

## JUNE 2022



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### June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Yard Sale
5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting BBQ meat Draw	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23 Executive Meeting	24	25 Youth Activity Day (pre-register by June 9)
26	27	28	29	30		

### July 2022

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

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

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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.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

### **Disturbing Trend**

At our Executive meeting it was decided that we would cancel our planned Crappie Derby. This was due to the fact that I only received two responses from members who thought they would like to attend.

Your Executive Body goes to great lengths to come up with ideas that would be interesting, fun and have a possibility of raising a few dollars for the continuation of our great club. This being the second event that we have had to cancel in the past month, makes me wonder if our planned events are not attractive enough. Being a fishing club, I thought derbies for the enjoyment of our membership would be a good fit. That being said if anyone has ideas how we can involve our members in a social activity, please pass them on to Jeanette Jurasek (Entertainment Chair) or myself.

Our fund-raising events throughout the year go a long way in the financial support of our association. If we do not have the participation in these events, our monies would be restricted to membership dues, hall rentals, and our Christmas tree lot.

Immediately after a shortened General Meeting on June 9th, we will be having our Annual BBQ Meat Draw. This event features draws for BBQ meat packages worth about \$25.00 each. There will be 9 draws at a dollar a piece. Please come out, support your club, and meet up with some old friends whom you haven't seen for a while.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## **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 wish for healthier days ahead is with Kyla Isenor.

Our heartfelt condolences are with Steve Ratko and his family after the passing of his wife, Cory.

## **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.

**GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU MUST ATTEND TO PAY YOUR DUES, PLEASE COME AT 7:00 PM ON THE NIGHT OF THE SCHEDULED EXECUTIVE MEETING (4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH)**

## **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 June 1, 2022, then your membership ran from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of June, 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.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). 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.

## **BLACK CRAPPIE DERBY**

The Black Crappie Derby scheduled for Sat. June 11<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.

## **ANNUAL YARD SALE**

### **Sat. June 4th**

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. All vendors will be permitted to set up their picnic table near the fence on the east side of the lawn and in the shade. The sale will start early (8:00 am) in the morning, rain or shine. Set up will begin at 7:00 am. The event usually wraps up around 1:00 pm

Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Teresa Couture.

Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money? Remember the old saying "one person's junk is another person's treasure".

## **BBQ MEAT DRAW**

### **Thurs., June 9th**

On Thursday, June 9th, immediately following our shortened General meeting, we will be holding our annual barbeque meat draw.

The format is similar to the Turkey Roll held each December. The Barbeque meat packages are portioned in smaller sizes suited for one or two persons. There will be 9 meat packages valued at about \$ 25.00 each. Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one ticket per family per draw.

Remember that nothing tastes better than free, burnt meat from the barbeque.

## **ANNUAL BASS DERBY**

### **Sat. July 9th**

Members are NOT allowed to fish during a derby, which includes before the derby starts in the early morning. After the derby ends, members may fish with their daily catch limit determined by your membership type. Any fish caught during the derby do not count towards your daily limit.

DATE: Sat., July 9th  
**You must pre-register with Stan Gibbs by June 23rd Executive Meeting.**

TIME: Check in starts at 7:00

DERBY: 7:30 till noon

COST: Members \$ 17  
Non-Members \$ 20  
Youth (under 12) \$ 5

Pre-registration is needed to obtain the correct amount of food in advance of the derby. The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and refreshments and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions. If you can assist, please contact Stan Gibbs.

## **YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY**

**Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cutoff to register is by the General Meeting on Thurs. June 9th.** You must pre-register by contacting the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at [jeanette\\_jurasek@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com) or by phone.

NOTE: Members will not be permitted to fish at the pond prior to the Youth Activity Day Derby.

If you are looking for a fun way to finish off the school year with the children and start your summer vacation early then look no further. Bring out your children, grandchildren, neighbour's children and their friends to enjoy a day filled with a variety of activities and the wonderful environment of WOFGPA.

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day. We do not want children dropped off by adults.

There is no cost for the children to attend on this day. However, there is a nominal cost of \$ 5.00 to the adults for their lunch. Refreshments will be constantly available throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:30 am with fishing derby starting at 9:00 and running til 11:30. Children will accumulate points for each species of fish that are caught rather than the number and size of the fish.

A BBQ lunch will be served following the derby.

After lunch, everyone will break into smaller group and try their skills at some of the planned events. The day will wrap up in the afternoon following a short awards ceremony.



Emily and Dad "Jeff" enjoy a canoe ride (archived photo)

## **CHRISTMAS TRINKETS NEEDED**

As you do your spring cleaning, please set aside unwanted Christmas trinkets, ribbons and non-glass ornaments which can be used by the Wreath Brigade during Christmas Tree Sales. Thank you in advance for your generous donations which can be brought to any meeting or function.

# The club website is [www.wofgpa.org](http://www.wofgpa.org)

## 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](mailto:emadhaz@heafs.com) or visit his website [www.heafs.com](http://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.

## 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. 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.**

## RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's Constitution and the Rules & Regulations.

If any member would like a copy of one or both of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at [jeanette\\_jurasek@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com) or by telephone.

## 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

Sat. June 4	Yard Sale
Thurs. June 9	General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw
Sun. June 19	Father's Day
Thurs. June 23	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 25	Youth Activity Day (pre-register by June 9 <sup>th</sup> )

Fri. July 1	Canada Day
Sat. July 9	Bass Derby (pre-register by June 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Thurs. July 28	Executive Meeting

Mon. Aug. 1	Civic Holiday
Thurs. Aug. 25	Executive Meeting

Mon. Sept. 5	Labour Day
Thurs. Sept. 8	General Meeting
Thurs. Sept. 22	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept 24	Euchre resumes

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 list.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time during the year. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.



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