

APRIL 2020



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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Jigg's Dinner (cancelled)
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting (cancelled)	10 Good Friday	11 Easter Breakfast (cancelled)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Spring Cleanup (cancelled)
19 Spring Trout Derby (to be announced)	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting (to be announced)	24	25 Pot Luck Dinner & Euchre (cancelled)
26	27	28	29	30		

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ladies only derby
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive meeting	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 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.



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.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

DUE TO SELF-ISOLATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WOFGPA IS CURRENTLY EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR APRIL 1 RENEWALS. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMES DUE ON APRIL 1, YOUR GRACE PERIOD WILL END ON MAY 31. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMES DUE ON MAY 1, YOUR GRACE PERIOD WILL END ON MAY 31 (NO EXTENSION). PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS COURTESY MAY CHANGE IN THE COMING WEEKS.

To maintain your membership in good standing your dues must be paid before your membership lapses. Come to the club at 7:00 pm (before the 7:30 pm scheduled meeting). If you are unable to attend, a friend or family member must bring you badge(s) for the new year sticker, and they can pay your dues to the club at the designated time. Special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl, before your membership lapses.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) 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 has over 250 names on it and an estimated 4-year wait time.

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.

Best wishes for healthier days ahead are with Bert Degan, Hermann Szielasko, and Ken Lockrey as they recuperate.

Heartfelt condolences to the Isenor family after the passing of Marilyn Isenor (Joe's sister in law) in late March.

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 free membership was Chuck Silverthorne.

The winner of the March monthly meeting draw was Teresa Couture.

WANTED

I am looking for an electric trolling motor with battery and charger. Please call Tony at 519 – 859 – 2980

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are certainly experiencing strange times!

Over the last month or so we have seen changes to our normal way of life that has not be seen in a long time. I hope you and yours are well and coping with the pandemic as well as possible. Just like everyone else, all members of our club must do their part in controlling this virus. We as your Executive have made some changes to our plans that I need to share with you. These changes are for the immediate future but not set in stone, so keep an eye on your e mails for up dates.

The General meeting in April will be cancelled! Your Executive Body will continue to run the club via email and video conferencing. If you have concerns or ideas that you were going to present to the membership for consideration please send them to me and I will take them to your Exec.

We are asking that members who normally help out at the Spring clean up to do what they can on their own. If you have some spare time and would like to help, the lawn needs raking and there is garbage around our property that could be picked up. I will leave a few rakes out, and make garbage bags available for use. As far as the lawn goes if you can rake in piles, I will take care of removing them.

The Trout stocking will go as planned in April, but on a much lower scale of volunteers, I will arrange this. The Trout Derby is still a go for now but like I said we may have to cancel or re schedule. Keep an eye on your e mails.

We are trying hard to give you a place where you can go to get some fresh air and maybe do a little fishing, with that in mind please respect the social distancing guidelines and if you are not well stay at home. The washrooms are not open.

If your membership is up for renewal, we have extended the grace period until the end of May 2020, pending no further restrictions.

I hope you are all well and stay well.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

**JIGG'S DINNER
Sat. April 4**

This event has been cancelled.

Please contact Teresa Couture if you purchased your advance tickets and make arrangements for your refund.

**EASTER BREAKFAST
Sat. April 11**

This event has been cancelled

SPRING TROUT DERBY
Sun. April 19

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED. STAN GIBBS WILL SEND AN EMAIL ABOUT THIS CLOSER TO THE EVENT DATE.

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 19
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.

EUCHRE

Thank you to all the dedicated players who came out to our previous Euchre nights.

The Euchre on March 28th was cancelled.

At this time, I feel it best to also cancel the Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre scheduled for April 25th.

Stay safe and healthy and we will see all the players again in September.

Teresa Couture

LADIES ONLY DERBY
Sat., May 9

Derby times: 8:00 til noon
Registration starting at 7:30 am
Cost \$ 15.00 per angler
\$ 5.00 gentlemen's lunch

The last few years the attendance has been dropping. I would like to see more anglers at this tournament and keep it going or it may be re-evaluated and cancelled for the future years.

I am looking for volunteer so if you can help, call me at 519-685-5725.

If this event is cancelled for this year due to Covid-19, an email will be sent out to the membership.

Thank you

Andre Koch

SPRING CLEANUP
Sat. April 18

The clean up has been cancelled.

However, if you are able to come to the club on your own time, rakes and garbage bags will be available. Please exercise social distancing and remember that the building and washrooms will be closed.

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

HALL RENTALS

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE HALL IS CURRENTLY CLOSED.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Following the Annual Election in March the Entertainment group will meet with the Executive to set out the new event calendar for the upcoming year. Once the event calendar details are confirmed, it will be posted on the website.

Sat. Apr. 4	Jigg's Dinner - CANCELLED
Thurs. Apr. 9	General Meeting - CANCELLED
Fri. Apr. 10	Good Friday
Sat. Apr. 11	Easter Breakfast - CANCELLED
Sun. Apr. 12	Easter Sunday
Sat. Apr. 18	Spring Clean-up - CANCELLED
Sun. Apr. 19	Spring Trout Derby
Thurs. Apr. 23	Executive Meeting - TO BE DECIDED
Sat. Apr. 25	Pot Luck Dinner and Euchre - CANCELLED

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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