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OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Pig Roast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 1 st Stocking
9 Thanksgiving	10 Thanksgiving Monday	11	12	13 General meeting	14	15 Pond Walk and Clean up
16 Fall Trout Derby	17	18	19	20	21	22 Euchre (hosts – Youth Committee)
23/30	24/31	25	26 Youth Committee meeting	27 Executive meeting	28	29

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General meeting	11 Veteran's Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Fall Clean Up Tree Delivery 2nd stocking
20	21	22	23 Youth Committee meeting	24 Executive meeting	25	26 Euchre (hosts- Youth Committee) Tree Sales begin
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 & 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 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

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

Some years ago, the first impression I had of our club and its property was one of amazement, that this gem in the heart of a growing city could be so real. Like most of you, my initial draw was the fishing but over the years and experiencing many different seasons, the beauty of our property still fascinates me.

Last week I happened to be on the back dock just before sunset and was presented with this awesome sight that only nature can produce.



I sat for a while and watched the growing darkness wipe away this magnificent moment in time. These kinds of scenes are frequent at our club, no matter what time of day or year.

Enjoy.

Yours in conservation
Stan Gibbs

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In order to remain a valid member in good standing please attend a membership meeting to pay your membership dues, preferably at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

WELFARE

Many club members 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.



Smoking is not permitted within 5 metres (about 15 feet) of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our event calendar for 2016 – 2017 is posted on the club's website at www.wofgpa.org. 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 and on the club website, www.wofgpa.org

If you are interested in joining one of our many committees, please contact the current Chairperson. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee. This summer's events are:

Sat. Oct. 1	Pig Roast (tickets on sale now)
Sat. Oct. 8	1 st trout stocking
Mon. Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct. 13	General meeting
Sat. Oct. 15	Pond Walk and Clean up
Sun. Oct. 16	Fall Trout Derby
Sat. Oct. 22	Euchre (hosted by Youth Committee)
Wed. Oct. 26	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Oct. 27	Executive meeting

Thurs. Nov 10	General Meeting
Fri. Nov. 11	Veteran's Day
Sat., Nov. 19	Fall Clean up Xmas Tree Delivery 2 nd stocking
Wed. Nov. 23	Youth Committee Meeting
Thurs. Nov. 24	Executive meeting
Sat. Nov. 26	Euchre (hosts – Youth Committee) Xmas Tree Sales begin

Thurs. Dec. 8	General meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec. 10	Breakfast with Santa Bake / Craft Sale
Wed. Dec. 21	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. Dec. 22	Executive meeting

Each WOFGPA member pledged to give their time to better the Club during their initiation. Helping out is also a great way for the new members to meet others in a relaxed and friendly setting when they aren't fishing.

POND WALK AND CLEAN-UP

WHEN: Saturday, October 15th

TIME: Meet in the club parking lot at 8:45 am
We will leave on the walk at 9:00 am.

Proper attire must be worn and include boots, long pants and a waterproof jacket.

In this event, we will be picking up garbage that has collected around the pond and to enjoy the start of the beautiful fall colours. This walk should take roughly two hours.

I am hoping to have a birdwatcher or two and also who is knowledgeable of the ponds and their history who is willing to share with the group.

Garbage bags, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Thank you

Andre Koch & the Youth Committee

BOAT RACK SPOT

Would the owner of the orange canoe in spot # 23 please contact Don Colborne as soon as possible?

PIG ROAST (A taste of Italy) Sat. Oct. 1

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the trimmings and wine supplied with your meal on Sat., Oct. 1 at the club.

Cocktails will be served starting at 5:00 pm with dinner served around 6:00 pm.

The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring.

All tickets for this event have been sold.

Many thanks to Andre Koch and Lou Liberatore for proposing a Pig Roast rather than a Fish Fry.

Hopefully the Pig Roast will be hosted annually at WOFGPA.

FALL TROUT STOCKING Saturday, October 8th

This date has tentatively been set for the fall Trout stocking. The water temperature is currently quite warm and we are hoping for much cooler days and nights.

A second stocking is tentatively scheduled for Sat. Nov. 19.

Details will be posted on the bulletin boards as arrangements are finalized and the date confirmed.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sunday, October 16th

Mark your calendar and tell your friends that our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby.

Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 15.00
Non-Members - \$ 18.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby. Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.



A NIGHT OF EUCHRE

Thank you to Andre Koch and Teresa Couture for hosting the first Euchre of the season.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Bill Lewis (62)

High Lady – Cora Thomspson (71)

Most Lone Hands – Arlene Whiteway and Jerry Mantz (5)

Jerry had a high score of 73 but was only able to win in one category.

Mystery Man – Ken Lockrey

Mystery Lady – Lois Davis

50 / 50 - Teresa Couture

The next Euchre will be on Saturday, October 22, 2016. This evening will be hosted by the Youth Committee. The games start at 7:00 pm SHARP and the doors open at 6:00 pm to allow the card players to socialize before the games begin.

The cost is only \$ 5.00 per player and you do not need to have a partner when you arrive.

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. The games are open to both members and non-members.

There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night, please speak with Teresa Couture. Hosts are needed for 2017.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEMS – “Wick-away” navy golf shirt and “camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” - cost \$28 and \$20, respectively.

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

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes XL to XXXL). The embroidered “bucket” hats can be purchased for only \$15.00 each.

Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

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

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers 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 e-mail at emahaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

**FALL CLEAN UP
And
CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERY
Sat. Nov. 19**

It is that time of year again. On Sat. Nov. 19, all hands are needed to do a bit of a clean-up around the club grounds. At the same time, Don Colborne has arranged for a Saturday delivery of the Christmas trees.

The Christmas Tree Sales is our largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds keep 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! Brian Ernteman and Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar starting at the November General meeting

Sat. Nov. 19 – starting at 8:30 am

This day has been set aside to do a bit of a cleanup around the club grounds.

Don Colborne has arranged for the trees to be delivered to the club lot on a Saturday morning, rather than a weekday when many members are at work. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The large trees will be marked with spray paint at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist with the clean-up and unloading of the trees, come out to the club. Remember that many hands make light work.

Sat. Nov. 26

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 Brian Ernteman or Don Colborne after November General meeting. The “best” shifts are usually spoken for early so don’t delay in booking yours.

This year the tree prices will be \$ 30, \$ 40 and \$ 50.

If you are able to donate unwanted ornaments or trinkets to the Wreath Brigade, please bring them to a meeting or function or drop them off at the club. The club has no use for glass ornaments which frequently come off and get broken.

Thank you in advance for your donations.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 10, 2016
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 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.

**CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE
Sat. Dec. 10, 2016**

The Youth Group is organizing a Christmas Bake sale to be held in the main hall of the club during the Christmas Breakfast with Santa.

They are asking for donations of home-baked goods with all proceeds going to the club.

All donations will be accepted by special arrangement to meet at the club 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 Bake Sale when they come to pick up their Christmas tree from the lot.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL

Thurs., Dec. 8, 2016

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. 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. Hope to see everyone there!

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 includes all children), which makes it just the right size for a wedding reception, bridal and baby showers, your next meeting, anniversary party, family reunions and get-togethers, Christmas party and birthdays.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

Members receive a discount on rentals which occur on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Please contact Barb and Ray Smith 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 party rentals.

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem.

Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond. If you see anyone fishing with no visible card, ask to see proof of valid membership.

Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretakers or any other member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property are subject to prosecution for trespassing and poaching.

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