

JULY 2017



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July

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

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Black Crappie Derby
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Youth Committee and 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 & 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 of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

SUMMERTIME MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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

The dates for the Executive meetings this summer are Thurs., July 27 and August 24th.

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 Grahl at 519-453-0659.

It is very important that you give any changes in mailing address, email or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee).

WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently 4 to 5 year wait.

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Happy 150th Anniversary Canada!

Did you know that on July 1, 1867, the nation was officially born when the Constitution Act joined three provinces into one country: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Canada province, which then split into Ontario and Quebec? However, Canada was not completely independent of England until 1982.

The holiday called Dominion Day was officially established in 1879, but it wasn't observed by many Canadians, who considered themselves to be British citizens.

Dominion Day started to catch on when the 50th anniversary of the confederation rolled around in 1917.

The 100th anniversary in 1967 saw the growth of the spirit of Canadian patriotism and Dominion Day celebrations really began to take off. Although quite a few Canadians already called the holiday Canada Day, the new name wasn't formally adopted until October of 1982.

On Sat. July 1st, 2017, join together with others to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada. This day is also known as the 150th anniversary of Confederation or "Canada 150" as promoted by the Canadian government.

Throughout the country, Canadians are celebrating the diversity of the nation and their pride in being Canadian. We hope that you take part in the festivities planned in your area.

Teresa Couture
Secretary

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The June monthly meeting draw was won by Stan Gibbs.

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.

Our best wishes are with Brian and Nancy Logie as they celebrate 50 years of marriage.

On April 23, Jim Limin passed peacefully in his sleep. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.

Best wishes go to Brian Logie for healthier days ahead.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee will meet each Wednesday evening at the club at 6:00 pm to tackle any ground work that needs to be done. Once the evening's work is complete, the group may go fishing so have your fishing rod handy. New members are welcome to come out at any time.

MICRO-LIGHT 2 PIECE SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 15, 2017 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)

Paul Noble has made a Micro-Light, 2-piece spinning rod to be used as a draw prize.

Tickets cost \$ 5.00 each and are limited to 200 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

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.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm till 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 8, 2017**

Following the shortened General Meeting in June, the club held its Annual BBQ Meat Draw.

The winners of the meat packages were: Lawrence Lainchbury, Tom McGill (x2), Don Turner, John Hleba, Andre Koch, Bert Smit, Val Grahl, Don Colborne and George Maudsley.

The winners of the door prizes were: John Hleba, Wes Lovell, Henry Van Eerdewijk, and Geoff Bradley.

Congratulations all!

Thank you to the ticket sellers, cashier and refreshment assistance.

**YARD SALE & CAR WASH
Sat. June 17**

The Yard Sale, the Car Wash and the BBQ were a great success again this year. Thanks to all who participated on this hot morning.

**OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY
SUN., JULY 9**

Registration:	7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	
Derby Time:	7:30 a.m. till noon	
Cost:	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.

**BLACK CRAPPIE DERBY
SAT., AUGUST 12**

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

The Unofficial Bass Derby will not be held this summer but instead, WOFGPA will be holding its first Black Crappie Derby on Sat., Aug. 12. As most anglers know, the pond has an abundance of Black Crappie just waiting for your baited line or lure to entice them to take a bite.

The derby will run from 8:00 til noon with registration beginning at 7:30 am.

The winner will be determined by to length of 5 longest Black Crappie.

As with all club derbies, members are not allowed to fish the pond 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.

More details will follow in the August newsletter.

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.

The north and the main dock have new benches installed for members use. If you prefer to use a lawn chair, please take it home with you when done fishing. 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.

The turtles in the pond are quite large and somewhat aggressive. They have been known to take bites out of fish that are on a stringer. Be on the constant lookout for turtles while angling.

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 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.

If you are taking Black Crappie home for a meal, we ask that you take enough for only one meal. The pond currently has an abundance of Black Crappie and a derby has been scheduled for Sat., Aug. 12.

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Camouflaged" ball cap, embroidered with orange "WOFGPA" for only \$ 20.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, 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.

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 caretakers, 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 party, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS

The Executive hopes that everyone is enjoying a safe and happy, fun-filled summer in spite of all the rain that we have received so far. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

It is mandatory that all persons in a watercraft on the club pond wear an appropriate sized PFD, without exception.

Your barking dog is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish. 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.

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 sunscreen, according to the label directions and 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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS TO BE RENEWED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, REMEMBER THAT THE CLUB HOLDS ONLY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND NOT GENERAL MEETINGS. MARK THE DATE AND DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE.

The event calendar for 2017 – 2018 is available on the club website www.wofgpa.org

Sat, July 1	Canada Day (Stat)
Sun, July 9	Bass Derby
Thurs., July 27	Executive Meeting
Mon, Aug 7	Civic Holiday
Sat. Aug 12	Black Crappie Derby (New event)
Thurs, Aug 24	Executive Meeting
Mon, Sept 4	Labour Day (Stat)
Thurs., Sept. 14	General Meeting
Sat., Sept 23	Euchre
Thurs., Sept. 28	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct. 12	General Meeting
Sun. Oct. 15	Fall Trout Derby
Sat. Oct. 21	Pig Roast
Thurs. Oct. 26	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 28	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 14	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 28	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
TBA	Tree lot set up and fall clean up
Sat. Nov. 25	Tree Sales start
Sat. Dec. 9	Breakfast with Santa Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 14	General Meeting Annual Turkey Roll
Thurs., Dec. 28	Executive Meeting

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.

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.

If you are interested in participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson who can answer any questions that you may have. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

The Executive and Committee Chairs hope that the members have a happy, fun-filled summer.



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