

# AUGUST 2017



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## August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Black Crappie Derby
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Youth Committee and Executive meeting	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labour Day (STAT)	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Euchre
24	25	26	27	28 Youth Committee & 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 & 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 of all club entrances. Smokers are asked to use the containers provided for cigarette butt disposal.**

## **SUMMERTIME MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

The date of the Executive meeting is August 24th. The General meetings resume in September.

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 August 24<sup>th</sup>, please make alternate arrangements by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl at 519-453-0659.

It is very important that you give any changes in mailing address, email 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 4 to 5 year wait.

### **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 just waiting for you. Just remember Bass are Catch and Release.

There is an abundance of Black Crappy in the pond which are a great eating fish. We ask that you take only enough Crappie for a meal. Bon Appetit!

Yours in conservation  
Stan Gibbs

### **FISHING LEAGUE**

The Fishing League meets each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm till dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby.

## **DUMPING AT WOFGPA**

The club has experienced a fair amount of waste / scrap left in the trailer at the club. The Executive now has to pay to have this material properly disposed of. This trailer was left there for the club to dispose of their waste building or renovation materials, scrap wood and metal. It is **not** meant for members to leave their wastes.

If the individual dumping wastes at the club can be identified, then they will be invoiced for all disposal charges.

The City of London has information on waste disposal dates and locations at [www.london.ca](http://www.london.ca) Please contact them for details.

### **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. The draw is held annually on Election night as one of the first duties of the new President.

### **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.

### **GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

The Grounds Committee will meet each Wednesday evening at the club at 6:00 pm to tackle any ground work that needs to be done. Once the evening's work is complete, the group may go fishing so have your fishing rod handy. New members are welcome to come out at any time.

### **MICRO-LIGHT 2 PIECE SPINNING ROD DRAW DATE: Sun. Oct. 15, 2017 (during the awards of the Fall Trout Derby)**

Paul Noble has made a Micro-Light, 2-piece spinning rod to be used as a draw prize. Tickets cost \$ 5.00 each and are limited to 200 available tickets. Please see a member of the Youth Committee or Andre Koch at every function or at the club to get yours. Don't delay as tickets will sell fast!

### **POACHING**

Poaching is a serious problem. Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond.

If you see anyone fishing with no visible membership card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing. Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

**SUMMER BASS DERBY  
SUN., JULY 9**

What a beautiful morning for all the anglers come out to try their luck and angle the “big” bass of the year and have their name on the plaque in the main hall.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out to assist with this successful annual event. It couldn't be done without you.

The winners of the derby were:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Jeff Ziesner	157.5 cm
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Joe Isenor	126.5 cm
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Stan Gibbs	92 cm
Big Bass	Brent Pieters	44 cm
50 / 50	Paul Hamulecki	



**1<sup>st</sup> place winner, Jeff Ziesner is presented with his prize by club President, Stan Gibbs.**

**BLACK CRAPPIE DERBY  
SAT., AUGUST 12**

Mark your calendars so you don't miss out.

WOFGPA will be holding its first Annual Black Crappie Derby on Sat., Aug. 12. As most anglers know, the pond has an abundance of Black Crappie just waiting for your baited line or lure to entice them to take a bite. This derby replaces the “unofficial” Bass derby and will be an annual derby.

<b>Registration:</b>	7:00 – 9:00 a.m.	
<b>Derby Time:</b>	7:30 a.m. till noon	
<b>Cost:</b>	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members **are not** allowed to fish the pond 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 member anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends at 12 noon.

Please let Stan know if you can assist with the meal or measuring fish, both on the docks and the water.

**PIG ROAST  
Sat. Oct. 14**

The club will be presenting a pig roast with all the trimmings with your meal on Sat. Oct. 14. Cocktails will be served starting at 5:00 pm with dinner served around 6:00 pm. The format is similar to the Jiggs Dinner which is held each spring.

This year, entertainment will be included with the ticket price.

Due to the popularity of this meal last year, it has now become an annual event.

The limited number of advance purchase tickets are available at \$ 25.00 per person from Andre Koch at any meeting or function.

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** – Zippered hoodies with club crest and also “Camouflaged” ball cap, embroidered with orange “WOFGPA” .

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time.

Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

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.

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 caretakers, 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 party, "Engagement parties" and outdoor weddings.

## SUMMERTIME SAFETY TIPS

The Executive hopes that everyone is enjoying a safe and happy, fun-filled summer in spite of all the rain that we have received so far. Here are just a few tips to assist you.

It is mandatory that all club members and their guests in a watercraft on the club pond wear an appropriate sized PFD, without exception. It is also recommended that young children, while fishing from the docks, wear a PFD.

Your barking dog is not welcomed by other anglers, or the fish. All pets must be on leash and under their owner's control at all times. The city has off-leash parks if you choose to allow your pet to roam. The police will be notified if your pet is left in your vehicle. If you decide to fish while you are here, leave your pet at home.

While on club property, all children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under no circumstances should any child be on the dock without the direct supervision of an adult.

When outside for the day or even a few hours, you should pay attention to the effects of too much sun and heat. Always protect your skin from damaging UV rays by wearing appropriate sunscreen, according to the label directions and stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day (10:00 am till 4:00 pm). Wear a hat and protect your eyes from damaging UV. Sunburns and heat exposure issues can even occur on an overcast day. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water or fruit juices or eat fresh fruit. Young children and the elderly are especially at risk from excessive sun and heat exposure. A strong, healthy person is not immune to long sun exposure either.

Watch out for the signs of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and/or dehydration in yourself and your families. If at all in doubt, contact a doctor or health care professional or visit the emergency room immediately. If you are wondering if there is cause for concern, it is best to err on the side of caution without delay. An affected person's condition can rapidly deteriorate in a very short time.

Have fun in the summertime!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS TO BE RENEWED DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, REMEMBER THAT THE CLUB HOLDS ONLY EXECUTIVE MEETINGS AND NOT GENERAL MEETINGS. MARK THE DATE AND DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE.**

The event calendar for 2017 – 2018 is available on the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

Mon, Aug 7	Civic Holiday
Sat. Aug 12	Black Crappie Derby (New event)
Thurs, Aug 24	Executive Meeting
Mon, Sept 4	Labour Day (Stat)
Thurs., Sept. 14	General Meeting
Sat., Sept 23	Euchre
Thurs., Sept. 28	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
Mon. Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs. Oct. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Oct. 14	Pig Roast Dinner
Sun. Oct. 15	Fall Trout Derby
	Spinning Rod Draw
Thurs. Oct. 26	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 28	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 14	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 23	Euchre
Thurs. Nov. 28	Youth Committee and Executive Meeting
TBA	Tree lot set up and fall clean up
Sat. Nov. 25	Tree Sales start
Sat. Dec. 9	Breakfast with Santa
	Bake Sale
Thurs. Dec. 14	General Meeting
	Annual Turkey Roll
Thurs., Dec. 28	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.

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](http://www.wofgpa.org).

If you are interested in participating in any of the club functions, please contact the committee chairperson who can answer any questions that you may have. Be an active member and not just a "name" on a committee.

The Executive and Committee Chairs hope that the members have a happy, fun-filled summer.



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