

JUNE 2024



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Yard Sale
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 Youth Activity Day
23 / 30	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

July

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

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

Now that the better weather has arrived, many of you that have been hibernating will be able to get out and enjoy the club and all that it has to offer.

There is nothing to compare the quiet and tranquility of a couple of hours of fishing off the dock or drifting around the pond in quest of the next big catch. If your legs need a stretch, there are endless trails around the club to explore, with many forms of wild life, birds, and unique plants to see.

Please remember to respect what we have to offer and participate in good stewardship around our club.

In early summer a lot of student members will be spending more time at the pond since school will be cutting them loose for a couple of months, this is a great time for us more seasoned anglers to help them with their fishing skills and to set a good example on proper protocol and fishing etiquette concerning our property.

I hope all of you enjoy the upcoming summer.

Keep your eyes posted for the newsletters for functions that may interest you.

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, Sue Ann Moyer and Walt Stevens

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

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.

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 June 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of June 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. 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 YARD SALE Sat. June 1st – rain or shine

All vendors will be permitted to set up near the fence on the east side of the lawn and in the shade. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up begins at 7:00 am. Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Stan Gibbs. Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money.

So far, 10 vendors have signed up for a table. Come out to select things from their tables.

ANNUAL BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs June 13

The BBQ meat draw will follow a shortened General Meeting. The format is similar to the Annual Turkey Roll. There are 10 meat packages which contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people. There is a door prize and 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$ 1.00 per draw.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY
Sat. June 22
(preregister by June 14)

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Thurs., June 14. You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

Note:

- This date is open to both members and non members.
- There is no cost to the children in attendance although there is a nominal cost for adults lunch of \$ 8
- Members will not be permitted to fish the pond prior to the Youth Activity Day Derby.
- Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:00 with fishing lasting until 11:00 am. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught rather than the number and size of fish.

A BBQ lunch will be served following the derby.

The afternoon will be filled with a variety of activities such as fly tying, bird house building, target casting and a water balloon toss to name a few. These events should finish mid afternoon.

SUMMER BASS DERBY
Sat. July 6th

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 6
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.

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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.

Sat June 8	Yard Sale
Thurs June 13	General Meeting
	BBQ Meat Draw
Sun June 16	Fathers Day
Sat June 22	Youth Activity Day
Thurs June 27	Executive Meeting
Mon. July 1	Canada Day
Sat July 6	Bass Derby
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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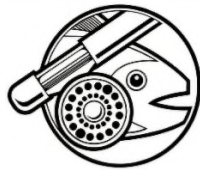
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