daily, in regards to Covid-19 numbers increasing and social gatherings decreasing, your Executive committee will continue to monitor the situation and make changes if need be to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

A big thank you to all the members that come out time and time again, volunteering unselfishly to keep this club what it is, a gem within an ever-expanding city.

Joe Isenor  
2nd. Vice President

## 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?" This is especially important during the pandemic as many of our members venture outside or visit friends and family infrequently and would likely welcome a call.

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 wish for healthier days ahead is sent to Hermann Szielasko and Bert Smit.

## EUCHRE

This function has been cancelled for the months of September, October and November. We have tried to sort out the logistics of hosting an evening but the limits imposed for distancing and sharing of food makes it impossible. Hopefully the regulations will change and allow Euchre to resume in January 2021.

## FALL TROUT DERBY Sat, Oct. 17

This event has been cancelled due to the provincial regulations which limit only 10 persons to gather in a group.

## HALL RENTALS

The washrooms are open for members to use while angling at the club.

The hall is no longer open for rentals as the provincial regulations currently permit only 10 persons to gather.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for 2020 – 2021 is also available on the club website. Please be advised that all functions listed in this newsletter may be cancelled due to the government regulations. If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email. The cancellation will also be posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Thurs. Oct. 8	General Meeting
Mon. Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Monday
Sat. Oct. 17	Fall Trout Derby - CANCELLED
Thurs. Oct. 22	Executive Meeting
Wed. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs. Nov. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 21	Fall Clean up & Tree lot set up
<b>Week of Nov. 23 – 27</b>	<b>Tree delivery</b>
Thurs. Nov. 26	Executive Meeting
Fri. Nov. 27	Tree sales begin



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