

## SEPTEMBER 2024



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### September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Labour Day (STAT)	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Annual Pig Roast
29	30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation					

### 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		

**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

### Volunteers needed

As reported in our last newsletter, a truly valuable volunteer was lost. Our club will miss Randy immensely. With the loss of a volunteer such as Randy, a couple vacancies which he oversaw are now in need of a leader.

All the swag that is sold at our club needs a person to order and ensure that our stocks are replenished, handle special orders and help with design of new products. Another place where help is now needed is on the entertainment committee, Jeanette is now the sole chair and I'm sure she could use some help. Like most of our dedicated volunteers Randy was involved in many areas of our club activities, so filling that void is going to be a challenge.

Our club, since its conception, is based on Volunteerism, this is how we keep your membership dues low and offer members a great place to belong.

So, get involved, and help your club remain one of the best places in and around London to enjoy!

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 condolences to the Lukings family after the passing of Herb's sister in late August.

### 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 September 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of September 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. There are no General meetings during July and August. If you must

pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 28

Tickets are available for the clubs Annual Pig Roast. These tickets are in limited supply and sell out quickly. Please speak to Jeanette Jurasek for details and tickets.

### 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

### 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.

## 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.

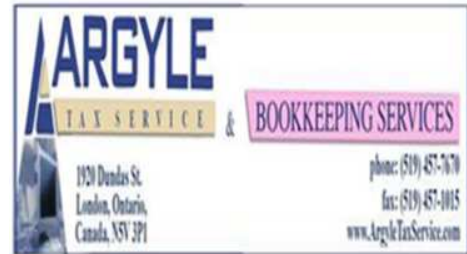
Mon Sept 2	Labour Day (STAT)
Thurs Sept 12	General Meeting
Thurs Sept 26	Executive Meeting
Sat Sept 28	Annual Pig Roast
Mon Sept 30	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation
Thurs Oct 10	General Meeting
Mon Oct 14	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun Oct 20	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs Oct 24	Executive Meeting
Thurs Oct 31	Halloween

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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.



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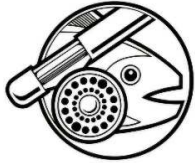


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