

APRIL 2019



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APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Stocking & Fishing League Meeting	9 Stocking	10	11 General Meeting	12	13 Spring Clean-up (tentative)
14 Spring Trout Derby	15	16	17	18	19 Good Friday	20 Easter Breakfast
21	22 Easter Monday	23	24	25 Executive Meeting	26	27 Pot Luck & Euchre
28	29	30				

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11 Ladies Only Derby
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Victoria Day	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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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.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker.

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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / or phone number to Val Grahl (membership committee). WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members in 2019.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE


As most of you are aware, we held our Annual Elections last month. I would like to welcome three new members to our Executive Board. Appointed in the position of First Vice was Marco Liberatore, appointed in the position of Second Vice was Joe Isenor, and appointed as one of our Directors was Jeanette Jurasek. All three of these members have been involved in club activities for many years, and I look forward to working with them as our club moves forward.

At this time, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the three Executive members that gave many years of dedicated service to our club.

Along with the four remaining Executive, the combined group helped mold our association into the modern social conservation club that it is today. Together we brought our club from an old boy's club to a well sought-after place to belong. Even though Andre Koch, Brian Ernteman, and Mary Degan are no longer on the Executive Board, they will still be quite involved in club affairs, because that is the type of members they are.

Thanks to all the members that attended this meeting and exercised their right to vote and be heard!

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

 Cigarette smoking is not permitted within 5 metres of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal. Cannabis use and vaping is not permitted anywhere on club property.

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 Teresa Couture who will gladly make contact on behalf of the club.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Brian Ernteman and Gary Carew at this time.

Our heartfelt condolences are with the Bulfone family after the passing of Angelo on March 10.

Our condolences are also with Grace Sanders and her family after the passing of Fred on March 15

JIGG'S DINNER

On Sat., March 30th, we held our annual Jigg's Dinner. This occasion is a WOFGPA tradition where the new Executive serves a great meal to the members present.

There are so many people who assist behind the scene. Thank you to all who helped to make this a memorable night. Give yourselves a pat on the back for a job well done.



EUCHRE

Euchre was held on March 23 and hosted by Steve and Teresa Couture and Dave Jeffries. Thank you to the 21 players who came out to enjoy the evening.

The winners of the evening were:

High Man – Jerry Mantz and Suban (68)

High Lady – Cora Thompson (69). Cora also had 3 Lone Hands but could only win in one category

Most Lone Hands – Stuart MacKellar (3)

Mystery Man – Don Parker

Mystery Lady – Pat Lockrey

50 / 50 – (\$ 16.00) – Dave Jeffries

The final euchre of the season will be held on Sat. April 27 and will begin with a Pot Luck Dinner. The doors will open one hour earlier at 5:00 pm and we will eat at 6:00 pm. Cards will start at 7:00 pm. If you are bringing a hot dish, we ask that you bring a towel or hot pad to protect the club tables. The club has ample supply of serving utensils so we ask that you leave your utensils at home to avoid confusion.

Hope to see a good turnout.

HAT LOGO DESIGN CONTEST

Three designs were submitted for the new hat logo. The winning design was submitted by our new 2nd VP, Joe Isenor. Thank you for all the submissions. Congrats Joe.

The new hat will soon be available for purchase by members.

Andre Koch (former 1st Vice President)

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. The winner of the one-year membership was Lou Liberatore. Congrats Lou.

The winner of the March monthly meeting draw was Jim Graham who won \$ 62.50.

FISH STOCKING

Stan Gibbs has scheduled two stockings.

The first stocking will come in 2 loads on April 8. The second stocking will be on April 9 in one load. The total weight is 1,600 lbs. Three fish will be tagged.

If you wish to help, the delivery times each day is around 9:30 am.

Angling from the north dock (by the boat racks) will not be permitted until Wed., April 10.

FISHING LEAGUE MEETING

Mon., April 8
7:00 pm

The Fishing League will meet in the main hall at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce new members to the league, to discuss the format and to adopt any new ideas.

If you are interested about the league, please come out.

SPRING CLEANUP

Sat. April 13
8:30 am

Henry Van Eerdewijk will host the annual Spring Clean-up. After the long winter there is much to do about the club to get it ready for spring and warmer temperatures.

Please bring a rake if you have one.

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied.

The Grounds Committee will be meeting at 11:00 in the club basement on April 13. Henry's plan is to cover upcoming projects for the next year. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please come out.

COMMITTEES ARE FORMING

In the near future, all current committee chairpersons will be setting a date for the committee to meet, possibly elect a new chairperson and to discuss any upcoming projects.

If you wish to be on any one of the committees, please contact the current chairperson listed in the newsletter.

SPRING TROUT DERBY

Sun. April 14

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., April 14	
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.

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.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Sat. April 20
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come out to enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The breakfast is open to members and guests.

The menu for the club breakfast has been changed this year. Your hot and fresh breakfast will consist of sausages, pancakes, scrambled eggs, baked beans, juice and coffee or tea.

The cost is very reasonable at:
\$ 6.00 Adults
\$ 5.00 Children (2 to 5 years)
No charge for children (under 2 years)

There will be colouring pages for the little ones (or the young at heart). The Easter Bunny should arrive around 10:30 am.

LADIES ONLY DERBY

Sat., May 11

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.

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 (guests)

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 their fish, boat driving and making "Timmies Runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

More details will follow in the May newsletter

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 instruction time, if required.

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 evening.

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

Please contact the club caretaker, Barb 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 parties or outdoor weddings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new event calendar for the 2019-2020 season should soon be available. Once all the events are planned and the dates confirmed, the calendar will be posted on the website.

Mon. April 8	Stocking (two loads)
Tues., April 9	Stocking (one load)
Thurs. April 11	General meeting
Sat. April 13	Spring Clean up
Sun. April 14	Spring Trout Derby
Fri. April 19	Good Friday
Sat. April 20	Easter Breakfast
Thurs. April 25	Executive Meeting
Sat. April 27	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre

Thurs. May 9	General Meeting
Sat. May 11	Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 12	Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 23	Executive Meeting

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.

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.

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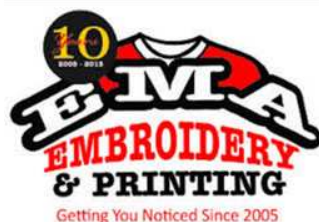
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