

## OCTOBER 2025



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### October

| Sunday                 | Monday                 | Tuesday | Wednesday                   | Thursday             | Friday       | Saturday |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------|
|                        |                        |         | 1                           | 2                    | 3            | 4        |
| 5                      | 6                      | 7       | 8 Guest speaker Bill Spicer | 9 General meeting    | 10           | 11       |
| 12 Thanksgiving Sunday | 13 Thanksgiving Monday | 14      | 15 Stocking                 | 16                   | 17           | 18       |
| 19 Fall Trout Derby    | 20                     | 21      | 22                          | 23 Executive Meeting | 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      | 12        | 13 General meeting   | 14                  | 15 Fall Clean up and Tree Lot Setup |
| 16      | 17     | 18      | 19        | 20                   | 21 Tree sales begin | 22                                  |
| 23 / 30 | 24     | 25      | 26        | 27 Executive meeting | 28                  | 29                                  |

**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.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Club Support**

In the past I have praised our volunteers that help organize, plan and run events in and around our club. There is another group that supports our Association financially. This group is very special and essential to the ongoing operation of our club. Please take a moment to review most of our treasured sponsors that are listed on the last page of our newsletter and make a point to return the favor by supporting them at their place of business.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## **WELFARE**

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 to the Henshaw family after Nick's passing on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **MEETING DRAW**

The winner of the September General meeting draw was Val Grahl - \$ 45.00. Congrats Val.

For each General Meeting that you attend, you can complete a ballot for a free one-year membership (no cash value). The draw is done each year at the Annual Elections in March.

## **WOFGPA GUEST SPEAKER – BILL SPICER Wed., Oct. 8 at 7:00 pm**

A guest speaker, Bill Spicer will be coming to speak with WOFGPA members and also Thames River Anglers and the London Fly Fishing Club and aimed at anglers who gear and fly fishes.

## **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

The club is now loaded with plenty of new swag for its members, family and friends. This is the club's 150th anniversary so come and get your collectable swag.

|                              |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Blue zippered hoodies        | \$ 55         |
| Blue sweaters                | \$ 30         |
| Blue, long-sleeved T-shirts  | \$ 30         |
| Blue, short sleeved t-shirts | \$ 20         |
| Blue Hoodies                 | \$ 40         |
| Ball caps                    | \$ 15 - \$ 35 |
| Winter Toques                | \$ 15         |

Some items can be custom ordered such as jackets with name for an additional cost. Please see Marco or Angela Liberatore at any meeting or function.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues.

If your renewal date on your renewal notice is October 1, 2025, then your membership period ran from October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Your membership will lapse on October 31, 2025, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Family    | \$ 170.00 |
| Single    | \$ 150.00 |
| Senior    | \$ 145.00 |
| Boat Rack | \$ 60.00  |

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

## **ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 27**

Thanks to all those involved with making the Annual Pig Roast a success.

## **GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Lou Liberatore is heading the Grounds Committee. He is asking that those interested in helping with the grounds come each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

The project will be announced each week. Many hands make light work.

## **APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND SCRAP METAL PICKUP**

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside. I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere      519-520-0767

**FALL TROUT DERBY**  
**Sun., Oct. 19**

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish the pond with their daily catch limit determined by their membership type.

|        |                       |       |
|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| TIME:  | Register at 7:30      |       |
| DERBY: | 8:00 till noon        |       |
| COST:  | Members & non-members | \$ 25 |
|        | Youth (12 and under)  | \$ 15 |
|        | Gentleman's lunch     | \$ 8  |

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

**TROUT STOCKING**  
**Wed., Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 pm (approx.)**

Its time to stock the pond with more Trout. Please come dressed to get splashed. The Trout have to go into the pons in a timely manner. Many hands make light work. The time is approximate.

**FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP**  
**Sat. Nov. 15**  
**8:30 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)**

Lots of work needs to be done in cleaning the grounds prior to setting up the tree lot.  
Please bring a rake if you have one.  
Gloves and refreshments are provided.  
If you can come, please confirm with Lou Liberatore.

**TREE DELIVERY**  
**Week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**(date to be confirmed)**

The truck will arrive fully loaded with trees which need to be unloaded in a timely manner. Once unloaded, the netting need to be removed from some as they are stood up on the tree lot.

Many hands make light work. Work gloves, refreshments and comradery abound. Hope to see a great turnout of able-bodied persons.

Tree sales begin on Fri., Nov. 21

**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. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates. 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 get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not on hourly rate rentals.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these locations frequently.

The event calendar for the 2025 – 2026 year is available and posted on the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org).

|                                              |                                |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Wed Oct 8                                    | Guest speaker – Bill Spicer    |
| Thurs., Oct. 9                               | General meeting                |
| Mon, Oct. 13                                 | Thanksgiving Monday            |
| Wed. Oct. 15                                 | Stocking                       |
| Sun, Oct 19                                  | Fall Trout derby               |
| Thurs, Oct 23                                | Executive Meeting              |
| Fri, Oct 31                                  | Halloween                      |
|                                              |                                |
| Tues Nov 11                                  | Remembrance Day                |
| Thurs Nov 13                                 | General Meeting                |
| Sat Nov 15                                   | Fall Clean up & Tree lot setup |
| Week 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | Tree delivery                  |
| Fri Nov 21                                   | Tree Sales begin               |
| Thurs Nov 27                                 | Executive Meeting              |
|                                              |                                |
| Sat Dec 6                                    | Breakfast with Santa           |
| Thurs Dec 11                                 | General Meeting & Turkey Roll  |
|                                              |                                |
| Mon Dec 22                                   | Executive Meeting              |
| Thurs Dec 25                                 | Christmas Day                  |
| Fri Dec 26                                   | Boxing Day                     |
| Wed Dec 31                                   | New Year's Eve                 |

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.



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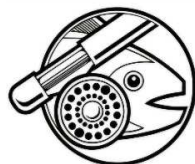
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