

JULY 2024



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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Bass Derby (new date)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

August

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

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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

Vandals/Theft

Recently we have experienced some cases of theft and vandalism on our club property. One of our life preserver rings that was on the south dock was taken, and graffiti was painted on one of our benches on the same dock. This really disturbs me.

It is for this reason that we require the wearing of your membership badge, so that you will not be questioned on your presence at our club. I have asked all Executive, and Committee Chairs to interact with all persons not displaying their membership card. If you are approached, please remember that we are only trying to protect our property, and don't assume that because you are a long-time member that you will be recognized.

We have also had some homeless folks on our grounds recently, if you see this, please inform them that this is private property, and politely ask them to leave. If you encounter any trespassers, please inform the caretakers or any of the Executive as soon as possible.



Many thanks to all who helped remove the existing concrete stairs to the caretakers' quarters. This was a very labor-intensive project that saw 4 metric tons of concrete broken up and removed. The new stairs are to be installed in early July.

Thanks to volunteers that helped: Murray Lane, Lou Liberatore, Marco Liberatore, Lawrence Lainchbury, Steve Conlon, Jeff Murphy and Stan Gibbs.

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.

We wish for healthier days ahead for Randy Keating.

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 July 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of July 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.

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

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sat. June 22

Unfortunately, this event has been cancelled due to lack of interest.

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 13th

You must pre-register for this derby by contacting Stan Gibbs by June 20 Executive Meeting.

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

DATE: Sat., July 13 (new date)
TIME: Register at 7:30
DERBY: 8:00 till noon
COST: Adults \$ 20
Youth \$ 10 (aged 12 and under)

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.

ANNUAL BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thurs June 13

The annual BBQ Meat Draw was a success this year. Thanks to all who assisted on this evening.

The winners of meat packages were:
S. Couture, D. Colborne, J. Murphy, T. Locke, P. Noble, M. Liberatore, L. Hackman, M. Degan, M. Lane.

The winner of the Farm Boy gift basket was M. Liberatore.

Congrats to all.

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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. July 1	Canada Day
Sat July 13	Bass Derby (new date)
Thurs July 25	Executive Meeting
Mon Aug 5	Civic Holiday
Thurs Aug 22	Executive Meeting

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 150th Anniversary events in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.



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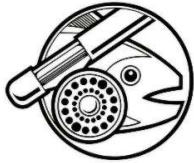
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