

SEPTEMBER 2023



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 150 th Anniversary meeting	23 Euchre (tentative)
24	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	30 Annual Pig Roast

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Thanksgiving Monday	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14
15 Fall Trout Derby	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Euchre (Tentative)
29	30	31 Halloween				

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective
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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

Soon we will be offering our membership the chance to purchase some craft beer that we had made by the Upper Thames Brewing Co. The cans will have the same design as our last batch, which displays our logo. When the product is shipped to us, I will send out an email and you can pick it up at the club. The cost will be \$20.00 per 6 pack, if you purchase 24, the cost will be \$75.00. These are tall boy cans. With a shelf life of 8 months these would make great gifts for Christmas.

In the time before Covid, we used to run a euchre night at our club on the fourth Saturday of the month. When we tried to start it again, the turnout was not very good. If you would be interested in attending a fun evening of progressive euchre from September to June, please respond to myself by the Sept. General meeting and let me know. The cost would be \$5.00 per player, soft drinks, water, coffee, and snacks would be available for purchase. Half of the proceeds from entrance fees and euchre pots are returned to players in prize money. This is open to members and friends. A decision will be made at the September General meeting as to how we will proceed.

At our General meeting in September, I will be showing a power point presentation on a trip that 10 of our members took this spring to Esnagami Lodge in northern Ontario. This trip was a fly-in to a remote lake, and another check mark off my bucket list. We all had a great time. The owner mentioned that he might be interested in donating a package to this lodge as a fundraiser for our club. I will keep you posted as to the status of this, but in the meantime come out and see what may be available.

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.

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.



Volunteer Appreciation Day 2023

Thank you to the many volunteers who, over the past year have given of themselves to make WOF & GPA the best it can be.

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

We will be holding our first meeting to begin planning for this event on Fri., Sept. 22 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.

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

FALL TROUT DERBY Sun. Oct. 15

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: Sun., Oct. 15
TIME: Register at 7:30
DERBY: 8:00 till noon
COST: Members & non-members
\$ 25
Youth (12 and under) \$ 15
Gentleman's lunch \$ 8

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.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat., Sept. 30

We are pleased to announce our Annual Pig Roast Dinner will be held on Sept. 30th.

The tickets are \$ 30.00 and will be available from the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek starting Aug. 24th at the Executive Meeting. Tickets can also be purchased at any meeting or by contacting Jeanette Jurasek (evenings) by phone.

The final day to get tickets is Sept. 14 at the General Meeting.

Do not delay as a limited number of tickets are available.

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.

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

Mon. Sept. 4	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 14	General Meeting
Fri. Sept 22	150 th Anniversary Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 28	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 30	Annual Pig Roast
Mon. Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct 12	General Meeting
Sun. Oct. 15	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs Oct 26	Executive Meeting
Tues Oct 31	Halloween
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

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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