

## AUGUST 2025



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### August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Civic holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 150 <sup>th</sup> Adult Only Event
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	31

### September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labour Day	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 General Meeting	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				

**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.

**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST EACH YEAR. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES NEED TO BE PAID, PLEASE ATTEND THE EXECUTIVE MEETING. IF YOU NEED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, PLEASE CONTACT VAL GRAHL BEFORE YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSES.**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Summer's Here

I realize the official start of summer is on June 21st every year, but the end of the school year and the Canada Day long weekend usually is the time when summer starts in earnest.

With the start of the summer months comes more visitors to our club from members usually tied down to a desk. Moms and Dads, Grandmas and Grandpas will be looking to entertain those with time on their hands. Please keep this in mind when you drive on to the property, keep your eyes open and your speed down. Be care when you are backing up, most children have a sense of security thinking that our parking lot is not a city street, therefore they might forget to look out for cars.

Enjoy your summer!!

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 condolences are sent to Dave Masse after the sudden passing of his father.

Our condolences are sent to the Thompson family after the passing of life member Cora Thompson.

Our condolences are with the McGill Family after the passing of life member Shirley McGill.

#### **FISHING LEAGUE**

How it works: We meet at the club on Tuesday nights and be ready to fish at 5pm. This starts on the first Tuesday after our Spring Trout Derby, and concludes on the Tuesday before our Fall Trout Derby.

Attendance is not mandatory. Each Tuesday, we assign five different species of fish to target. All anglers pay \$2.00 per night to fish, with half the proceeds going to the angler with the most points that night, and the other half goes into a fund for the Angler of the Year Award. Points are also acquired if you finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of our derbies that we run

#### **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 August 1, 2025, then your membership period ran from August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025. Your membership will lapse at the end of August 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.

#### **150th CELEBRATION DAY (ADULTS ONLY) Sat. Aug. 23 3:00 pm till 11:00 pm**

This day is open for members and their guests who pre-registered by the deadline. Parking will be at a premium so please consider getting dropped off, carpooling with friends, taking a cab or UBER or parking at a local plaza.

The day will begin at 3:00 pm with a ribbon cutting, plaque and time capsule ceremony attended by local dignitaries and news station. Following this, there will be a catered dinner with musical entertainment continuing into the evening. Inside the hall will be a Bucket Bonanza (ends at 9 pm) and will be the only thing charged for.

Some of the items in the Bucket Bonanza include: a fishing charter for up to 6 people, 55-inch TV, suite seats to London Knights game, a Sage 7wt fly rod and Kuma Reel, 7 pc Fly Rod – Flextec Nomad 7 pc traveler, Custom net, Custom paddle, Men's gold ring with club insignia, round of golf for 2 with golf cart, ladies' gold chain with club insignia on pendant and much more.

This free day of food, music and drinks promises to be a wonderful celebration of our club, the oldest conservation club in Canada.

**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.

**SUMMER BASS DERBY**  
**July 5**

Thanks to all who came out: as an angler or as a volunteer.

The winners of the day were:

Biggest Bass	Jacob Bylow	54 cm
	(total length of fish caught 170 cm)	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Stan Gibbs	77 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Machado	34.5 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Derrick McAdams	33.0 cm



**Some of the children waiting to claim prizes**



**Marco Liberatore hands the prize for largest Bass to Jacob Bylow**

**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.

**FISHING CHARTER**

**Up to 6 persons on Lake Huron for 6 hours**

Ryan Sharpe, owner of Grand Bend Fishing Charters has graciously donated a trip fishing on Lake Huron. Tickets are \$ 10 each and the draw will be held at our 150<sup>th</sup> Adult Only Event on Aug. 23. Tickets are being sold now until the event and can be purchased from any of the Executive.

Info about the prize:

Up to 6 hours (dock to dock) for 6 persons

Must agree to policies posted on their website.

Must choose an available date (Mon – Fri) and before Oct. 2026

Target species: Salmon, Trout, Walleye

Method: Trolling (down-riggers, divers, planer boards, copper and lead-core lines)

Please visit Capt. Ryan Sharpe at [www.grandbendfishingcharters.com](http://www.grandbendfishingcharters.com) to review customer responsibilities

**DOORS OPEN LONDON**  
**Sept. 20 & 21**

As Canada's oldest conservation club, we are happy to be participating in Doors Open London this year. Please come out to see the displays that the club will be showing.

**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.

## 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

## 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](http://www.wofgpa.org).

**There are no General Meetings held during July and August. Please attend the club on the night of Executive meeting to pay your dues.**

Mon, Aug 4	Civic holiday
Thurs, Aug 21	Executive Meeting
Sat., Aug 23	150 <sup>th</sup> Adult Only event

Mon Sep 1	Labour Day
Thurs Sep 11	General Meeting
Sat & Sun Sep 20 & 21	Doors Open London
Thurs Sep 25	Executive Meeting
Sat Sep 27	Annual Pig Roast

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

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.



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