

## APRIL 2017



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### April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 1 <sup>st</sup> stocking (tentative)
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting	14 Good Friday	15 Easter Breakfast
16 Easter Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22 Spring Clean up Pot Luck & Euchre
23 Spring Trout Derby / 30	24	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting & Executive meeting	28	29

### May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 2 <sup>nd</sup> stocking (tentative)
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Ladies Only Trout Derby
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day (Stat)	23	24	25 Youth Committee & Executive Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**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 & minerals, its waters, forests, air & wildlife, & 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.



**Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.**

### **CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend the club on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting). Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information.

If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently 4 to 5 year wait.

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Don't you just love it when a plan comes together!

On your next trip to the club, you will notice that all the new docks are in place as promised and ready to use. The last step in completion will be the benches and hand rail system on the main dock, which are on order, and should be in place within the next few weeks.

My hat goes off to all the great volunteers that helped with this job. We had to deal with Mother Nature, working over very cold water or ice, and at time were unsure of our next step. It is amazing all the great ideas and work ethics that come from a group of men, mostly over 60, that made the work go quickly and smoothly. It is also worthy to note that out of this group of retirees, through their contacts we were able to save quite a few dollars on materials for the project.

Completion of projects such as this and all the previous ones done gives me such satisfaction and pride knowing that all members will benefit.

Yours in conservation,  
Stan Gibbs

### **WELFARE**

Many club members who aren't able to attend the club for meetings or fishing might welcome a quick call to say "Hello and what have you been up to?" 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 Tom and Shirley McGill who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time are with the Robinson family after the passing of Terry earlier this month.

Mary Degan, Tom McGill and Dianne Waite have not been having the "best of days" lately and could use some cheering up. If you have the time, reach out to them, just to say "hello".

### **ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW**

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the one year free membership was Janice Colborne. Congratulations Janice.

### **JIGG'S DINNER**

Thank you to all who made this evening so memorable for those in attendance. Our annual Jigg's Dinner was sold out early this year with a waiting list for tickets.

### **EASTER BREAKFAST Sat. April 15, 2017 9:00 till 11:00 am**

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to members and guests.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:  
\$ 8.00 Adults  
\$ 5.00 Children (2 to 5 years)  
No charge for children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart).

### **EASTER CAKE DRAW**

To help you with your Easter Dinner plans, Katie (the Gibbs' future daughter-in-law) will be making a decadent, German chocolate 8 inch round cake to be drawn. The cake will have vanilla Cadbury mini egg buttercream frosting.

The tickets for this cake will be sold during the Easter Breakfast only and will cost \$ 1.00 per ticket.

### **1st STOCKING**

Sat. April 8 has been set aside to stock the pond with Trout. The date is still tentative. A second stocking is tentatively set for Sat. May 6.

Once arrangements are finalized, the stocking details will be posted on the club bulletin boards and the website.

Please check them frequently for updates.

### **FOR SALE**

Yellow 12 foot Sports Pal canoe. It comes complete with paddles, anchor and a few other accessories. It can be seen in spot # 35 on the boat racks.

The cost is \$ 300 firm.

If interested, please speak to Don and 519-686-9559

**SPRING CLEAN UP**  
**Sat. April 22 at 9:00 am**

The Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee cleaning up the grounds after a very long cold winter.

Many projects are planned for the day. The main project will be removing invasive buckthorn. Please bring your own rake, shovel or pruning shears as the club has a limited number.

An unlimited supply of coffee and hot chocolate will be available throughout the day.

The Grounds committee will hold their first meeting on this morning just before lunch. If you are interested in joining this group, please come out.

**A NIGHT OF EUCHRE**

Thank you to Andre Koch and Teresa Couture for hosting the March Euchre evening for the 35 players in attendance. Thank you to Pat Lockrey for helping to make sandwiches for the evening.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Stan Gibbs (74)  
High Lady – Cora Thompson (79)  
Most Lone Hands – Marg McKellar (5)  
Mystery Man – Jerry Manx & Fred Sanders  
Mystery Lady – Eleonore Von Ruczicki  
50 / 50 – Debbie Parker (\$ 43.50)

**POT LUCK DINNER & EUCHRE**

The final euchre of the season will be held on Sat. April 22. The evening will start earlier as we will be enjoying a Pot luck dinner. The doors will open at 5:30 pm and we will eat between 6:00 and 7:00 pm. As the club has an ample supply of serving utensils, we ask that you leave yours at home to avoid any confusion. If you are bringing a hot dish, we ask that you bring a towel or heat pad to put under your dish to protect the tables.

The card games will start at 7:00 pm. The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need to have a partner when you arrive.

**FISHING LEAGUE**

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm till dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby.

**POACHING**

Poaching is a serious problem. Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond.

If you see anyone fishing with no visible membership card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing. Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

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**SPRING TROUT DERBY**

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

**DATE:** Sun., April 23  
**TIME:** Register at 7:30  
**DERBY:** 8:00 till noon  
**COST:** Members \$ 15.00  
Non-Members \$ 18.00  
Youth \$ 5.00 (12 and under)

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.

**LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY**

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

**DATE:** Sat., May 13th  
**REGISTER:** 7:30 am until 9:00 am  
**TOURNAMENT:** runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon  
**COST:** \$ 15.00 Members  
\$ 18.00 Non-members  
\$ 5.00 Youth members  
\$ 5.00 Lunch only

Note to the ladies: Making your own sundaes with unlimited amounts of toppings will be for dessert.

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting their fish, boat driving and making "Timmies Runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

Andre is in need of male volunteers for the day. If you are interested in helping out, please call Andre at 519-685-5725.

Thank you  
Andre Koch

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## FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult. Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas and way from other anglers.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by resident raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are done cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. All Black Crappie larger than 9 inches are breed stock and must be returned to the water.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area. This book will also give you an idea of what bait that trout currently find attractive in an effort to increase your chances of getting a big one to take home.

All trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit.

If you have any questions or comments, please speak with the Ponds committee or any Executive member.

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA" for only \$ 20.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time.

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone and is present at club meetings and functions.

## 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.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Please contact the club caretakers, Barb at 519-681-2370 to get the low rental rates and availability of the hall.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe party, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

As the date of each event gets closer, the details of the function, including the contact person, will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the Bulletin Boards at the club and on the club website, [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org).

If you are interested in participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson who can answer any questions that you may have. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

The event calendar for 2017 – 2018 is available on the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

Sat. Apr. 8	1st stocking – To be confirmed
Thurs. Apr. 13	General meeting
Sat. Apr. 15	Eater Breakfast
Sun. Apr. 16	Easter Sunday
Sat. Apr. 22	Spring Clean up Pot luck dinner and Euchre
Sun. Apr. 23	Spring Trout derby
Sat. May 6	2nd stocking- to be confirmed
Thurs. May 11	General meeting
Sat. May 13	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 14	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 25	Youth Committee meeting and Executive meeting
Thurs. June 8	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 17	Yard Sale Car Wash & BBQ
Sun. June 18	Father's Day
Thurs. June 22	Youth Committee & Executive meetings
Sun. June 25	Youth Activity Day

Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.



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