

## JULY 2023



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### July

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

### August

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

**REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN**

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective  
Association  
Executive & Committees for 2023 - 2024**

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**Fundraising**

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**Youth Committee (Adult Mentor)**

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**Club Merchandise**

Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

**Website Administrator and Public Relations**

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Stan Gibbs 519-709-9413

Angela Liberatore 519-680-1222

**Club Caretakers**

Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

**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 THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU MUST ATTEND TO PAY YOUR DUES, PLEASE COME AT 7:00 PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE MEETING (4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH). THESE DATES ARE JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> AND AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>.**

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

##### Special Event

Are you all aware that our club was established in 1875, this ranks us as one of the oldest conservation clubs in Canada. If you do a little math, you will realize that in two years we will be celebrating our 150th year in existence.

We would like to celebrate this in a special way. With that in mind we have organized a committee to come up with ideas, and are looking for help in this regard.

The club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek is heading the committee to organize a celebration of this momentous occasion for the club. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact Jeanette Jurasek [jeanette\\_jurasek@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com) or by phone in the evenings at 519-685-0237. She will be hosting a meeting in the fall to start planning so keep your eyes on upcoming newsletters.

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.

#### **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.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Teresa Couture - \$ 80.00.

#### **FOR SALE**

If any members wish to sell or donate a watercraft that they no longer use, please contact Stan Gibbs with the details.

#### **BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 8, 2023**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the evening.

The winners of the night were: Jeff Jurasek, Stan Gibbs, Murray Lane, Joe Isenor, Bob Thursby, Tim Locke, Don Colborne, Tracy McCaw (x2) and Larry Holtzman (x2).

The winner of the Farm Boy gift basket was Teresa Couture.

#### **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 July 1, 2023) are:**

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00

Boat Rack	\$ 60.00
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There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is July 1, 2023, then your membership ran from July. 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of July, 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.

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

#### **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

**SUMMER BASS DERBY**  
**Sat. July 8**

You must pre-register for this derby by contacting Stan Gibbs by June 22 Executive Meeting.

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

DATE: Sat., July 8  
TIME: Register at 7:30  
DERBY: 8:00 till noon  
COST: Adults \$ 20  
Youth \$ 10 (aged 12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

**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 night only.

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.

**SPECIAL OLYMPIAN**

At this time, we would like to acknowledge one of our club members, Chris Innes, who has participated in Special Olympics for many years.

Chris has recently returned from a Special Olympics competition in Berlin. While in Berlin, Chris received the winning gold medal in the relay race and took 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> place in two other races.

Chris has also been a senior hockey player with GBSA, George Bray Sports Association for over 25 years.

Congratulations Chris and keep up the great work.

**FISHING LEAGUE MEETING**

The fishing league meets each Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm in the parking lot by the boat rack. Cost is \$ 2.00 per night. New members are welcome anytime. The target fish changes each week.

**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

Sat July 1	Canada Day
Sat July 8	Summer Bass Derby
Thurs July 27	Executive Meeting
Mon Aug 7	Civic Holiday
Thurs Aug 24	Executive Meeting
Mon. Sept. 4	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 14	General Meeting
Sat. Sept. 23	Euchre (tentative)
Thurs. Sept. 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 30	Annual Pig Roast

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.

Watch for details of upcoming event in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club 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.



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