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THERE ARE NO GENERAL MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST. PLEASE COME TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 7:00 PM TO PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

July

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

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Civic holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	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 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.

 **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 26 and August 23rd. 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.

It is very important that you send any and all 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 a 4-year wait.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A while ago, a member of the club brought it to our attention that we enjoyed one of the cheapest annual dues rates of almost all the clubs in the surrounding area. It is quite remarkable that we can enjoy the lake, grounds, hall, great functions, and good tasting Trout for such nominal membership fees. We recognize that some members joined the club solely for the benefit of being able to catch Trout regularly in close proximity to their home while others also attend some of our many functions held throughout the year.

When each member joined it was stressed to them that WOFGPA depends on the efforts of its many volunteers, which have kept the membership fees so low over the years.

Do you enjoy all that the club has to offer? If so ... let's get involved, supply new ideas and attend some of the many functions throughout the year. This is your club so come out and help polish this "jewel" in the heart of the city.

All members should note that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August. Membership renewals and sticker distribution will be done prior to Executive meetings from 7:00 till 7:30 pm. If you are unable to attend an Executive Meeting during the summer months, alternate arrangements must be made by contacting the Membership Committee Chair, Val Grahl.

Remember to keep cool and well hydrated as you head out to enjoy all the fun on the hot, "dog days of summer".

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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.

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

BLACK CRAPPY DERBY Sat. June 9

The winners of the Black Crappy Derby were:

1 st	Stan Gibbs
2 nd	Alex Duffitt
3 rd	Scott Howe
	Gord Spotton
Biggest Fish	Steve Couture

Thank you to all who came out to assist with registration, measuring and of course, serving the amazing lunch for the group.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 14

Thank you to those handling the money, running the bar, assisting with snacks and the ticket sellers for a great evening.

The winners of the BBQ Meat packages were: Jeanette Jurasek (x2), Don Colborne, Paul Noble, Tony Dukic, Wes Lovell, Tracy McCaw, Geoff Bradley, Teresa Couture and Val Grahl.

The winners of the door prizes were: Cora Thompson, Lawrence Lainchbury, Geoff Bradley and Steve Gaebel.

GOOD OF ASSOCIATION

The June monthly meeting draw was won by Paul Noble (\$ 90.50)

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

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.

PETER TOLSMA YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY
Sunday, June 24

What a turnout there was for the Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day. Thirteen children and their escorts thoroughly enjoyed themselves, especially one little girl who came to build a birdhouse. Although showers threatened throughout the morning, they held off till the afternoon.

Thank you to all those who assisted in making this day memorable for all the children present.

A special thank you to Greg Balch who came with his collection of wild animals and birds. He spent time with the children to teach them about the wildlife, where they live and what they eat. His expertise and hands on approach will remain a lasting memory for these children.

The day began with a fishing derby where the children learned to identify the different species of fish and earned points for each type.

After a great lunch, they rotated through various stations which included: Greg Balch and his wildlife display, casting, fly-tying and bird house building.



Two young ladies learn to tie flies from the expertise of Mary Degan.

The winners of the different events were:

Fishing Derby

- 1st Finn Huber
- 2nd Owen Huber
- 3rd Drew Carson

Casting

- 1st Finn Huber & Aran Eggett
- 2nd Zale Nikolopoulos, Aris Nikolopoulos & Drew Carson
- 3rd Felix Eggett & Daniella Eggett



Little Noel finally got to build a birdhouse after waiting all morning.

BASS DERBY
Sun. July 8

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

Members are not allowed to fish anywhere in 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.

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE - NEW PRICING

Lanyards	\$ 5.00
Toques	\$ 10.00
Baseball caps	\$ 12.00
Bucket Hats	\$ 15.00 – while supplies last
Camo hats	\$ 20.00
Short sleeve T-shirts	\$ 15.00
Long sleeve T-shirts	\$ 20.00
Hoodies	\$ 30.00
Zippered Hoodies	\$ 40.00
Wiki Golf shirts	\$ 25.00 – while supplies last

The club has pens, 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 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.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. 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 outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2018

A new event calendar for the 2018 – 2019 season is available on the club's website at wofgpa.org

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Sun, July 1	Canada Day
Sun, July 8	Bass Derby
Thurs. July 26	Executive Meeting
Mon. Aug. 6	Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 23	Executive Meeting
Mon. Sept. 3	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 13	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 22	Euchre resumes
Thurs. Sept 26	Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 8	Thanksgiving
Thurs. Oct 11	General Meeting
Sat. Oct 13	Pig Roast
Sun. Oct 20	Fall Trout Derby
	Draw for Fly Rod and reel and accessories
Thurs. Oct 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 27	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 8	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 17	Fall Clean up and tree lot set up
Sat. Nov. 24	Euchre
Sat. Nov. 24	Christmas Tree sales and Wreath Brigade begin
Sat. Dec. 8	Breakfast with Santa
	Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 13	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Thurs. Dec. 27	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.

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.



Jeff Jurasek and daughter Emily enjoy a canoe ride around the pond (circa 2010)



View of the Lukings house from the main lawn of the club (from archives)



Rob Clarke learned that having a net is a necessity when he landed this 15 lb. carp at the club (circa 2016).



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