

JUNE 2020



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June

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

July

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

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
Executive & Committees for 2019 - 2020**

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Andre Koch

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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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is sure nice to see all the members back out enjoying our club, and observing all the health and safety measures that are in place. Please note that the Emergency Measures are still in place and will be until June 9th and there could be a further extension.

This means that on meeting nights we will do renewals. If you have received your notice please bring it to the club on the 2nd, or 4th Thursday of the month between 6:30 pm and 7:30pm and we will process your renewal and get you on your way. We will have all safety measures in place for your protection.

With folks around the property again, I am noticing some disturbing trends that need to be addressed. I have noticed cigarette butts on the grounds, on the docks, and in the docks. We have put butt containers at each dock and on the bulletin board out front, **PLEASE USE THEM!!!** By the way the holes in the dock connectors are not for butts and small garbage.

Another area of concern is empty beer cans on the property and in the trash cans. Remember if you are caught consuming alcohol on our premises, your membership will be revoked.

The final thing is the fish cleaning station. When you clean your catch, please discard the remains in the bush, close to the water's edge just ahead of the cleaning table. A number of folks are just dropping these remains around the table and some are even hanging them on the steel rods that hold our chicken wire fence up. This practice creates an environment for bugs and flies, not to mention the smell.

Please be respectful of your club and it will be there for your enjoyment for many years.

Starting Monday, June 1, one washroom will be opened for members use. This is a non-gender washroom. Please keep it clean.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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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

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.

Our condolences to Ed Vosdingh and his family after the passing of his son, Jason Vosdingh, earlier this month.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is with Hermann Szielasko.

WANTED

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

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.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League will resume starting Tues, June 2nd and continue to meet each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm til 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. This year there will not be a weekly BBQ. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Gibbs.

HALL RENTALS

ALL HALL RENTALS ARE SUSPENDED AND THE HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED FOR ALL RENTALS DUE TO PROVINCIAL REGULATIONS UNDER THE EMERGENCY MEASURES ACT.

BEGINNING MONDAY, JUNE 1ST, THE NON-GENDER WASHROOM WILL BE OPENED FOR MEMBERS TO USE.

ANNUAL BASS DERBY
Sun., July 11

Registration:	7:00 am	
Derby Time:	7:30 am till 11:30	
Cost:	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 5
	Member	\$ 15
	Non-member	\$ 18

Members are not allowed to fish anywhere in 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 anglers are welcome to try their luck after the derby ends.

This bass derby is open to both members and non-members.

Confirmation of the winner's bragging rights will be entered on the trophy in the display case in the hall.

The rules will be provided to each angler on the morning of the derby.

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

HALL RENTALS

All hall rentals are suspended and the hall will remain closed for all rentals due to provincial regulations under the Emergency Measures Act.

Beginning Monday, June 1st, the non-gender washroom will be opened for members to use.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for 2020 – 2021 is also available on the club website.

Please be advised that all functions listed in this newsletter, may be cancelled due to the government regulations about closures and physical distancing during the pandemic.

If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email. The cancellation will also be posted on the bulletin board at the club.

The Executive have cancelled the following scheduled events:

- June 11 BBQ Meat Draw
- June 20 Crappie Derby
- June 27 Yard Sale
- June 28 Youth Activity Day

These events will not be rescheduled.

Sun., June 21 Father's Day
Thurs., June 25 Executive Meeting

Wed., July 1 Canada Day
Thurs., July 23 Executive Meeting

Sat. July 11 Bass Derby

Mon. Aug. 3 Civic holiday
Thurs. Aug. 27 Executive meeting

Mon. Sept. 7 Labour Day
Thurs, Sept. 10 General Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 24 Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 26 Euchre resumes

Thurs. Oct. 8 General Meeting
Sat. Oct. 10 Fall Trout Derby
Mon. Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Monday
Sat. Oct. 17 Pig Roast
Thurs. Oct. 22 Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 24 Euchre
Sat. Oct. 31 Halloween

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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