

## JULY 2026



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### July

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

### 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

**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 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (EXECUTIVE MEETING) TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP.**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **Unlawful Fish Transfer**

A couple of weeks ago during our fishing league, one of our anglers hooked and landed a good-sized Walleye measuring about 18 inches. This event, and the one a couple of years ago, is quite concerning to me, and should be to you also. Considering the size of this fish, I can only assume that someone added it to our lake without notifying our Executive body, and considering the effect it would have on our pond.

Our pond has a very distinct fish population that is very sensitive to its environment, any foreign species added could result in a total disruption of the normal natural condition of our pond population. Walleye are a very aggressive fish that could wipe out any of the species that we currently have.

To the person(s) who dumped these fish in our pond, please note that if you are caught doing this, there are hefty fines for transporting and releasing fish in different bodies of water from where they are caught. This is not only against the law; it is also very reckless and irresponsible. Our club will make sure all proper authorities are contacted and push for the maximum fines if the person is identified.

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 June 1, 2026, then your membership period ran from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Your membership will lapse on July 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.

Best wishes for speedy recovery are with Susan Van Eerdewijk and Mrs. Zak Alkahwaji as they recuperate at home.

### **BBQ MEAT DRAW**

**Thurs., June 12th**

**(Following a short General meeting)**

Thank you to the many volunteers who assisted with the evening.

The winners of the meat packages were: Mike Masse (x2), Val Grahl, Ron Dennis, Vito Lorusso, Dell Huber (x2), Joe Isenor, Lawrence Lainchbury Darlene Keating.

No door prizes were given out at this function.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Amy Lane (\$ 150).

Congratulations everyone.

### **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 27**

The Youth Activity Day was cancelled due to lack of interest.

### **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.

## HALL RENTALS

### SUMMER BASS DERBY Sat. July 4

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 4  
TIME: Register at 7:00  
DERBY: 7:30 till 11:30  
COST: Adults \$ 20  
Youth (12 and under) \$10  
Derby is open to members and friends  
LUNCH: 11:30 til 12:00  
Non-anglers \$ 10  
Lunch is included with registration  
PRIZES Noon

RULES Five bass limit, culling allowed, no minnows for bait. Combined length determines score. Fish must be alive and released promptly.

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.

### GROUNDSS 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 [presidentwofgpa@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwofgpa@gmail.com)

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

The event calendar for the 2026 – 2027 year is available and posted on the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://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.**

Wed, July 1	Canada Day
Sat, July 4	Bass Derby
Thurs, July 23	Executive Meeting
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

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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