

OCTOBER 2024



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October

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

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16 Fall Clean up and Tree lot set up
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29 Tree sales begin	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

Fall days are upon us with temperatures getting cooler and trees starting to show their colours.

The club continues to be busy with many functions and activities.

Our Annual Pig Roast was a success.

In October, a Fall Trout Derby will be held. Halloween fall on a Thursday this year so watch for those little ones out Trick or Treating.

In November, we hold our annual fall clean up and tree lot set up. Much help will be needed for tree delivery unloading, tree sales and wreath making. Many hands make light work. The comradery is amazing.

In December, we hold a Breakfast with Santa as well as an Annual Turkey Roll (7 turkeys and 3 hams).

With so much happening at the club, it never ceases to amaze me the extent that WOFGPA's volunteer base will go to in order to better this club. As we approach our 150th year, I am proud to say that WOFGPA has the best volunteers.

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.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is sent to Doreen Ketchabaw as she recovers from a hospitalization.

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

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 28

Kudos to another fun and successful event. Thanks to all who assisted: both in front and behind the scenes.



Joe Ruscio with the 2024 Pig on the spit



Don Finch won the Farm Boy gift basket

Anthony DeVincenzo won the Twin Bridge Fishing charter. Hopefully we can get a picture of the group just before they head out on their charter.

Andrew Livingstone won the 50/50 draw of \$ 122.50

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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

FALL TROUT DERBY Sun., October 20

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.

DATE:	Sun., Oct. 20
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.

Dates have been set aside for Trout stocking. Once the dates are confirmed, notice will be posted on the Bulletin Boards

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.

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.

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.

Thurs Oct 10	General Meeting
Mon Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun Oct 20	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs Oct 24	Executive Meeting
Thurs Oct 31	Halloween
Thurs Nov 14	General Meeting
Sat Nov 16	Fall Clean up
	Tree lot set up
Thurs Nov 28	Executive meeting
Fri Nov 29	Tree Sales begin
Sat Dec 7	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs Dec 12	General Meeting
	Annual Turkey Roll
Thurs Dec 19	Executive meeting (held early due to the holidays)

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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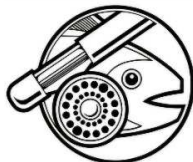
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