

SEPTEMBER 2025



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4 General meeting (new date)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Doors Open London
21 Doors Open London	22	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Pig Roast
28	29	30				

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Guest speaker Bill Spicer	9 General meeting	10	11
12 Thanksgiving Sunday	13 Thanksgiving Monday	14	15	16	17	18
19 Fall Trout Derby	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	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

Special 150th Events

A couple of Saturdays ago, we held our Adult Only Event in celebration of our 150th anniversary. From all reports that I have received, this was an exceptional day filled with good food, fine entertainment, and a chance to talk with other members, and people who support our club.

I would like to personally thank every person that helped out in any way. As in past events, many hours of planning and prep work go into them.

During the event we had a Bucket Bonanza draw, and many great prizes were awarded to participants. These gifts were all donated to us for this event by companies, small business owners, and individuals who support our organization.

There were 4 Prizes that were not claimed, the following are the numbers on the tickets which are still at the club.

If you have the matching ticket please email (presidentwofgpa@gmail.com) or call me and we will get your prize.

Niagara Parks	0353126-White Ticket
Buck knife set	063592- Blue Ticket
Palasad Laser tag for 6	063584-Blue Ticket
Porcelain doll	063536-Blue Ticket

If these prizes are not claimed by the Pig Roast at the end of September, they will be retained by the club for future uses.

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 wishes for speedy recovery are with Gary Richards as he recuperates.

WOFGPA GUEST SPEAKER – BILL SPICER Wed., Oct. 8 at 7:00 pm

A guest speaker, Bill Spicer will be coming to speak with WOFGPA members and also Thames River Anglers and the London Fly Fishing Club and aimed at anglers who gear and fly fishes.

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 September 1, 2025, then your membership period ran from September 1, 2024 through August 31 2025. Your membership will lapse at the end of September 2025, 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 July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

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.

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.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 27

Come out for a great roast pig dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets will be available in limited supply at \$ 30 each. Please contact Jeanette Jurasek to get yours before they sell out.

**150th CELEBRATION DAY
(ADULTS ONLY)
Sat. Aug. 23**

What a great success to celebrate the 150th Adult Only evening. At late afternoon, Stan Gibbs gave a speech about how the club started and where it is now, 150 years later. The contents of the time capsule were on display. Each item will be sealed in plastic before filling and interring the time capsule at a later time.



Members of the 150th Event Planning Committee, the Executive Board and Directors, two of our Past Presidents: Gloria McDonald and John Manvell.

The guests were treated to chicken and rib dinner from King of Pigs. Dessert was individual cupcakes made by Jeanette Jurasek.

Tom Carriere brought some friends to provide the musical entertainment throughout the evening.

The evening finished with a Bucket Bonanza held inside the hall.

To everyone involved in any capacity and worked to make this date a success...kudos, give yourselves a pat on the back.

**DOORS OPEN LONDON
Sept. 20 & 21
10:00 am til 3:00 pm**

As Canada's oldest conservation club, we are happy to be participating in Doors Open London this year.

Take lake and land tours with education guides to learn about this unique area, its flora, fauna and wildlife. There will be displays and demonstrations in fly tying, fishing skills, nature walks around the grounds and more.

There will be one nature walk offered each day at 1pm, for anyone that is interested. This walk should take about one hour or so and be guided by a friend from Nature London. Please register by sending me an email, there is no cost, and should be really informative. The maximum group size per day is 20 persons. Pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

Please come out to see the displays that the club will be showing.

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.

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.

**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., Oct. 19**

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.

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.

The event calendar for the 2025 – 2026 year is available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org.

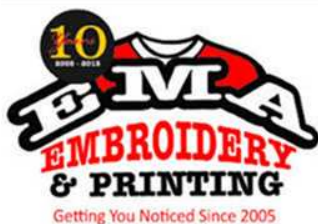
Mon Sep 1	Labour Day
Thurs Sep 4	General Meeting (new date)
Sat & Sun Sep 20 & 21	Doors Open London
Thurs Sep 25	Executive Meeting
Sat Sep 27	Annual Pig Roast
Wed Oct 8	Guest speaker – Bill Spicer
Thurs., Oct. 9	General meeting
Mon, Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun, Oct 19	Fall Trout derby
Thurs, Oct 23	Executive Meeting
Fri, Oct 31	Halloween
Tues Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs Nov 13	General Meeting
Sat Nov 15	Fall Clean up & Tree lot setup
Week 17 th – 21 st Nov	Tree delivery
Fri Nov 21	Tree Sales begin
Thurs Nov 27	Executive Meeting

Thurs Dec 11	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Mon Dec 22	Executive Meeting
Thurs Dec 25	Christmas Day
Fri Dec 26	Boxing Day
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve

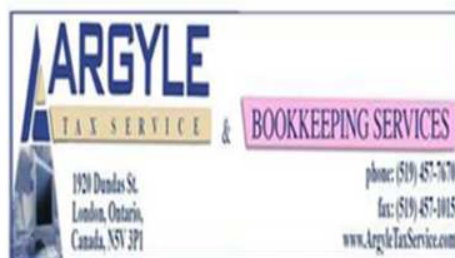
Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a “name” on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.

Sat Dec 6

Breakfast with Santa



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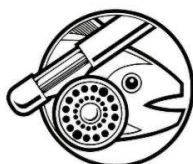
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