

MAY 2026



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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ladies Only Derby
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day - STAT	19	20	21	22	23
24 /31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Yard Sale
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Youth Activity Day
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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Times are Changing

Over the past few years, it has been mentioned to our Executive Body that our media presence is a little dated. This includes all forms of printed and media presence. We are thinking this might be a good time to review and possibly update our current practices. I am thinking of setting up a meeting with members that might have some new ideas and concepts for representing our club in all the different formats that we use and possibly some new concepts. If you are interested in this and have some ideas to explore, please reach out to me at presidentwofgpa@gmail.com, and I will add you to the recipient list for a future meeting.

Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

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 wishes for better days are with Janine Robertson as she recuperates at home.

Our heartfelt sympathy is with Valerie Vosdingh after the passing of her husband Ed. Ed is also survived by his son Ed Vosdingh Jr.

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

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Another fine day for angling. The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Austin Clarke	120 cm
2 nd	Brooklyn Vosdingh	118 cm
3 rd	Stan Gibbs	114 cm
Largest Trout – Adult		
	Cody Newhook	49 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Jasper Blair	112 cm
2 nd	Henrik Thoss	98 cm
3 rd	Emelyn Lane	64 cm
Largest Trout – Youth		
	Ella Lane	42.5 cm



Austin Clarke – Adult 1st place 120 cm



Cody Newhook – Adult – Largest Trout 49 cm



Jasper Blair – Youth 1st place 112 cm



Ella Lane – Youth Largest Trout 42.5 cm

Angling Sports Gift Package
 Tom Facium
 50/50 Karen Patterson \$ 135.00

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

A great dinner was had by all in attendance. Kudos to Clarke Road SS for preparing the meal and to the volunteers for making this evening possible.

The winners of the evening were:
 Farm Boy basket Sam Zaverella
 Prize # 1 Darlene Keating
 Prize # 2 Mike Masse
 Prize # 3 Tracy McCaw
 50/50 Steve Robertson \$ 120.00

**LADIES ONLY DERBY
 Sat. May 11**

NOTE: THIS DERBY IS OPEN TO LADIES OF ALL AGES

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.

Men are not allowed to fish. They may row the boat, assist with netting your catch and to make Tim Horton's runs.

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

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 YARD SALE
 Sat. June 6th
 8:00 start (Rain or shine)**

It is time to gather all unwanted items and make a few dollars at the club's annual yard sale. You might even pick up a bargain or two yourself.

Tables are \$ 10 each and can be reserved by contacting Val Grahl.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW
 Thurs., June 12th
 (Following a short General meeting)**

The format is the same as the Turkey Roll in December. There are 10 BBQ meat packages portioned for 1 – 2 persons.

Door prizes, 50 / 50 draw.

**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

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Sat. June 20. You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

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 adult's lunch of \$ 15. 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 midafternoon.

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 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

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. Details are also posted on club bulletin boards.

Sat., May 9	Ladies Only Derby
Sun, May 10	Mothers Day
Thurs, May 14	General Meeting
Mon, May 18	Victoria Day
Thurs, May 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 6	Yard Sale
Thurs. June 11	General Meeting & BBQ
Sun, June 14	Meat Draw
Thurs, June 25	Father's Day
Sat, June 27	Executive Meeting
	Youth Activity Day

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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