

April 2018



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April

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

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12 Ladies Only Trout Derby
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Victoria Day	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	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 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.



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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting 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.

If you move or change phone numbers or email, please let Val Grahl know. The club does not assume responsibility if your membership lapses and we do not have your correct contact information.

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to express my deepest gratitude for the support I received at the elections. If you have not already heard, I was re-elected as your President for another term. The Executive Body remained unchanged for the upcoming year. I guess we must be doing a good job.

This year promises to be another good one for us; we have some new ideas to work with and some old ones that need repeating. Please try to attend a general meeting to meet your club Executive and bring forth any ideas or concerns that you might have. Of course, members are encouraged to attend both the General and Executive meetings. Once again, thanks.

On another topic, as the Chair for the Ponds Committee, I will be hosting many derbies and organizing the Fishing League. To take part in the Fishing League, all that is required is your presence on Tuesday nights starting at 5:30 pm and goes till dark. The cost is \$ 2.00 per night with half the proceeds going for year-end prizes and the other half to that night's winner. You can also get points from finishing in the top three at most of our derbies.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

JIGG'S DINNER Saturday, Sat. April 7

The cutoff date for obtaining your Jigg's Dinner tickets has past. Hopefully, you are one of the lucky individuals who will be able to enjoy this annual Jigg's Dinner.

The doors will open at 5:00 pm to allow the group to socialize before dinner. The meal will be served around 6:00 pm. And will consist of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef and gravy, potatoes, vegetables, roll and butter. There is also a range of salads, cheese and relish trays. After dinner, enjoy your tea or coffee with a sampling from a wide range of prepared desserts and squares.

SPRING FLING DINNER, DANCE & SILENT AUCTION Sat., March 17, 2018

What an amazing evening!

Cathy Truelove wanted to do something with the club in memory of her late husband, Peter Tolsma. Cathy and her partner, Dale Sewers and their band, Fine Wine came to entertain at the Spring Fling on St. Patrick's Day. The event was catered by Belmont Catering. A few "friends" of the band dropped by to play, including Jim Chapman and Gary Boyle. Many contributors donated items to the Silent Auction which raised about \$ 500.00 for the club.

On behalf of the club members and the Executive Body, I would like to thank Cathy and Dale for all they have done to assist the club over the years, in its endeavors. This evening is so popular that discussion is currently working out the details for a Spring Fling next year.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING Fri., April 13 at 6:30 pm

For those of you who are 13 years to 17 years old and would like to be more involved with the club, come and join the Youth Committee.

The benefit of being a member of the Youth Committee are:

- If you are aged 16 – 18, your Youth fee of \$ 70.00 is waived with your involvement in the committee
- You will receive a hat and t-shirt and an ID tag
- You will be chosen first for your community school hours
- You get valuable exposure to working within a successful group of like-minded youth club members.
- When you turn 18 years old, you will automatically become a paying member of the club and do not have to be placed on the long waiting list for membership. If you go away to university, your membership will be renewed when you complete your studies.

If you are interested and want to learn more about this group, you only need to be 13 to 17 years old and show up at 6:30 pm on Friday, April 13. We will be discussing upcoming activities and elections. There will be pizza and pop served at this meeting, so bring your appetite.

If you have any questions, please call Youth Committee Mentor, Andre Koch, at 519-685-5725 in the evenings.

Andre Koch and Jeanette Jurasek (Adult Mentors)

CLUB MERCHANDISE - NEW PRICING

Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Toques	\$ 10.00
Baseball caps	\$ 12.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 15.00 – while supplies last
Camo hats	\$ 20.00
Short sleeve T-shirts	\$ 15.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Hoodies	\$ 30.00
Zippered Hoodies	\$ 40.00
Wiki Golf shirts	\$ 25.00 – while supplies last

The club has pens, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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

EUCHRE

The March 26th evening of Euchre was hosted by Steve & Teresa Couture. Thirty-two players came out to enjoy the fun evening of cards.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Detlef Von Ruzicki and Gerry Lalonde

High Lady – Lois Tillotson

Most lone hands – Arlene Whiteway

Mystery Man – Don Parker

Mystery Lady – Ruth, Andrea and Kay

50/50 – Hafeeza Rahaman (\$ 29.00)

Remember to mark your calendars for the final evening of Euchre which is Sat. April 28th. The doors will open at 5:15 pm. We will eat our Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 pm with the games beginning at 7:00 pm SHARP. I ask that if you are bringing a hot item or dish, please bring a towel or hot pad to protect the tables. Please leave all serving utensils at home to avoid confusion. The club has an ample supply of utensils.

The games are open to both members and non-members. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

1st TROUT STOCKING

The tentative day for the 1st stocking of trout this spring is Sat. April 7. The date and time, once confirmed will be posted on the club bulletin boards and on the website. Please check frequently as the date gets closer.

Hopefully, around mid-morning, we are able to co-ordinate with our supplier and stock the pond with Trout. These trout are transferred to the water very quickly to minimize stress. Please come dressed to be splashed. If you choose to come and watch, we ask that you position yourself out of the way of those involved with stocking.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Sat. April 14

On Sat, April 14, a crew of volunteers will meet at 8:30 am to clean up the club grounds after the winter. A number of tasks are planned. Please bring your own rake and work gloves. Refreshments will be provided.

FLY FISHING ROD DRAW

Sun. April 15

Once the winners of the Spring Trout Derby have been announced, WOFGPA will draw for a fly fishing reel and rod.

The 3.5-inch fly reel is wood carved, engraved and is in a brass housing. The rod is 4 piece, 9 feet long and 8 weight.

Tickets are limited to 250 at \$ 5.00 each. Please see Andre Koch to get yours before they sell out.

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 15
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.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

For more information and the starting date of the next course, please contact Emad by phone at 519-317-4132 or by e-mail at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

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 12th
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

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 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 receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or on a Saturday evening

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

Please contact the club caretaker, 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

The Entertainment Committee and the Executive will be meeting in early March to finalize the event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 year.

If you are interested in joining this group or would like more information, please contact Teresa Couture at 519-668-6257 (evenings).

I am hoping to see a few new faces who just might add some fresh ideas.

If you are considering joining one of the committees at WOFGPA, there is no time like the present

WREATH BRIGADE

I would like to thank the volunteers in our Wreath Brigade for tremendous effort making the production and the beautiful decorations, a fabulous success. Thanks to Mary Degan, Angela and Marco Liberatore, JoAnne Feere and Todd Stewart, Patricia Szielasko, Cora Thompson, Steve and Teresa Couture, Stan and Cindy Gibbs, Fred Manuel, Amina Reabel, Howard Jaeger, Brian Twigg, Sandy Kechnie, Dave Lacrosse, Rocky, Eleonore Von Ruczicki, Dianne Waite, Nikolaus, Tracy McCaw and Julie Thursby. A special thank you to Jeff Northgrave for the grape vine wreaths. Thank you to Lawrence Lainchbury for his very cooperative support in all kinds of jobs.

Thank you all and I see you next season. God willing.

As you do your spring clanging this year, I ask that you gather any unwanted trinkets or Christmas ornaments (non-glass only) that the Wreath Brigade could use to decorate with next winter. Donations can be left with the caretakers or brought to any meeting. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Hermann Szielasko

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season should be available soon. It will be posted on the website once the details are finalized.

Sat. April 7	Jigg's Dinner 1 st stocking (tentative date)
Thurs. Apr. 12	General Meeting
Fri. Apr. 13	Youth Committee Meeting & Pizza Party
Sat. April 14	Spring Clean up
Sun. Apr. 15	Spring Trout Derby Fly fishing rod draw
Thurs. Apr. 26	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 28	Pot Luck dinner and Euchre
Thurs. May 10	General Meeting
Sat. May 12	Ladies Only Trout Derby
Sun. May 13	Mother's Day
Mon. May 21	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 9	Black Crappy Derby
Thurs. June 14	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sat. June 16	Yard Sale, BBQ and Car Wash
Sun. June 17	Father's Day
Sun. June 24	Peter Tolsma 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.

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the benefits this club has to offer and not be just a "name" on a committee.



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