

## JULY 2025



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### July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Canada Day	2	3	4	5 Bass Derby
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Executive meeting Last day to register for Adult Only Event	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

### August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Civic holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 150 <sup>th</sup> Adult Only Event
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive Meeting	29	31

**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.

**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST EACH YEAR. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES NEED TO BE PAID, PLEASE ATTEND THE EXECUTIVE MEETING. IF YOU NEED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, PLEASE CONTACT VAL GRAHL BEFORE YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSES.**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Special Events 150th

On Saturday June 28th, we hosted one of two major events in celebration of our 150th Anniversary. The day was warm with a gentle breeze which helped make the day a success. Over 100 folks attended and were treated to some great activities and food and treats.

I would like to thank all the great volunteers that made this day very special. I have already received many emails expressing the fun and enjoyment that was had. For those folks that registered and didn't attend, the loss was yours, but also ours as we had food, treats and gifts for many more.

There was a lot of planning and effort put out by our 150th committee, and the same is being done for our adult event in August, there is still time to register, and do so if you would like to attend, but please attend if you register.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

#### **WELFARE**

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.

Frank Collozza has recovered quickly from minor surgery.

Congratulations to Bo and Valerie Grahl as they celebrate 50 years of marriage on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 12th**

The winners of the meat packages were: L. Lainchbury, T. Couture, C. Sims, J. Jurasek, V. Grahl, L. Liberatore, D. Colborne, S. Couture, D. Keating, R. Dennis

The winners of door prizes were: K. Puzara, R. Dennis, L. Liberatore, H. Lukings, T. Locke

Many thanks to Marco and Angela Liberatore for putting together the meat packages. The selection was great.

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

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is July 1, 2025, then your membership period ran from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Your membership will lapse at the end of July 2025, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, 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.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. If you must pay dues, please attend prior to the General or Executive meeting each month, held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. The club will accept cheques, debit, and credit card payments but not e-transfers. 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.

#### **BASS DERBY Sat. July 5**

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:	Sat., July 5
TIME:	Register at 7:00
DERBY:	7:30 till 11:30
COST:	Adults \$ 20
	Derby is open to members and friends
LUNCH:	11:30 til 12:00
	Lunch is included with registration
PRIZES	Noon
RULES	Five bass limit, culling allowed
	No minnows for bait.
	Combined length determines score.
	Fish must be alive & released promptly.

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.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY  
Sat. June 28**

A beautiful sunny day, lots of laughs and comradery enjoyed by the members and their guests...what more could the club ask for as it celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The winners of the filled mason jars were: Mike Lemanski, Sebastian Libaratore (twice) and Alex Peleaz.  
The winner of the "Share the Wealth" 50/50 was Vito Lorusso (\$ 77.00)

Here are some pics from the day:



**The 150<sup>th</sup> Planning crew and volunteers**



**Check in with Val Grahl**



**Greg Balch - Wild Animals and birds**



**Casting and food tent**



**Inside the Bouncy Castle**



**Junior angler**





**London Fire Department**



**Fishing Frenzy**



**Fishing Pond**



**Part of the cooking team**

**150<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION DAY  
(ADULTS ONLY)  
Sat. Aug. 23  
3:00 pm til 11:00 pm**

**Preregistration is mandatory by Thurs. July 24th and can be done by calling Val Grahl, Stan Gibbs or Jeanette Jurasek. Only those individuals that have preregistered will be admitted.** there is no cost for this event but please bring cash for the Bucket Bonanza.

The day will begin at 3:00 pm with a ribbon cutting, plaque and time capsule ceremony attended by local dignitaries and news station. Following this, there will be a catered dinner with musical entertainment continuing into the evening. There is a Bucket Bonanza (ends at 9 pm).

Some of the items in the Bucket Bonanza include: a fishing trip for two, 55-inch TV, suite to London Knights game, a Sage 7wt fly rod and Kuma Reel, 7 pc Fly Rod – Flextec Nomad 7 pc traveller, Custom net, Custom paddle, Men's gold ring with club insignia, round of golf for 2 with golf cart, ladies' gold chain with club insignia on pendant and much more.

This free day of food, music and drinks promises to be a wonderful celebration of our club, the oldest conservation club in Canada.

Parking will be at a premium so please consider car pooling with friends, taking a cab or UBER or parking at a local plaza.

**FISHING LEAGUE**

How it works: We meet at the club on Tuesday nights and be ready to fish at 5pm. This starts on the first Tuesday after our Spring Trout Derby, and concludes on the Tuesday before our Fall Trout Derby.

Attendance is not mandatory. Each Tuesday, we assign five different species of fish to target. All anglers pay \$2.00 per night to fish, with half the proceeds going to the angler with the most points that night, and the other half goes into a fund for the Angler of the Year Award. Points are also acquired if you finish 1st, 2nd or 3rd in any of our derbies that we run

**CLUB MERCHANDISE**

The club is now loaded with plenty of new swag for its members, family and friends. This is the club's 150th anniversary so come and get your collectable swag.

Blue zippered hoodies	\$ 55
Blue sweaters	\$ 30
Blue, long sleeved T-shirts	\$ 30
Blue, short sleeved t-shirts	\$ 20
Blue Hoodies	\$ 40
Ball caps	\$ 15 - \$ 35
Winter Toques	\$ 15

Some items can be custom ordered such as jackets with name for an additional cost. Please see Marco or Angela Liberatore at any meeting or function.

**ANNUAL PIG ROAST**  
**Sat., Sept. 27**

Come out for a great roast pig dinner with all the trimmings. Tickets will be available in limited supply at \$ 30 each. Please contact Jeanette Jurasek to get yours before they sell out.

**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. Professional bar service is offered in the wet bar.

The club hall is not available for Stag and Doe parties, engagement parties or outdoor wedding photoshoots.

Please contact Barb Smith to discuss hall availability and rates. 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 get discounted rates on Friday and Saturday evening rentals and not on hourly rate rentals.

**APPLIANCE REMOVAL AND  
SCRAP METAL PICKUP**

For those aged 55 and over, I will remove any unused appliances at no cost if the appliance is already outside. I will charge only half price of \$ 35.00 if the appliance is inside. I will also remove any scrap metal that you have. Please call me to discuss the details and pricing

Tom Carriere  
519-520-0767

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these locations frequently.

The event calendar for the 2025 – 2026 year is now available and posted on the club website [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org).

**There are no General Meetings held during July and August. Please attend the club on the night of Executive meeting to pay your dues.**

Tues, July 1	Canada Day
Sat, July 5	Bass Derby
Thurs, July 24	Executive Meeting
Mon, Aug 4	Civic holiday
Thurs, Aug 21	Executive Meeting
Sat., Aug 23	150 <sup>th</sup> Adult Only event
Mon Sep 1	Labour Day
Thurs Sep 11	General Meeting
Sat & Sun Sep 20 & 21	Doors Open London
Thurs Sep 25	Executive Meeting
Sat Sep 27	Annual Pig Roast
Thurs., Oct. 9	General meeting
Mon, Oct. 13	Thanksgiving Monday
Sun, Oct 19	Fall Trout derby
Thurs, Oct 23	Executive Meeting
Fri, Oct 31	Halloween

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for nearly 150 years.



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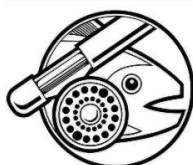
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