

April 2023



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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Post Election Dinner
2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday	8 Easter Breakfast
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting	14	15 Spring Clean up
16 Spring Trout Derby	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Ladies Only Derby
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Victoria Day (Stat)	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective
Association
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Club Merchandise

Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

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Club Caretakers

Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

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

I came across this poem a few years back, and every once and a while I use it to encourage our membership to get involved in all aspects of our club.

This includes volunteering when the need is there, and also joining us for many of the functions that we put on. If the participation is there, we as members reap many rewards, and financial stability for our club.

I realize over the past few years, Covid has played a part in members participation on volunteering and attending functions. I hope this trend is meeting its end, so we can all enjoy each other at our club.

Please keep in mind that if our attendance at events and functions stays low, we will have to rely on membership dues to cover our costs in running our club. I'm sure that most of you have experienced significant rate increase in your daily lives, we also have.

Are you an active member;
The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented
That your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings
And mingle with the crowd?
Or do you stay at home
And crab both long and loud?

There's quite a program scheduled
That means success if done,
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
So, attend the meetings regularly,
And help with hand and heart—
Don't be just a member,
But take an active part.

Think this over, member:
Are we right or are we wrong?
Are you an active member?
Or do you just belong?

by Anonymous

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION

For each General Meeting that you attend, you will receive a ballot for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is done each March during the Elections.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

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. General meetings are not held in July and August.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is April 1, 2023, then your membership ran from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of April, 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. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

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.

WELFARE

Many club members who are not 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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our heartfelt condolences are with Robert Planques and his family after the passing of his father Ray.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Rod Cameron and his family after the sudden passing of his son Noel.

Congratulations to Joe Ruscio as he celebrates his 90th birthday with family and friends.

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

**POST ELECTION DINNER
Saturday, April 1, 2023**

Dinner at 6:00 pm Cost: \$ 25.00 per adult

(The cutoff date for getting your tickets is Thurs., March 9th)

It is a WOFGPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests. In previous years, this was the Jiggs Dinner. This year, the attendees can expect a delicious dinner of lasagna, salads and assorted rolls with butter. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee.

Along with a fantastic dinner, your ticket will include a chance to win a 4.5-hour walleye fishing charter in June, for 4 adults or 4 adults and 2 children, courtesy of Twin Bridge Charters. Use of fishing equipment is included in the charter. The normal cost of this charter would be \$525.00. No cash value will be offered to the winner.

Jeanette Jurasek, club Secretary, will be at each meeting and function for you to obtain your advance tickets. Tickets are available now for purchase and will sell out quickly. Only sixty-five tickets are available.

Advance purchase of tickets is required so that appropriate supplies can be purchased.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. 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.

Please speak with any of the Executive at meetings and functions.

FOR SALE

If any members wish to sell or donate a watercraft that they no longer use, please contact Stan Gibbs with the details.

**EASTER BREAKFAST
Sat, April 8, 2023
Breakfast served 9 til 11 am**

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

Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, toast, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:
\$ 6.00 Adults
\$ 5.00 Children (2 to 5 years)
No charge for children (under 2 years)

**SPRING CLEANUP
Sat. April 15
8:30 am start**

After a long winter, there are a few things planned to get the club grounds in top shape for the warmer months.

Please bring a rake if you have one. We supply the gloves, refreshments and camaraderie.

Lou Liberatore can be reached at any time to answer your questions.

**SPRING TROUT DERBY
Sun. April 16**

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 16
TIME: Register at 7:30
DERBY: 8:00 till noon
COST: Members \$ 18.00
Non-Members \$ 20.00
Youth \$ 10.00 (12 and under)

The cost of derby entry will increase at the next derby.

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 DERBY
Sat. May 13th

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.

PRE-REGISTRATION CUTOFF: Executive Meeting on Thurs., April 27th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

NEW PRICING

COST: \$ 25.00 Members & Non-members
\$ 15.00 Girls (age 12 and under)
\$ 8.00 Gentleman's lunch

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.

Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the morning and at lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.

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 only and not on daytime rentals. 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 engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently

Sat. April 1	Post Election Dinner
Fri. April 7	Good Friday
Sat. April 8	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. Apr. 13	General Meeting
Sat. April 15	Spring Clean up
Sun. April 16	Spring Trout Derby
Sat. May 13	Ladies Only Derby

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

The new event calendar for the upcoming year will be completed shortly. Watch for details of upcoming events.



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