

NOVEMBER 2023



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General meeting	10	11 Remembrance Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Fall Cleanup & Tree lot setups
19	20	21	22	23 Executive meeting	24 Tree sales begin	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Breakfast with Santa
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting & Turkey Roll	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that we have fresh trout in the pond, there has been an increase in the number of anglers at the club. It is nice to see folks that have been hibernating for the summer.

Unfortunately, with more people on the property, there is an increase in garbage being thrown around. Recently I have seen worm boxes, coffee cups, fishing equipment packaging and cigarette butts on the grounds, on the docks and in the waters. I was also told that some people are putting their butts down the holes in the docks, Really Folks!!!

Please keep in mind that we are a conservation club, and are responsible for the care and upkeep of our grounds and waters, please respect this.

With more anglers, this means tighter fishing quarters for those on the docks, respect your fellow anglers, there are lots of fish for everyone.

The club will be accepting unwrapped toys as well as monetary donations for Toys for Tots. These can be dropped off at the club at any meeting or at the Christmas Tree Trailer.

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.

We wish better days ahead for Ted Henderson as he recovers at home.

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.

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

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.

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 November 1, 2023, then your membership period ran from November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023. Your membership will lapse at the end of November 2023, 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. 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.

WOFGPA IS TURNING 150 YEARS (Sesquicentennial meeting)

In 2025, Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Assn will be celebrating its 150th anniversary. The journey to WOFGPAs sesquicentennial anniversary began in 1875.

The first meeting has been held and the group brainstormed for ideas and how to implement them. We are meeting again on Friday, November 17 at 6:30 pm.

If you would like to be a part of organizing this event, please contact Jeanette Jurasek, club Secretary and Chair of the 150th Anniversary Celebration either at home or at any club meeting.

Jeanette Jurasek
Secretary

FOR SALE

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

ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Thank you to everyone involved with making the Annual Pig Roast a success. The meal was excellent.

FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SETUP Sat. Nov. 18th at 8:30 am

Lou Liberatore is organizing the annual Fall Clean up before winter arrives. He has a long list. Please bring a rake if you have one. Gloves will be supplied.

At the same time, the tree lot will be set up. The delivery date has not been set as yet but will happen on a weekday between Nov. 20 – 24th. The truck must be emptied and trees stacked in a timely manner. Many able-bodied persons are needed. Please dress to get wet. We supply gloves and refreshments. The date will be posted on the bulletin board and the website or you can leave your name with Lou Liberatore for notification.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sun. Oct. 15

Mother Nature provided the anglers with another beautiful day on the pond. Forty-eight trout were caught on this morning.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to assist.

The winners of the day were:

1 st	Jeff Northgrave	119 cm
2 nd	Ryan Renaud	118.5 cm
3 rd	Luc Bell	117.5 cm

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs. Dec. 14th (Following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be 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. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Sat., December 9th 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: sausage and scrambled eggs, pancakes and baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

Adults – (age 12 and up) - \$ 8.00
Child – (under 12) - \$ 5.00

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

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

It is almost Christmas Tree selling time again. This is the club's 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!

Thurs., Nov. 9

Don Colborne and Lou Liberatore will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar until all shifts are filled. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours.

Sat. Nov. 18

This is the day set aside for fall cleanup and to set up the tree lot. The day will start at 8:30 rain or shine. The tree lot will be set up after the grounds have been cleaned. Trout are scheduled to be delivered as well.

Week of Nov. 20-24th (date to be confirmed)

The trees will be delivered to the club early in the morning. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out dressed to get damp and dirty. Work gloves and hot refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Fri., Nov. 24

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold.

Pricing for 2023

Wreaths & swags		\$ 30
Trees	under 5'	\$ 50
	5-6.5'	\$ 60
	6.5-7.5'	\$ 70
	7.5-8.5'	\$ 80
	Over 8.5'	\$ 90

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.

WREATH BRIGADE

As soon as the trees are delivered, the wreath brigade will be in full swing.

If you would like to volunteer to make the wreaths, contact Stan Gibbs. If you wish to volunteer to decorate the wreaths, contact Angela Liberatore. Drop ins are also welcome.

As you begin to unpack holiday decorations, please donate no longer wanted decorations and trinkets to the club wreath brigade.

These items will be used to adorn the beautiful natural wreaths that are sold at the same time as tree sales is occurring.

Please leave your donations at the club or bring to any meeting or function.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

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 locations frequently.

Thurs Nov 9	General Meeting
Sun Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Sat Nov 18	Fall Clean Up
	Tree Lot setup
Thurs Nov 23	Executive Meeting
Fri. Nov. 24	Tree sales begin
Sat Dec 9	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs Dec 14	General meeting
	Turkey Roll
Thurs Dec 21	Executive Meeting
Mon Dec 25	Christmas Day
Tues Dec 26	Boxing Day
Sun Dec 31	New Years Eve
Thurs. Jan 11	General Meeting
Thurs Jan 25	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.

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

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