

## JULY 2016



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### JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Canada Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <b>Executive meeting</b>	15	16
17 <b>Bass Derby (official)</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27 <b>Youth Committee meeting</b>	28	29	30

### AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>Bass Derby (Unofficial)</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 <b>Executive meeting</b>	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 (about 15 feet) of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August.

**Due to vacation schedules, the July Executive meeting will be held on Thurs., July 14.**

**The August Executive meeting will be held on Thurs. August 25.**

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. 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 Grahll.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Our event calendar for 2016 – 2017 is posted on the club's website at [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org). 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 joining one of our many committees, please contact the current Chairperson. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee. This summer's events are:

Fri, July 1	Canada Day
Thurs. July 14	Executive Meeting (held early due to vacation schedules)
Sun July 17	Bass Derby (official) – contact – Stan Gibbs
Wed. July 27	Youth Committee Meeting
Mon., Aug 1	Civic Holiday
Sun. Aug. 7	Bass Derby (Unofficial) – contact- Andre Koch
Wed. Aug 24	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Aug 25	Executive meeting
Mon. Sept. 5	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 8	General meeting
Wed. Sept. 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22	Executive meeting
Sat. Sept. 24	Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)
Sat. Oct. 1	Pig Roast (tickets on sale now)
Sat. Oct. 8	1 <sup>st</sup> trout stocking
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct. 13	General meeting
Sun. Oct. 16	Fall Trout Derby
Sat. Oct. 22	Euchre (hosted by Youth Committee)
Wed. Oct. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 27	Executive meeting
Sat. Oct. 29	Movie Night (hosted by Youth Committee)

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. 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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summers Here

I realize the official start of summer is on June 21<sup>st</sup> 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

## RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work. Compensation includes a one-bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at [couture.house@hotmail.com](mailto:couture.house@hotmail.com). Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

## 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.

On Sat. July 16, Harry and Peggy Lukings will celebrate 60 years of wedded bliss.

Fred Sanders has been feeling well enough to visit the club for an afternoon of fishing. Glad to see him back on his feet again.

## FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm til 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.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW  
THURS., JUNE 9**

On Thursday, June 9th, immediately following our shortened General meeting, we held our annual barbeque meat draw.

The happy winners of the BBQ meat packages were: Stan Gibbs, Tony Dukic, Lawrence Lainchbury (x2), Don Wilson, Jim Graham, Joe Ruscio, Steve Couture and Teresa Couture.

The winners of the door prizes were: Mary Degan (x2), Jeff Jurasek, Brian Allen, Autumn Ernteman.

**PETER TOLSMA  
ANNUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY  
SUN., JUNE 26**

Unfortunately, this annual event had to be cancelled due to lack of response.

**OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY  
SUN., JULY 17**

<b>Registration:</b>	7:30 – 9:00 am	
<b>Derby Time:</b>	8:00 am till noon	
<b>Cost:</b>	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members are not allowed to fish prior to the start of the derby. During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

This bass derby is open to both members and non-members. Confirmation of the winner's bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall. The rules will be provided to each angler on the morning of the derby. Please let Stan know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water.

**UNOFFICIAL BASS DERBY**

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. As this derby is unofficial, the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support your bragging rights. The cost for this derby is \$ 8.00 per adult and \$ 5.00 per youth (aged 12 and under).

Mark your calendars.

**PIG ROAST  
(A taste of Italy)  
Sat. Oct. 1**

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the fixings and wine supplied with your meal on Sat., Oct. 1 at the club. The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring. Thank you to Lou Liberatore and Andre Koch for this great idea.

The limited number of tickets are \$ 20.00 per person and can be purchased from Andre Koch or Lou Liberatore.

Please note that all tickets are by advance purchase only so that an accurate amount of supplies can be purchased for the night.

**CLUB MERCHANDISE**

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” navy golf shirt and “camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

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 XL to XXXL). The embroidered “bucket” hats can be purchased for only \$15.00 each.

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

**SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS**

The Executive hopes that everyone has a safe and happy, fun-filled summer. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

Although WOFGPA does not discourage pet owners from bringing their pets to the club, please be aware that all pets must be on leash and under their owner's control at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. The police will be notified if your pet is left in your vehicle. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home. Your barking dog on the dock is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate clothing or sunscreen which is applied according to the label directions. Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV. Sunburns and heat exposure issues can even occur on an overcast day. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water or fruit juices or eat fresh fruit.

Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either. Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. These symptoms can include any combinations of: dry mouth, excessive thirst, scant urinary output, muscle pain or spasms in the legs, shoulders or abdomen, vomiting, hot and red skin, absence of sweating, fever and rapid shallow breathing.

If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room immediately.

If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

## 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.

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 finished cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

As there is currently an abundance of Black Crappie in the 8 – 10 inch size, please take them but remember to take only enough for one meal.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Always record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area before you leave the club.

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.



**Rob Clarke proudly shows the 15 lb. carp that took him 20 minutes to land off the front dock, with a borrowed net. Lesson learned: bring a net as you never know how big a fish you will catch!**

## TURTLES

A few of the anglers at the club have managed to catch a Trout and put it on their stringer while they continue to fish their limit. The turtles have been taking bites out of the fish on the stringer. We ask that you check your stringer frequently and be on the "look out" for opportunistic turtles who seek an easy meal. Our resident turtles are quite large and can be aggressive.

As well, June is breeding season for our resident turtle population. Turtles lay eggs in the grassed and gravel areas as well the dirt in the flower beds, so we ask all members to watch out for the obvious signs of a turtle nest. Please do not disturb any nests that you may find.

## 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 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 rentals.

## 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](mailto:emadhaz@heafs.com) or visit his website [www.heafs.com](http://www.heafs.com)

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