

AUGUST 2026



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August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Civic holiday	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day (STAT)	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting Last day to get Pork dinner tickets	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.

IMPORTANT: GENERAL MEEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXECUTIVE MEETING) TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever noticed that the best place to hear great fishing trip stories, is where you are currently casting a line with friends or family. This happens quite often at our club. Wouldn't it be great to share these with our membership.

In an effort to make our newsletter more appealing to our members, we thought it would be a great idea to have our members submit a story about their fishing, camping or outdoor adventure. This could be a recent event or one that brings back pleasant memories.

If you would like to submit a story, keep it to three or four paragraphs, add a picture if you like and send it to our Newsletter Editor, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com. The cutoff for newsletter submissions is the Executive meeting each month. She will collect all stories and publish one a month.

Looking forward to hearing about your experience.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

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 August 1, 2026, then your membership period ran from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026. Your membership will lapse on August 31, 2026, 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 April 1, 2026) are:

Family	\$ 175.00
Single	\$ 155.00
Senior	\$ 150.00
Youth (16-18 Yrs)	\$ 75.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00 (unchanged)

ANNUAL MEETING DRAW

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 of each year.

GOODWILL

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 Steve and Janine Robertson and their family after the passing of Steve's father earlier this month.

Our wishes for healthier days ahead are with Aurilio Pirocchi, Sam Bruno, Pat DeVincenzo and Teresa Couture as they recuperate at home.

ANNUAL PORK DINNER Sat. Oct 3

This year the menu has been varied a bit. This year the Executive will be serving a dinner of smoked pork chops, roasted potatoes and green beans, baked brown beans, salad, roll. You can enjoy dessert with a tea or coffee.

A limited number of 65 tickets will be available for the cost of \$ 30 each.

Get your ticket from Jeanette Jurasek before they are sold out. The last day to purchase tickets is the Executive meeting on Thurs., Sept 24th.

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.

SUMMER BASS DERBY Sat. July 4

A total of 21 fish were caught during this derby. The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Jacob Bylow	156 cm
2 nd	Stan Gibbs	143.5 cm
3 rd	Scott Howe	96.5 cm



Mike Masse presents Jacob Bylow with his 1st place award.

Largest Bass Jeff Northgrave 54.0 cm

Jeff would have taken 3rd place at 126.5 cm, but the rules permit an angler to win in 1 category only. Jeff's name will go on the Largest Bass trophy on display at the club.



Jeff Northgrave – Largest bass

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted throughout the day.

FISHING FRIENDZY

Through the month of July, Fishing Friendly group have been at the club on Wednesday evenings. Their goal was to introduce fishing to children and youths and to help them hone their skills.



Fishing Friendly leader, Tara Soppet on the dock



Fishing Friendly leader Tara Soppet with the Junior group of anglers.

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.

CLUB MEDIA PRESENCE

Stan Gibbs has noted that the club should be looking at ways to update its presence in the newsletter, website and possibly on social media platforms directed at its members and the public. He is hoping to oversee a group that can come up with and implement fresh ideas. No meetings have been set as yet but if you would like to be involved, please contact Stan Gibbs at presidenttwofgpa@gmail.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. 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, the club’s resident caretaker 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

The event calendar for the 2026 – 2027 year is available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org. Details are also posted on club bulletin boards.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: General Meetings are not held during July and August. You must attend the Executive Meeting during these months to pay your membership dues.

Mon, Aug. 3	Civic Holiday
Thurs, Aug 27	Executive Meeting
Sat. Aug 29	Volunteer Appreciation Day (by invitation only)
Mon, Sept 7	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept 10	General Meeting
Thurs, Sept 24	Executive Meeting
	Last day to get Pork Dinner tickets
Sat. Oct. 3	Annual Pork Dinner
Thurs, Oct 8	General Meeting
Mon, Oct. 12	Thanksgiving
Sun, Oct 18	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs, Oct 22	Executive Meeting
Sat. 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 over 150 years.



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