

NOVEMBER 2025



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November

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

December

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

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

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Club Merchandise

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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

Volunteerism

I have often said that we have one of the best volunteer bases in our club. I have worked with many organizations in and around the city of London and have never experienced the dedication of so many. Every year there is an opportunity to nominate some of our volunteers to be recognized by the Ontario Government. This year our Executive body nominated six individuals that we felt deserved this recognition.

They are Lawrence Lainchbury 30+ years, Ron Dennis Sr 10+ years, Valerie Grahl 25+ years, Murry Lane 5+years, Don Colborne, and Luigi Liberatore 5+years



We have this opportunity on a yearly basis, so if you know of someone in our club that deserves this, please pass on their names to me.

Last spring, it was mentioned in our newsletter the launch of a photo contest that featured any fish caught with our 150th Anniversary lure.

We have had some very good pictures sent into us and now it is time to decide, with the winner receiving a nice gift from your club. Please go to our web site, www.wofgpa.org, and on the home page you will find a link to the pictures, please choose the one you like best and submit your choice to me at presidentwofgpa@gmail.com.

The best picture doesn't necessarily have to be the biggest fish. Please limit your vote to one, and you cannot vote for your own picture.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

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 heartfelt condolences to Brian and Terry Allen after the passing of Brian's sister.

ANNUAL MEETING DRAW

For each General Meeting that you attend, you can complete a ballot for a free one-year membership (no cash value). The draw is done each year at the Annual Elections in March of each year.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

NOTE: THE EXECUTIVE MEETING IN DECEMBER WILL BE HELD EARLY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 7:30 PM DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS.

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, 2025, then your membership period ran from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025. Your membership will lapse on November 30, 2025, 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.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. 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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club is now loaded with plenty of new swag for its members, family and friends. This is the club's 150th anniversary so come and get your collectable swag.

Blue zippered hoodies	\$ 55
Blue sweaters	\$ 30
Blue, long-sleeved T-shirts	\$ 30
Blue, short sleeved t-shirts	\$ 20
Blue Hoodies	\$ 40
Ball caps	\$ 15 - \$ 35
Winter Toques	\$ 15

Some items can be custom ordered such as jackets with name for an additional cost. Please see Marco or Angela Liberatore at any meeting or function.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST
Sat., Sept. 27

Thanks to all those involved with making the Annual Pig Roast a success.

Winners of the evening's door prizes were:

Farm Boy gift basket	Lawrence Lainchbury
Laser Tag for 6 people	Patsy Bowles
Niagara Parks	Stan Gibbs

50/50 draw \$ 115.00 Dominic Ruscio

FALL TROUT DERBY

Sun, Oct. 19th, was a rainy day but this didn't deter 54 adult anglers and 4 youth anglers from coming out to try their luck.

Thank you to the volunteers of the day.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Scot Howe	138 cm
2 nd	Kurt Boys	108 cm
3 rd	Mike Small	95 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Layla Lemanski	117 cm
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Largest Trout
Patrik Paulen 51 cm

50/50 draw \$ 125.00 Carmen Dariano



1st place adult winner... Scot Howe



1st place Youth winner...Layla Lemanski

**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

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Lou Liberatore is heading the Grounds Committee. He is asking that those interested in helping with the grounds come each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

The project will be announced each week. Many hands make light work.

WREATH BRIGADE

While the trees are being sold on the lot, the Wreath Brigade will be hard at work making and decorating wreaths, crosses and other novelties in the basement from all the donations received.

If you are able to assist with wreath making, please contact Stan Gibbs.

If you are able to assist with decorating, please contact Angela Liberatore.

Drop ins are always welcomed.

FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP

Sat. Nov. 15

8:30 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Lots of work needs to be done in cleaning the grounds prior to setting up the tree lot.

Please bring a rake if you have one.

Gloves and refreshments are provided.

If you can come, please confirm with Lou Liberatore.

TREE DELIVERY

Week of Nov. 17th – 21st

(date to be confirmed)

The truck will arrive fully loaded with trees which need to be unloaded in a timely manner. Once unloaded, the netting need to be removed from some as they are stood up on the tree lot.

Many hands make light work. Work gloves, refreshments and comradery abound. Hope to see a great turnout of able-bodied persons.

Tree sales begin on Fri., Nov. 21

TREE SHIFT SCHEDULING

Don Colborne is the main contact for scheduling persons for tree shift selling.

The shifts last only a few hours and cover morning, afternoon and evening shifts.

Only one person is required to handle cash in the trailer per shift. Lots of help is needed on the lot to sell trees, trim and bag trees and help get the tree to the car or truck. This is especially true on weekends and after dinner hour weekdays.

There always seem to be a race to get assigned the best shifts so don't delay in contacting Don Colborne.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat. Dec 6

9:00 til 11:00 am

Come out for a great club cooked breakfast before the family heads to the tree lot to pick that perfect tree for this Christmas.

Santa will arrive for a visit with the children around 10:30.

Cost:

Adults \$ 10

Children \$ 6 (ages 5 to 10)

No charge for children aged 4 and under

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. 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. 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 get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not on hourly rate rentals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for the 2025 – 2026 year is available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org. Details are also posted on club bulletin boards/

Tues Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs Nov 13	General Meeting
Sat Nov 15	Fall Clean up & Tree lot setup
Week 17 th – 21 st Nov	Tree delivery
Fri Nov 21	Tree Sales begin
Thurs Nov 27	Executive Meeting
Sat Dec 6	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs Dec 11	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Mon Dec 22	Executive Meeting (early due to holidays)
Thurs Dec 25	Christmas Day
Fri Dec 26	Boxing Day
Wed Dec 31	New Year's Eve
Thurs, Jan. 8	General Meeting
Thurs. Jan. 22	Executive Meeting

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.



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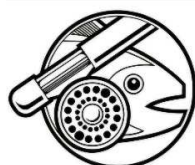
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