

JUNE 2025



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June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Yard Sale
8	9	10	11 Last day to register for Friends and Family Day – June 28	12 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	13	14
15 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27	28 Friends & Family Day – 150 th Anniversary
29	30					

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	25	26
27	28	29	30	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 COONSIDERATION, PLEASE CONTACT VAL GRAHL ASAP.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Non-Member Club Events

In an earlier email that I sent out, there was two events to celebrate our 150th anniversary. In the one pertaining to the Family Event on June 28th it was mentioned that Fishing Frenzy was having an interactive display set up on our grounds. To reciprocate their generosity, we have agreed to let them run a four-week fishing league for kids at our pond. They will be at the club for 4 consecutive Wednesdays starting around 6pm and finishing at dusk, starting on July 9th. They will be utilizing the south dock and the main dock. Please be considerate of these folks and fish off the back dock or out in a boat. Our club hosts these events for different groups throughout the year to help promote it for future members in our association.

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.

God wishes are sent to Bob Smale as he recuperates at home.

BBQ MEAT DRAW Thurs., June 12th (Following a short General meeting)

The format is the same as the Turkey Roll in December. There are 10 BBQ meat packages portioned for 1 – 2 persons.

Door prizes, 50 / 50 draw.

ANNUAL YARD SALE Sat. June 7th 8:00 start (Rain or shine)

It is time to gather all unwanted items and make a few dollars at the club's annual yard sale. You might even pick up a bargain or two yourself.

Tables are \$ 10 each and can be reserved by contacting Val Grahl.

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 June 1, 2025, then your membership period ran from June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2025. Your membership will lapse at the end of June 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.

LADIES ONLY DERBY Sat., May 10th

What a beautiful day for angling by the ladies present.

The winners of the day were:

1 st	Val Ruscio
2 nd	Wanda Sanders
3 rd	Janice Colborne

50/50 Judy Sanders



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.

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 7:30
DERBY:	8:00 till noon
COST:	Adults \$ 20
	Youth \$ 10 (aged 12 and under)

The derby rules will be provided at registration.

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.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch 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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Sat. June 28

11:00 am til 4:00 pm

Preregister by Wed. June 11th by contacting Val Grahl

This day of fun filled events is free to WOFGPA members, their families and friends. Pre registration is mandatory in order to have an accurate head count for feed supplies.

The day will consist of a barbeque, cotton candy and popcorn machine, firetruck, bouncy castle, boat tours around the pond, fly-tying, fishing pond for the little ones and Fishing Friendly. Greg Balch will be present with a large taxidermy collection of local wildlife and ecology of the area....and so much more.

Bring your family, your friends and neighbours' family and enjoy the festivities.

Parking will be at a premium so please consider car pooling, take a cab or an UBER or park at nearby plaza.

150th CELEBRATION DAY

(ADULTS ONLY)

Sat. Aug. 23

3:00 pm til 11:00 pm

Preregistration is mandatory by Tues., Aug. 5th and can be done by calling Val Grahl. There is no cost for this event but please bring cash for the Bucket Bonanza

The day will begin with a plaque and time capsule ceremony attended by local dignitaries and news station. Following this, there will be a catered dinner with musical entertainment, and 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.

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.

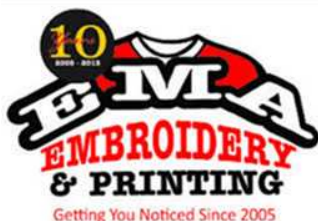
The event calendar for the 2025 – 2026 year is now available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org.

Sat., June 7	Yard Sale
Thurs, June 12	General Meeting & BBQ
	Meat Draw
Sun. June 15	Father's Day
Thurs. June 26	Executive Meeting
Sat. June 28	Friends and Family 150 th Celebration (pre-register by June 12 th)

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 th 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

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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