NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER







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November 2014

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23 / 30	24	25	26 Youth Committee meeting	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Tree sales start

December 2014

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

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On-Site Caretakers

Please leave a message on the club phone or contact the any of the Executive for assistance

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 General and Executive meetings and questions are always welcome. If you wish to receive a copy of the full report, please attend either of these meetings.

The club website is available at

www.wofgpa.org

Please visit our website and let us know what you think about it and how we can improve it. All feedback from the membership is welcomed. Our website contains our club history, information about functions, links to other groups and a photo library. The monthly newsletter is sent electronically to members and is available on the website.



Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Headline London: "A new and much younger Council has been elected"

As most of you are aware by now, London voters have elected an almost entirely new City Council including the Mayor, During the election process, we to voters told the candidates that it was time for a change.

I wonder, can this be said for own Executive body that holds office at our club. Most of the leaders in our Association have been in office for quite some time, and my biggest fear is that we may become stagnant. To my knowledge this has not happened, but sometimes we do not see what is directly in front of us.

Please do not misunderstand my meaning in this letter. I feel that the Executive running this association, is and always has acted the club's best interest. My concern is that because we have been in office so long, other members might feel intimidated about running for office, and therefore our future. Please keep in mind that our own Election is coming soon; if you think you might be interested in running for a position, familiarize yourself with the person who holds that job and see what it is all about. It may surprise you that the job is not as complex as it appears.

On a different matter, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members that helped in the construction of the new front porch and stairs. This includes any member that helped in any way. We would like to get a picture of all those who participated, maybe at the tree lot setup this can be done.

There is one other person that I would like to thank and that is Howard Pearcey. Howard has spent many hours refining his carving talent on a new tree, which looks great. He has also spent much time on trying to preserve the existing one. Thanks for a great job, Howard!



It has come to my attention that someone has been using the trailer as a place to dump their personal garbage. Hopefully, the person or their vehicle can be identified through our camera security system. Unfortunately, the club will now have the added expense of having to pay to have this material disposed of at the dump.

On behalf of all the Executive, I would like to thank Ed and Sue Brown. At the start of the September Executive, they presented each of the Executive members with a floral arrangement that Sue created as a small measure to thank the Executive for all they have done. Ed and Sue, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this recognition of our efforts.

Yours in Conservation, Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

With great sadness we learned of the passing of one of our long time members, Tom Bird on Oct. 6. Our condolences and prayers go to Tom's wife, Joan and their family at this difficult time.

Our condolences and prayers are also sent to members: Lloyd and Cora Thompson after the passing of Lloyd's brother-in-law in October.

Many of the club's member's 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.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Saturday, December 6, 2014 9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: bacon and eggs, pancakes and baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at: Adults - \$ 5.00 Children - \$ 3.00 (2 to 5 years) Children under two years old – no charge

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart) while they wait for the visit from Santa.

After this event, and for a very reasonable price, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot.

EUCHRE

The Youth Committee with mentors, Jeanette Jurasek and Andre Koch did an excellent job of hosting the October Euchre evening.

The winners of the evening were: High Man – Peter Welch (71) with 4 lone hands High Lady – Zam Fakira and Cora Thompson (62) Most Lone Hands – Jerry Mantz (4) Mystery Man – Bill Lewis Mystery Lady – Teresa Couture 50/50 draw – Emily Jurasek

The next Euchre is Sat. Nov. 22 and will be hosted by Dave Jeffries and Cora Thompson. All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. The door will open at 6:00 pm to allow for socializing before the games begin.

Progressive Euchre is held on the 4th Saturday in each month from September through April (excluding December). Euchre is a fun filled, social evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members. Arriving at the games with a partner is not mandatory. There is a light snack served and door prizes are drawn at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SETUP Sat. Nov. 22 Starting at 8:30 am

On Sat. Nov. 16, starting at 8:30 am, the Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee the cleaning up the club grounds before the winter snow sets in.

There are a few tasks need to be done. The main task is leaf raking. If the leaves, especially the oak leaves are not raked up the grass will be affected in the spring. Please bring your rake from home. We will supply the work gloves and garbage bags.

At the same time, the Christmas tree lot will be set up.

Hot refreshments will be supplied. We hope to see a good turnout to make the workload easier for all.



This is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are what keeps your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond. Now is the time to get involved at your club and join the fun! Don will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar on Sat. Nov. 22 at the tree lot set up and fall cleanup. You may also contact Don at home by phone.

Sat. Nov. 22

This is the day set aside to set up the tree lot. If you have a cordless drill, please bring it. The day will start at 8:30 am, rain or shine.

Around Nov. 26 (Date to be confirmed)

It is expected that the trees will be delivered to the club before 10 am. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The large trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out. Delivery details, including date and time will be posted on the club Bulletin Board once finalized.

Sat. Nov. 29

Christmas tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold. If you wish to volunteer for a shift to sell trees, please speak with Don Colborne after Nov. 13 meeting. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices are:

\$ 30 – any tree up to 7 feet high \$ 40 – any tree larger than 7 feet

> \$ 12 – small wreath \$ 30 – large wreath \$ 5 - swag

TROUT STOCKING

Sat. Nov. 22 has been set aside for the final stocking of the year. The date and time of delivery has yet to be confirmed. The final details will be posted on the club bulletin boards. Check it frequently for updates.

BUCKET LIST – FISHING TRIP SILENT AUCTION – Dec. 11, 2014

Glen LeGrand, the owner of Camp Bonaventure in Paspeblac, Quebec, located in the Gaspe Peninsula, has generously donated to the club an all-inclusive Atlantic Salmon fly-fishing trip for 2 to Camp Bonaventure.

The package includes lodging, meals, fishing and professional guides. The silent auction winner and their guest will arrive at the camp on July 26, 2015 and leave on July 29th after fishing for the day. The trip does not include transportation costs and gratuities.

The total value of this package is \$ 6, 400.00 with a reserve bid of \$3,200.00. Your bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope before the start of the General Meeting on Dec. 11, 2014 addressed to: "Attention Executive – Fly fishing trip bid". Your bid must be rounded to the nearest dollar. The sealed envelopes will be opened during the December 11th General meeting.

The winner must pay a non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 to the club within 10 days of the silent auction and payment must be made in full by January 31, 2015 or the trip will be offered to the next highest bidder.

If there is a tie for highest bid, those members will be contacted and asked if they wish to increase their bid within 48 hours.

This silent auction is open to WOFGPA members only. Full details were sent by email to all members earlier this fall. Since the silent auction trip has no redeemable cash value, the winner may transfer it to another person if they choose.

ZOMBIE MOVIE NIGHT

On Sat. Oct. 18th, the Youth Group and their mentors hosted a "Zombie" Movie Night at the club.

The evening started out with a scary story by WOFGPA's own oneeyed Mad Trapper. Following the story, the children did a last minute "bathroom" break, made sure that they had their snacks and then settled down to watch the movie "Hotel Transylvania". Even the few children that stretched out on the floor with blankets did not fall asleep and were surprised when the Youth Group came in to the hall, in full gored-up dress with "goody bags" for each of the children.

In all, eleven children and thirteen adults were present. What a great turnout to such a fun night. I am sure that the positive response to this function will continue to encourage the Youth Group as they become more involved with functions. The Youth Group activities like Zombie Movie Night are ways for the younger members to know more about the club.

Thank you to all the Youth Committee: Anne, Emily and Scott Jurasek and Autumn Ernteman. The adults who assisted were: Andre Koch, Jeff and Jeanette Jurasek, Brian Ernteman and Lawrence Lainchbury. My apologies if I missed anyone.

FISHING LEAGUE

The winner of the Fishing League was Stan Gibbs. Thank you to all those who met each Tuesday to compete against other anglers and to share a few laughs.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE Sat. Dec. 13, 2014 10:00 til 4:00 pm

The Youth Group is organizing a Christmas Bazaar and Bake sale to be held in the main hall of the club.

They are asking for donations of home-baked goods and any decorations that can be sold.

If you are a crafty person and are willing to donate some items showcasing your "special talent", it would also be much appreciated. Remember that all proceeds will go to the club.

All donations will be accepted on Dec. 11 at the meeting or Dec. 12 at the club. Special arrangements and pick-ups can be made by contacting Andre Koch at his home in the evenings.

Please spread the word to your family, friends and neighbours that they can also come to the Bazaar and Bake Sale when they come to pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

ULTRA-LIGHT TRAVEL SPINNING ROD

Brian Allen is the pleased winner of the Ultra-light Travel Spinning Rod which was custom made by Paul Noble. We are sure that Brian will be using it as he angles his next large trout. Congratulations Brian.

TURKEY ROLL Thurs., Dec. 11, 2014 At 7:30 pm

Immediately following a shortened General Meeting

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. We also have door prizes to be won.

Refreshments, snacks and prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. Hope to see everyone there!

FALL TROUT DERBY

The derby was held on Sunday, Oct. 19th. Thank you to all those who assisted in making this event another success.

A special thank you to Cora Thompson who made all the cookies and date squares. What a treat!

The winners were:

Adult Division

1st place	Stan Gibbs	82 cm
2 nd place	Zdzislaw (Zed) Jedryczo	80 cm
3 rd place	Jeannette Jurasek	37 cm

Youth Division

1 st place	Jack Evans	106 cm
2 nd place	Harry Evans	30.5 cm

50/50 Draw - Peter Welch

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun will be teaching these courses for a very reasonable cost. There is 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 email at emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

WREATH BRIGADE AND KNIFE AND SCISSOR SHARPENING

Hermann Szielasko is the main contact for the Wreath Brigade which will begin meeting soon in the basement of the club. Under his tutelage, the wreaths are designed and sold at the Christmas Tree Lot. If you are interested in helping out on this venture, please call Hermann for details.

Hermann is offering to sharpen your knives, tools, scissors and lawn mower blades to your satisfaction at no charge to you. In lieu of payments, he is asking that you make a donation to the club Wreath Brigade. Please contact Hermann at 519-681-6507 for more details.

NEW ITEMS - CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – "Wick-away" golf shirts in navy with "WOFGPA" embroidered on it. What a deal at only \$ 28.00 each.

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

There is some merchandise in stock and custom orders can be easily placed. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL).

The embroidered bucket hats which can be purchased for only \$ 15.00 are unique items. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock.

SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, the Suggestion Box is located in the Fish Registry Room. The Executive and Committees hope that you will use this Suggestion Box to provide some fresh ideas, comments and constructive criticisms.

This input from members will help to provide direction as decisions are made to better WOF&GPA.

If you have a specific concern or if the matter is urgent or may be sensitive in nature, please speak to Stan Gibbs (President) directly by calling him at home in the evenings.

SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP

You must display a valid membership badge while fishing at the club. Please observe your daily limits as determined by your membership type and record your catch in the Fish Registry Book.

Each membership, except Youth, is allowed 2 guests per year and any Trout caught by a guest will count toward the member's daily catch limit.

Payments mailed to the club or left with the caretakers will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend a meeting to pay your dues, please make special arrangements with Val Grahl (Membership Chair) at 519-453-0659.

SMOKING

If you are someone who smokes and are visiting the club, please use the conveniently placed cans provided for your cigarette butts. New containers are coming soon.

Please do not toss them in the water, on the grassed areas or the parking lot. We are sure that you would find this very unsightly on your property and ask that you treat the club property with that same level of respect.

Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of any club entrance.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Garbage cans are located throughout the property for your use. Recycling cans are located on the club patio.

PETS AND CHILDREN

All dogs must be on leash on club property and under the control of their owner at all times.

A barking dog is not appreciated by other anglers.

If you have brought children to the club and they have grown tired of fishing, as they often do, we ask that you do not allow them to run up and down the docks while you continue to fish. All children under 16 must be supervised at all times on the property which includes the docks. The docks are for anglers and boaters to gain access to the water. They are not a piece of playground equipment.

All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult and not allowed to run around unsupervised on the grounds.

GEESE AND DUCKS AND TURTLES

Club members are reminded never to feed the Canada Geese or ducks, especially breads. Your intentions may be well meaning, but they are wild birds and their natural food supply is readily available.

The turtles in the pond have ample food supply in the water. Please respect any turtles and any nests you might find on the property by leaving them alone. The turtles in the club pond have been reported to be quite aggressive. Watch the fish on your stringer that they don't get bitten by the turtles.

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

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT WOFGPA

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. It will also be posted on the club website at www.wofgpa.org

Giving some time to help is a great way for both new and old members to get together while they aren't fishing.

Please offer your fresh ideas to any Executive or Entertainment Committee members or leave it in the Suggestion Box.

Thurs. Nov. 13 General meeting

Sign up for Christmas tree sales

Sat. Nov. 22 Euchre

Fall Clean up Xmas Tree lot set up 2nd Trout stocking

Wed. Nov. 26 Christmas tree delivery (date yet to be confirmed)

Youth Committee meeting

Thurs. Nov. 27 Executive meeting

Sat. Nov. 29 Xmas Tree sales begin and continue until all trees

are sold out

Sat. Dec. 6 Breakfast with Santa

Thurs. Dec. 11 General meeting & Turkey Roll

Silent Auction - Camp Bonaventure Fly-fishing

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Sat. Dec. 13 Youth Committee Bazaar and Bake Sale

Wed. Dec. 17 Youth Committee (one week early)

Thurs. Dec. 18 Executive meeting (one week early)

Thurs. Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Wed. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

We hope to see you at one of the many functions that have been planned.

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