

DECEMBER 2022



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December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting and Turkey Roll	9	10 Breakfast with Santa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

January 2023

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

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

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Club Caretakers

Ray and Barb Smith 519-681-2370

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.

1st VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our club has the best volunteers!

Thank you to all our volunteer members who helped with our Fall Clean-Up and our Christmas Tree Lot set up this year! A huge thank you to the many volunteers who came and helped to unload our Christmas Trees. Many hands make work light. The amazing teamwork definitely made this task easier.

Tree sales continue steadily as the wreaths, table tops and pots are being made and decorated thanks to our many creative volunteers! The volunteers on our tree lot have been incredible helping buyers to pick, cut and load their perfect tree. The vintage Santa and sleigh with the reindeers restored last year by Steve Gaebel and Ron Dennis continues to be thoroughly enjoyed by the children and has become the perfect spot for family photos.

Our club will be collecting new unwrapped toys and monetary donations for the needy children in London. Donations can be left in the clubhouse basement. If you choose to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of a new toy give it to Stan or any other Executive member. Thank you for any and all your considerations.

In mid-November our trout stocking was a great success. The trout are biting and nice fighters!

We hope to see many members at our Turkey Roll Thursday December 8th directly following our General Meeting and also at the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 10th.

Christmas is around the corner! Best holiday wishes and a Merry Christmas from our WOFGPA Executive and their families to our entire membership and extended families.

Marco Liberatore
1st Vice President

WELFARE

Many club members who are not 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 heartfelt condolences to the Vito Lorusso and his family after the passing of his brother-in-law.

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. There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend either the General or Executive meeting to pay your dues. These dates are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, before the meeting starts at 7:30 pm. General meetings are not held in July and August.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is Dec. 1, 2022, then your membership ran from Dec. 1, 2021 through Nov. 30, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of December, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and your name will be removed from the membership list. If you choose to rejoin the club, your name will be added to the waiting list which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. Mailed payments and late payments will not be accepted and will be returned to you. The caretakers, Ray and Barb will not accept membership renewals.

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL Thurs. Dec. 8th (Following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be door prizes to be won.

Refreshments, snacks and prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Sat. Nov. 26

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales have begun and will continue until all the trees are sold. As in previous years, the trees are flying off the lot and will be all gone in very short time. Don't delay in picking up your tree.

While the tree sales are ongoing outside, the Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. Drop in anytime to assist. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. Angela Liberatore will head the decorating group. She will schedule and oversee the decorators to keep up with the demand. Stan Gibbs will oversee wreath making and scheduling people to assist him. Donations of non-glass ornaments, trinkets and ribbons are always welcomed by the wreath brigade. If you come across any that you are no longer using, they can be left at the club.



Angela Liberatore, Stan Gibbs and Darlene Keating proudly display the wreath for the club.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat., December 10th

9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: sausage and scrambled eggs, pancakes and baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

Adults – (age 12 and up) - \$ 8.00

Child – (under 12) - \$ 5.00

After this event, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot for a very reasonable price.

TOY DRIVE

The club is collecting unwrapped toys and also any monetary donations for the families in need this Christmas. Please bring your donations to the club trailer or to any function.

EUCHRE

Thank you to Randy and Darlene Keating for hosting the November 26th Euchre evening.

Results of the evening were:

High man	Steve Couture
High Lady	Karen Cosgrove
Mystery Man	Murray Lane
Mystery Lady	Darlene Keating

Mark your calendars for the next Euchre night.

DATE: Saturday, January 28th

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. 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 on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Randy Keating for details. One of the Executive will be always present at Euchre.

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

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL). Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

Randy Keating will be available at all meetings and functions to assist you with your purchase or your custom order.

CHRISTMAS TIME SAFETY TIPS

Carefully inspect wires on light strands to make sure they are not cracked or broken. Throw away damaged or “suspect” lights. New LED lights are much safer than the “old” ones and very energy efficient. Do not overload wall sockets or extension cords.

Keep all real Christmas trees well-watered and away from heat sources and fireplaces. Trees will need a fresh cut on the trunk and should be put into water as soon as possible. Take your tree down when it starts showing signs of dryness as it is a fire hazard.

Did you know that tinsel, the sparkle glue and regular glue on many decorations are highly poisonous to animals? As tempting as it seems, do not feed your pet anything but their regular food during the holidays. Spend time with your pet. They are often overlooked and get stressed as we enjoy the festivities with family and friends.

Never leave candles, a fireplaces or woodstoves unattended for any length of time. A fire can become out of control in a few moments.

Have fun with family and friends and remember – DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE OR ALLOW YOUR GUESTS TO DO SO. There are many other options such as abstaining, having a designated driver, staying the night, taking public transit or calling for a ride home.

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 but not on daytime rentals. 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 engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently

Thurs. Dec 8	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec.10	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 22	Executive Meeting
Sun. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Sat. Dec. 31	New Years Eve

Thurs. Jan. 12	General Meeting
Thurs. Jan 26	Executive Meeting
Sat. Jan. 28	Euchre

Thurs. Feb.. 9	General Meeting
Tues. Feb. 14	Valentines Day
Sat. Feb. 18	Tackle Swap
Mon. Feb. 20	Family Day with possible ice derby
Thurs. Feb. 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. Feb. 25	Euchre

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 list.



The Executive, the Directors and the Committee Chairs would like to wish all members and their families the best of the holidays with good health, happiness and prosperity is 2023.



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