# **AUGUST 2016**







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Civic Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7 Bass Derby (Unofficial)	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Executive meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

# **SEPTEMBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labour Day	6	7	8 General Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Youth Committee Meeting	22 Executive Meeting	23	24 Euchre
25	26	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	<u>e</u>

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.

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.

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Just a reminder that General Meetings are not held in the months of July and August.

#### The August Executive meeting will be held on Thurs. August 25.

In order to pay your membership dues, you must attend the club at 7:00 pm (just before the scheduled meeting) in order to remain a valid member in good standing. 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 <u>only</u> by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

#### 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:

Civic Holiday
Bass Derby (Unofficial) - contact- Andre Koch
Youth Committee meeting
Executive meeting
Labour Day
General meeting
Youth Committee meeting
Executive meeting
Euchre (hosted by the Coutures)
Pig Roast (tickets on sale now)
1 <sup>st</sup> trout stocking
Thanksgiving Monday
General meeting
Fall Trout Derby
Euchre (hosted by Youth Committee)
Youth Committee meeting
Executive meeting
Movie Night (hosted by Youth Committee)

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.

#### 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.

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hot Summer Days

Most of you will find it hard to drag yourself out of the nice comfort of the air conditioning in your homes, to spend a few hours at the club fishing.

Your first response, of course would be that the Trout are not biting because of the warm water. This is not necessarily true. Trout still have to eat!

A slower presentation with your bait and a little deeper water will help. Early evening is a great time to attract Trout with floating flies, as trout rise to the surface to feed.

If the action is too slow, then try targeting a large mouth Bass. For those of you that have not tried Bass fishing, I am sure that once you land your first lunker, you will be hooked.

The pond has a good population of Bass, Black Crappie and Trout just waiting for you. Just remember Bass are "Catch and Release".

Yours in Conservation, Stan Gibbs

#### OFFICIAL SUMMER BASS DERBY SUN., JULY 17

Twenty-six anglers came out to show their skills at the official Summer Bass Derby.

The results of the day were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place 2 <sup>nd</sup> place 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Jeff Ziesner Connor Mitchell Rick Faris
Largest Bass	Scott Howe
50/50	Marco Liberatore

Thank you to the all those who gave a bit of time to assist in making this derby so successful.

#### UNOFFICIAL BASS DERBY

Regular fishing on the pond is not allowed prior to the start of the derby. During the derby times, only registered derby participants will be allowed to fish in the club pond. Other anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

A second bass derby is scheduled for Sun., Aug.7<sup>th</sup>. As this derby is unofficial, the winner's name will not go on the trophy although there will be witnesses to support your bragging rights.

The cost for this derby is 8.00 per adult and 5.00 per youth (aged 12 and under).

Mark your calendars.



#### EUCHRE IS BACK AGAIN

Calling all euchre players to the first progressive euchre game of the season so mark your calendars.

**DATE**: Saturday, September 24, 2016

**TIME:** 7:30 pm SHARP (arrive earlier than 6:45 to ensure you get a seat to play).

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

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.

You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. 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.

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

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the fixings and wine supplied with your meal on Sat., Oct. 1 at the club. The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring. Thank you to Lou Liberatore and Andre Koch for this great idea.

The limited number of tickets are \$ 20.00 per person and can be purchased from Andre Koch or Lou Liberatore.

Please note that all tickets are by advance purchase only so that an accurate amount of supplies can be purchased for the night.

#### **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.

## FISHING ETIQUETTE

Please do not crowd other anglers on the docks. Moving a few feet closer will not entice the fish to bite on your line instead of your neighbour's. Junior anglers find it quite intimidating to be crowded on the docks by an adult.

Remember some anglers tend to need a larger area to cast. Fly fish in suitable areas and way from other anglers.

Each angler may use only one rod at a time. Culling your catch and the use of live bait is not permitted.

If you are fishing on the north dock, be aware that members with boats and canoes have the right-of-way. Please stop fishing or fish elsewhere while they are taking their boat in or out of the water.

All Trout can be cleaned at the steel cleaning table by the north dock. We ask that any fish wastes be tossed into the bushes where it will be considered as the "daily delicacy" by resident raccoons. Please rinse the table thoroughly with water when you are finished cleaning your catch. The water at the cleaning station is pond water and should not be used for drinking.

As there is currently an abundance of Black Crappie in the 8 - 10 inch size, please take them but remember to take only enough for one meal.

Observe your daily catch limits as determined by your membership type. Always record your catch in the Log book located in the small vestibule on the east side patio area <u>before you leave the club</u>.

All Trout caught must be kept, without exception. If you choose not to keep the Trout, it may be given to another angler who is present at the club. You are still required to record your catch in the Log Book as part of your daily catch limit.

#### 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 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 rentals.

#### 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* 

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