

June 2023



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JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Yard Sale - cancelled
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting & BBQ Meat draw	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Youth Activity Day
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective
Association
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Club Merchandise

Please see the Executive at any meeting or function

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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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club has recently suffered a great loss. On May 7th, following a long illness, the club's former 1st Vice President, Andre Koch passed away.

Andre was a great guy that thought his club was the greatest jewel in the heart of London and he strived to polish it constantly. He embraced many facets of our club's activities and contributed often "behind the scene".

Andre became a Director in the spring of 2012. The following year, he became 1st Vice President and continued in that capacity until the spring of 2019. He worked with the other Executive and Committee Chairs to help keep the club running smoothly while keeping true to the club's Constitution and its Rules and Regs. He was given Life Membership for his many contributions over the years.

In 2010, Andre implemented the 1st Annual Ladies Only Derby which continues to this day.

In 2014, Andre Koch and Jeanette Jurasek recognized the importance of having more youth involvement in the club. They formed the Youth Committee and became the Adult Mentors to this group.

Andre continually displayed his sense of fairness to all and his dedication to support the club and its members. He will be missed by many.

Rest in peace Andre.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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 27TH AND AUGUST 24TH.

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.

Our deepest condolences to Kim Koch and her family after the passing of her husband Andre on May 7th. Andre became a club Director in 2012 and then 1st Vice President from 2013 until 2019. He will be missed by many.

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

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is June 1, 2023, then your membership ran from June. 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of June, 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.

ANNUAL YARD SALE Sat. June 3rd

The Annual yard sale has been cancelled due to lack of interest.



BARBEQUE MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 8, 2023

After a short, June General meeting, on Thursday, June 8, we will be holding the Barbeque Meat Draw. There are 10 Tickets cost only \$ 1.00 each. The meat packs contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people. There is a door prize and 50/50 draw.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

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.

LADIES ONLY DERBY Sat. May 13th

What a beautiful day for the Annual Ladies Only Derby. Thanks to all those who assisted and made this a memorable day for all.

The ladies honed their expertise and caught lots of Trout.



The winners of the day were:

Adult Division:

- 1st name not recorded but she is Tracy McCaw's friend
- 2nd Tracy McCaw
- 3rd Janice Colborne

Youth Division

- 1st Name not noted but she is oldest Wencell daughter
- 2nd Alyana Wencell
- 3rd Emerald Wencell

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

FOR SALE

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



Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all 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.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sat. June 24

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Thurs., June 15. You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

Note: Members will not be permitted to fish the pond prior to the Youth Activity Day Derby. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:00 with fishing lasting until 11:00 am. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught rather than the number and size of fish. A BBQ lunch will be served following the derby. The afternoon will be filled with a variety of activities such as fly tying, bird house building, target casting and a water balloon toss to name a few. These events should finish mid afternoon.

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 only and not on daytime rentals. 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 engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 or the red-tailed hawk who watched intently as you cleaned it. 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.

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.

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 June 3	Yard Sale - cancelled
Thurs June 8	BBQ Meat Draw
	General Meeting
Sun June 18	Father's Day
Thurs June 22	Executive meeting
Sat June 24	Youth Activity Day

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

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.

The new event calendar for the upcoming year will be completed shortly. Watch for details of upcoming events.



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