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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Wrestle- Mania 32	4	5	6	7	8	9 1 st stocking Jigg's Dinner
10	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16 Spring Cleanup
17 Spring Trout Derby	18	19	20	21	22	23 Pot Luck dinner & Euchre
24	25	26	27 Youth Committee meeting	28 Executive meeting	29	30 2 nd stocking

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Ladies Only derby
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12 General Meeting	13	14 Pond Walk
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Victoria Day - STAT	24	25 Youth Committee meeting	26 Executive meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

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

WHAT SPRINGTIME MEANS TO ME

Springtime at our club is a very special time; it brings new beginnings for many things.

A new Executive is elected and charged with the task of keeping our Association running smooth, and also helping it grow to keep up with the ever changing times. This year the Executive body remains the same as last year, I would like to thank all those that attended and casted their votes for the candidates that they thought would do the best job.

I would also like to let the Executive know that I look forward to working with them again this year. We have many projects approved in our budget process, and look forward to working with all the great volunteers in completing them.

Springtime also brings new life in and around our pond. The ice is gone and another season of fishing is well underway.

With the melting of the ice, the geese and ducks are back building their nests for this year's hatch. A bonus this year is a nesting pair of Red Tail hawks, who are building a nest in the tall evergreen to the west of our clubhouse.

A couple of deer have been spotted in the meadow, and recently pair of coyotes were seen on the last remaining ice on the pond. Spring birds are back.

I saw our Osprey stop for a snack the other morning, and our beaver is once again swimming around.

Who says you have to travel far to see nature, just stop by your club grounds, sit a while and enjoy!

Yours in Conservation,
Stan Gibbs

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.

Our wishes for healthier days ahead and speedy recoveries go to Shirley McGill and Mary Libertore.

Our heartfelt condolences, along with thoughts and prayers go to the Thompson family after the passing of Lloyd's brother in late March.

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 and on the club website, www.wofgpa.org

The committees for 2016 – 2017 are just forming and a new event calendar will soon be posted on the website. 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.

Sun. April 3	WrestleMania 32
Sat. April 9	Jigg's Dinner 1 st Stocking
Thurs. April 14	General meeting
Sat. April 16	Spring Cleanup
Sun. April 17	Spring Trout Derby
Sat. April 23	Pot luck Euchre
Wed. April 27	Youth Committee meeting
Thurs. April 28	Executive meeting
Sat. Apr. 30	2 nd Stocking
Sat. May 7	Ladies Only Derby
Sun. May 8	Mother's Day
Thurs. May 12	General meeting
Sat. May 14	Walk around the pond (Rain date – May 15th)
Mon. May 23	Victoria Day – Statutory holiday
Thurs. May 26	Executive meeting

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

ANNUAL FREE MEMBERSHIP DRAW

Remember that at each General Meeting you attend, with the exception of the meeting in the month you renew your membership, you will get one ballot per membership for the free one-year membership draw. There are 10 General meetings per year giving each member, up to 9 ballots for the free membership draw. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

The winner of the one-year membership was one of our Directors, Mary Degan. Congratulations Mary.

EASTER BREAKFAST

I would like to thank all the volunteers who made sure that another Easter Breakfast at the club went off without a hitch. If you were: a cook, a server, a cashier, an entertainer: a supervisor, a colouring artist, a garbage collector, a cleaner, or a Bunny, "Kudos and give yourselves a pat on the back".

A special thank you to Cindy & Stan Gibbs who donated the chocolate bunnies, for "Bunny Dianne" to give to the children.

Teresa Couture

WRESTLEMANIA 32

Sunday, April 3, 2016

Doors open at 6:30 pm

with the events starting at 7:00 pm

The admission cost for this BIG-screen event is a donation of canned goods for the Food Bank. This family friendly event is for all ages and is open to club members and their families only. Homburgs, hot dogs, chips and pop will be sold at a nominal cost. NO alcohol is available during this family event.

Andre Koch and Steve Couture hope to see a good turnout and many new faces.



JIGG'S DINNER

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Time: Cocktails at 5:00 pm (cash bar)
Dinner at 6:00 pm

Cost: \$ 15.00 per adult

It is a WOFGPA long-standing tradition that the old Executive body serves dinner to the new Executive, the club members and their guests.

This year, the attendees can expect a hearty dinner of corned beef and cabbage, roast beef, potato and veggies and roll with butter. There will also be assorted salads, relish and cheese trays. After dinner, there will be a selection of desserts to enjoy with your tea or coffee.

Door prizes will also be available.

There are still a few tickets remaining. Please call Teresa Couture to get your tickets.

STOCKING

The dates set aside for stocking the pond with Trout are: Sat., April 9th and Sat., April 30th. The details, once confirmed, will be posted on the club Bulletin Boards.

SPRING CLEAN UP

Sat. April 16

The Grounds Chair, Henry Van Eerdewijk will oversee cleaning up the grounds after a very long cold winter.

Many projects are planned for the day. The main project will be removing invasive buckthorn. Please bring your own rake, shovel or pruning shears as the club has a limited number.

An unlimited supply of coffee and hot chocolate will be available throughout the day. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

DATE: Sun., April 17

TIME: Register at 7:30

DERBY: 8:00 till noon

COST:

Members	\$ 15.00
Non-Members	\$ 18.00
Youth	\$ 5.00 (12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby.

After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type.

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.

EUCHRE

The last Euchre night of the season will begin with a Pot Luck dinner.

Date- Sat., April 23rd

Doors open – 5:15 pm

Pot Luck dinner – We will eat 5:45 pm. Please remember to bring a towel or hot pad to put under your dish, if you are bringing hot food. The club has a good supply of serving utensils so please leave yours at home. At the break, we will be having leftovers.

Euchre - All games start at 7:00 pm sharp so arrive early enough to socialize. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

Steve & Teresa Couture hosted the March Euchre night

The results of the evening were:

High Man – Jerry Mantz (71)

High Lady – Eleanore Von Ruzcicki (68)

Mystery Man – Jim

Mystery Lady – Diane

Most Lone Hands – Cora Thompson (5). Cora had the highest score but could only win in one category.

50/50 – Debbie Parker

LADIES ONLY TROUT DERBY

DATE: Sat., May 7th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

COST: \$ 15.00 Members
\$ 18.00 Non-members
\$ 5.00 Youth members
\$ 5.00 Lunch only

Note to the ladies: Making your own sundaes with unlimited amounts of toppings will be for dessert.

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting her fish, boat driving and making "Timmys Runs". Men must not cast out for her or bring her Trout in.

Andre is in need of male volunteers for the day. If you are interested in helping out, please call Andre at 519-685-5725.

Thank you
Andre Koch

WALK AROUND THE POND

WHEN: Saturday, May 14th
Rain date: May 15th

TIME: Meet in the club parking lot at 9:00 am.
Proper attire must be worn and include boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirt.

This walk should take roughly two hours.

In this event, we will be picking up garbage that has collected around the pond.

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

Garbage bags, snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Thank you
Andre Koch & the Youth Committee

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 emadhaz@heafs.com or visit his website www.heafs.com

RESIDENT CARETAKER(S) NEEDED

The resident caretaker position is well suited to an experienced, retired or semi-retired person, or couple, as one person will be required to be on site 5 days per week. Excellent customer skills are needed for hall rentals and addressing issues with club members. Other duties include set up and cleaning for functions, minor building maintenance and basic grounds keeping. The Club's committees take care of the rest of the work. Compensation includes a one-bedroom apartment with additional storage, paid heat and hydro, on site laundry facilities, basic telephone, basic cable and internet service plus a commission on hall rentals

For additional details and resume submission, contact the club Secretary, Teresa Couture at couture.house@hotmail.com Resumes which highlight relevant experience will be accepted from the general public.

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.

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.

It 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 the club 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 RENTAL



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.

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