

## MARCH 2026



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### March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General Meeting & Annual Elections	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

### April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Good Friday	4 Easter Breakfast
5 Easter Sunday	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Spring Cleanup
12 Spring Trout Derby	13	14	15	16	17	18 Post Election Dinner
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	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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Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

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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 NOTICE  
MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE**

**Please take note that membership fees will increase by \$ 5.00 in each category, effective April 1, 2026.**

**The new rates will be:**

<b>Family</b>	<b>\$ 175.00</b>
<b>Single</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>
<b>Senior</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>
<b>Boat Rack</b>	<b>\$ 60.00 (unchanged)</b>

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**Club Elections**

At our next General Meeting, the members of this association will have the opportunity to exercise their Democratic rights and elect a new executive body to represent our club. I realize that some of you joined this club for the sole purpose of having a place to drop a line, and enjoy the quiet serenity of the lake and grounds. This sounds nice, but this kind of thinking could become a trend, and then very few people would get involved. Our association needs good people to run the club and more good people to help them. If you are not interested in running for an elected position, please do not pass on the Election night. At the very least come out and support the people that are willing to do the job and cast a vote, or maybe sign up for one of the many committees that we have, they all need help.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

“Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters.”

Abraham Lincoln

**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.

Our best wishes for healthier days are sent to Gary Richards, Cole Bailey, and Jim Dysen as they recuperate.

**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

**ELECTIONS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026  
7:30 PM**

This notice is to advise all Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association members that the Annual Executive Elections for the 2026-2027 term will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

**Note:**

- All positions will be for a one-year period, covering March 12, 2026 through until the next election, which will be held on the second Thursday in March 2027.
- Nomination letters may be delivered to the club by Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in a sealed envelope addressed to -  
Jeanette Jurasek - Secretary – WOF&GPA  
RE: Election Nomination
- All nominated members must be present on election night to accept their nomination OR provide a written acceptance delivered to Jeanette Jurasek (Secretary) on or before election night.

All membership fees must be up to date on election night. Please have your valid membership card with you. (The one-month grace period for membership renewal will not apply). One vote shall apply per membership, regardless of the membership type.

The Election each year is a very important part of this organization. Our members' input and participation into the election process is necessary to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members.

All members are encouraged to get involved and strive to make Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association in London, Ontario the very best that it can be.

**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.

**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 March 1, 2026, then your membership period ran from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026. Your membership will lapse on March 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)

**If membership is paid during March 2026, it is \$ 5.00 less in all categories.**

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 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 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.

**FAMILY DAY ICE DERBY  
Mon. Feb. 16**

What a great day for ice fishing on the pond. The winners of the day were:

Youth Division

1<sup>st</sup> Adrian Mellow 49 cm

Adult Division

1<sup>st</sup> Abdul Harb 65 cm

2<sup>nd</sup> John Fitch 64 cm

3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Heffernan 30 cm

Non-Trout large fish Jacob Bylow 36 cm

**SPRING CLEANUP  
Sat. April 11**

Many volunteers are needed to clean up the property after a long cold winter. Come out by 8:30 – 9:00 am to assist. Please bring a rake if you have one.

Lou Liberatore

**EASTER BREAKFAST  
Sat. April 4  
9-11 am**

Come out for a great club cooked breakfast made by the Entertainment Group.

Cost:

Adults \$ 10

Children \$ 6 (ages 5 to 10)

No charge for children aged 4 and under

**SPRING TROUT DERBY  
Sun. April 12, 2026**

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

TIME:	Register at 7:30
DERBY:	8:00 till noon
COST:	Members & non-members \$ 25
	Youth (12 and under) \$ 15
	Gentleman's lunch \$ 8

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.

**POST ELECTION DINNER  
Sat., April 18**

It is a tradition that the "old" Executive serve dinner to the "new" Executive, members and their guests.

Dinner is served at 6:00 pm with cocktails at 5:30 pm.

Tickets are available now from the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek for \$ 30.00 each. The tickets are in limited supply and are available now. Please see Jeanette at any meeting or function.

The meal for this year includes: herbed roasted chicken, roasted Pork with herb stuffing, herb roasted potatoes, mixed vegetables, garden salad with Balsamic, ranch or blue cheese dressing and dinner rolls. Dessert is assortment of chocolate, lemon and pecan tarts.

**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.

### DANGER – THIN ICE

The temperatures have rising and although ice has formed on the pond, it is deemed unsafe. Please stay on the docks to fish

A minimum of four inches (10 cm.) of CLEAR ICE is necessary to support the weight of one person. If you are fishing with a partner or a group, additional ice thickness is required.

### TACKLE SWAP AND FAMILY DAY EVENTS

Thank you to all those involved with the Tackle Swap, GBSA Pond Hockey Day and the Ice Fishing Derby. This was a busy weekend at the club and could only happen with the assistance of the club's volunteers.

### LADIES WASHROOM

The lady's washroom has been fully renovated and brought up to new standards. Please take a moment to recognize the hard work of the men who made it possible.

### 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.

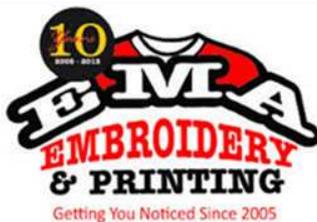
Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates. The hall is available to members or their families to get together after the passing of a loved one. In certain circumstances, a special reduced rate may apply. Members get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not 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. The event calendar for 2026 to 2027 is available and posted on the website.

Thurs, March 12	General meeting Annual Elections
Thurs, March 26	Executive meeting
Fri, April 3	Good Friday
Sat. April 4	Easter Breakfast
Sun, April 5	Easter Sunday
Thurs, April 9	General Meeting
Sat., April 11	Spring cleanup
Sun, April 12	Spring Trout Derby
Sat., April 18	Post Election Dinner
Thurs, April 23	Executive Meeting
Sat., May 9	Ladies Only Derby (tentative)
Sun, May 10	Mothers Day
Thurs, May 14	General Meeting
Mon, May 18	Victoria Day
Thurs, May 28	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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