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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.



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.

GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU MUST ATTEND THE CLUB TO PAY YOUR DUES, PLEASE COME AT 7:00 PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE MEETING (4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Missed Opportunities

In my last note to you, I expressed a concern with the lack of support in some of our recent events.

Earlier this month we hosted our Annual Bass Derby. Even with a very generous sponsor (Finch Chrysler) and the promise of some very good prizes, our attendance was dismal. To the few that did show, they were treated to a very fine day of fishing, a decent meal, and some great prizes. I hope they pass the word around to entice future participation.

Future functions that might be attractive to you, is our Annual Pig Roast in October, and our Fall Trout derby in the same month.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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 thoughts and prayers are with Paul Noble and his family after his father Colin's passing.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob Rossi and his family after the passing of Bob's wife Frances.

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:

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

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone.

If your renewal date on your renewal notice is August 1, 2022, then your membership ran from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of August, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and 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 which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. 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 on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. 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.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat. October 1

We are pleased to announce that our functions are resuming after such a long time.

Tickets for our Annual Pig Roast will be available by the Executive Meeting in August.

If you wish to get tickets, please contact Jeanette Jurasek at home or at every meeting and function.

Don't delay as there will be a limited number of tickets available.

ANNUAL BASS DERBY
Sat. July 9th

Yet another beautiful day for the anglers to come and show their skills in our Annual Bass Derby. Thank you to the volunteers who came to assist with this event. A special thank you to Finch Chrysler for their generous donation and sponsoring the day.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

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| 1 st | Jeff Zeisner | 155 cm |
| 2 nd | Scott Howe | 149 cm |
| 3 rd | Bill Vanwettering | 85 cm |

Youth Division

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| 1 st | Noah Ramanczuk | 126 cm |
| 2 nd | Luke DaCosta | 80.5 cm |
| 3 rd | Dario DaCosta | |

Biggest Bass Stan Gibbs 48 cm

50/50 Scott Howe \$ 35.00



President Stan Gibbs holds yet another Biggest Bass (48 cm)

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.

Randy Keating will be available at all meetings and functions to assist you with your purchase or your custom order.



EUCHRE RESUMES

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars. It has been a very long time since this event was held so, please spread the word to other Euchre players.

DATE: Saturday, September 24th

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and the public. 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.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Jeanette Jurasek for details. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be always present should their help be needed.

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. 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.

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

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. Now that the weather is warmer, the fish will move to deeper, cooler water.

The north and the main dock have benches installed for members use. If you prefer to use a lawn chair, please take it home with you when done fishing and do not store it on club property. At no time are tree stumps to be used on the docks.

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

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 or the red-tailed hawk who watched intently as you cleaned it. 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. When done cleaning your catch, use hand sanitizer or wash your hands thoroughly in the washroom.

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.

RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's Constitution and the Rules & Regulations.

If any member would like a copy of one or both of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com or by telephone.

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

Mon. Aug. 1 Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 25 Executive Meeting

Mon. Sept. 5 Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 8 General Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22 Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept 24 Euchre resumes

Sat. Oct 1 Annual Pig Roast (tickets will be available starting August Executive meeting)

Mon Oct 10 Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs Oct 13 General Meeting
Sat Oct 15 Fall Trout Derby
Sat Oct 22 Euchre
Thurs Oct 27 Executive Meeting
Mon Oct 31 Halloween

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.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time during the year. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.

Laurier High School Environmental Program

For a few years, WOFGPA has worked with Laurier High School – Geography Department, Environmental Program Grade 10 students as they continue to learn outside of the classroom, including lectures by club members about the local environmental and cultural history. This year they finished school's last day with a visit to the club.





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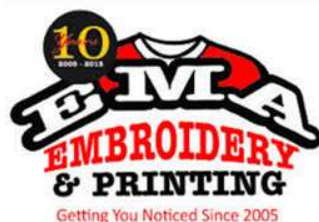
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