

## AUGUST 2024



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### August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Civic Holiday	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Celebration of Life for late Randy Keating
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
28	19	20	21	22 Exec Meeting	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day (STAT)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Annual Pig Roast
29	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation					

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

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Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

**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



It is with great sadness that I pass on the news of the recent passing of Randy Keating. After a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer, Randy succumbed to his illness and now resides in a better place: one without pain and suffering.

Randy and his family joined our club a little over six years ago. I'm sure that his initial reason for joining was his love of fishing. However, it didn't take long for him and his family to get involved. Due to his friendly disposition and his ability to connect with most people on some level, many new friendships were made. Randy held the positions of Director, Entertainment Committee member and Merchandise Coordinator. He was one of the most dedicated volunteers our club has seen in a while. Randy was also very gifted in the kitchen; he just knew how to prepare food like no other. If you attended any of our meals in the last 5 years, Randy probably had a hand in it.

Randy's family has arranged for a Celebration of Life for him on August 10, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm in our main hall. Please come out and help celebrate Randy's life and if you have a story to tell or a picture to show it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## 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

## 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.

We wish for healthier days ahead for Cary Carew as he recuperates at home.

Our heartfelt condolences to Darlene Keating and her children, Zack and Randy-Jean after the passing of her husband Randy.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

### THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS HELD DURING JULY AND AUGUST.

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

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

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

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is August 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of August 2024, 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.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. There are no General meetings during July and August. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the Executive meeting each month (4th Thursday). 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.

## FOR SALE

If you have a boat or canoe that you are wanting to sell or donate to the club, please speak to Stan Gibbs.

**SUMMER BASS DERBY**  
**Sat. July 13<sup>th</sup>**

Yet another beautiful day for angling. Thank you to all those who came out to participate in the derby as well as those who assisted in running the derby.

The winners of the day were:

Adult

1<sup>st</sup> Jeff Zeisner  
2<sup>nd</sup> Carmine Deriano  
3<sup>rd</sup> Stan Gibbs

Youth

1<sup>st</sup> Zale Nikolopoulos

Big Bass Matt Robins 45.5 cm

50/50 Name not provided

**ANNUAL PIG ROAST**  
**Sat., Sept. 28**

Tickets will soon be available for the clubs Annual Pig Roast. These tickets are in limited supply and sell out quickly. Please speak to Jeanette Jurasek for details and tickets.

Details will follow in the next newsletter.

**PLEASE PATRONIZE**  
**THE BUSINESSES THAT**  
**ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA**

**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.

**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.

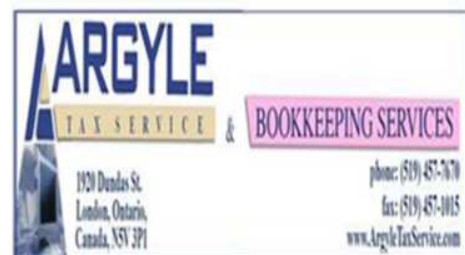
Mon Aug 5	Civic Holiday
Thurs Aug 22	Executive Meeting
Mon Sept 2	Labour Day (STAT)
Thurs Sept 12	General Meeting
Thurs Sept 26	Executive Meeting
Sat Sept 28	Annual Pig Roast
Mon Sept 30	National Day of Truth and Reconciliation
Thurs Oct 10	General Meeting
Mon Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun Oct 20	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs Oct 24	Executive Meeting
Thurs Oct 31	Halloween

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.

Watch for details of upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.



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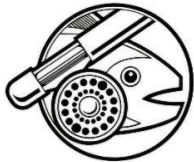
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