

MAY 2019



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May

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5	6	7	8	9 General Meeting	10	11 Ladies Only Derby
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9	10	11	12	13 General meeting & BBQ Meat Draw	14	15 Yard Sale
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 Crappie Derby
23 Peter Tolsma Youth Activity Day / 30	24	25	26	27 Executive meeting	28	29

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.



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.

Our condolences are also with the Vosdingh family after the passing of Ed Vosdingh Sr.



MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT & CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

You must attend the club at 7:00 pm on the night of either a General or Executive Meeting (2nd or 4th Thursday of the month) to pay your membership dues and renew your badge sticker. Any payments that are mailed or left at the club will not be accepted and will be returned to you. If you are unable to attend the club to pay your dues on either of these dates, special arrangements for payment can be made only by contacting the Membership Chair, Val Grahl.

It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email and / or phone number 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 a 3 to 4 year wait. Currently, there are over 190 names on the waiting list and the club has only initiated 43 new members in 2019.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is trying to get a foothold on our weather.

Recently, we hosted our annual Spring Trout Derby. Over 40 anglers attended to try their hand at fishing for that big trout. The weather was great and the fish were on the bite, most anglers limited in trout. The best part of the day was presenting awards to those young anglers, under 12 years of age, who had smiles from ear to ear.

With the warmer weather coming, you will find all kinds of opportunities to enjoy yourself at our club. There is fishing, boating, derbies, functions, bird watching, trail hiking, or just relaxing. Speaking of birds, there has been a Loon on our waters. In the near future we will have baby goslings, and baby ducks roaming around, not to mention turtles coming up to lay their eggs, so be careful where you walk.

This is also a great time to get jobs done around our property. We did a major cleanup a couple of weeks ago. I would like to thank all that helped.

The Tuesday night Fishing League has started. We have a great group of anglers that compete on a friendly level for points. We are always looking for new anglers, so if you would like to come out, we meet around 5:00 pm in the back lot.

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 Andre Koch, Brian Ernteman, John Moffat and Lynne Dennis.

Our condolences to the Jurasek family after the passing of Jeff's father.

EUCHRE

The final euchre was attended by 32 players. The evening began with a Pot Luck dinner and the selection was nothing short of amazing. After a large meal, all sat down for an evening of cards.

The winners of the evening were:
High Man – Stan Gibbs (75)
High Lady – Lois Tillotson (71)
Most Lone Hands – Jerry Mantz (6)
Mystery Man – Stu MacKellar
Mystery Lady – Cora Thompson
50 / 50 – (\$ 37.50) – Tim Vogel

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. The winner of the one-year membership was Lou Liberatore. Congrats Lou.

The winner of the April monthly meeting draw was Joe Ruscio who won \$ 36.00. Congratulations Joe.

FISHING LEAGUE MEETING

The fishing league meets each Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm in the parking lot by the boat rack. New members are welcome anytime. The target fish changes each week.

JOIN A COMMITTEE

The new event calendar will soon be posted on the club website. If you would like more information about what each committee does, please contact the chairperson listed at the front of the newsletter.

You may join a committee at any time. You will meet other members who share your love of the club and all it has to offer. If you wish to run for an Executive board position, you must have served on a committee.

LADIES ONLY DERBY Sat., May 11

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.

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am
TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon
COST: \$ 15.00 Members & Non-members
\$ 7.00 Girls (age 12 and under)
\$ 5.00 Gentleman's lunch

The rules will be provided at the time of registration. The men are allowed to assist the ladies by helping her with the line should it become tangled or hooked, netting their fish, boat driving and making "Timmys runs". Men must not cast out or bring Trout in.

Volunteers are needed to assist throughout the morning and at lunch. If you are able to help, please contact Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.

PETER TOLSMA YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY
Sun. June 23

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cutoff to register is Sun. June 16 (Father's Day). You may pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs.

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

Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the day.

Registration for the derby will begin at 8:00 am with fishing lasting until 11:00 am. 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.

The afternoon will be filled with a variety of activities such as fly-tying, bird house building, target casting and a water balloon toss to name a few. These events should finish in the mid-afternoon.



**A group of youth learn to cast and hone their new-found skills
(picture taken from archives)**



Canoe Races (picture taken from archives)

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

EASTER BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who came to assist with the Easter Breakfast. An enjoyable meal was had by all.

Thank you to the Easter Bunny "Dianne" as she entertained the children.

Thank you to the Dennis family for donating the Easter Baskets and stuffed toy for each child.

ANNUAL YARD SALE
Sat. June 15

On the club's main lawn, we will be having the annual garage sale. All vendors will be permitted to set up 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.

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

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".

ANNUAL CRAPPE DERBY
Sat. June 22

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.

DATE:	Sat., June 22
TIME:	Register at 7:30
DERBY:	8:00 till noon
COST:	Members \$ 15.00
	Non-Members \$ 18.00
	Youth \$ 5.00 (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.

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.

BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thurs., June 14

On Thursday, June 14th, 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 two persons (or two meals for an individual). There will be 10 meat packages and 3 door prizes to be awarded.

Tickets are \$ 1.00 each and limited to one per family per draw unless additional tickets are available.

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

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SPRING TROUT DERBY

After two cancellation dates due to bad weather, the Spring Trout Derby was finally held on April 28th.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Omar Elyasizoden	117.5 cm
2 nd	Scott McLeod	117.5 cm
3 rd	Dayton Clark	115.5 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Hannah Nievwland	111.5 cm
2 nd	Kieram McDonald	102.5 cm
3 rd	Raine Rodriguez	68.5 cm

Largest Fish Felipe Mejia 44 cm

50/50 Richard Boal \$ 92.50

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to assist for the morning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A new event calendar for the 2019-2020 season should soon be available on the website.

Thurs. May 9	General Meeting
Sat. May 11	Ladies Only Derby
Sun May 12	Mother's Day
Mon. May 20	Victoria Day
Thurs. May 23	Executive Meeting

Thurs., June 13	General meeting
Sat. June 15	Yard Sale
Sun. June 16	Father's Day
Sat., June 22	Crappie Derby
Sun., June 23	Youth Activity Day
Thurs. June 27	Executive Meeting

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT GENERAL MEETINGS ARE NOT HELD IN JULY AND AUGUST. IF YOU HAVE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES, MAKE SURE THAT YOU ATTEND THE CLUB AT 7:00 PM ON THE 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH (EXECUTIVE MEETING).

Mon., July 1	Canada Day
Sat., July 13	Bass Derby
Thurs., July 25	Executive Meeting

Mon., Aug. 5	Civic holiday
Thurs. Aug. 22	Executive meeting

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.

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 only.

The hall offers full kitchen facilities, except dishwasher. 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 outdoor weddings.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE IN WOFGPA'S NEWSLETTER.



Building bird houses on the main lawn (circa 2000). Notice the lack of vegetation on the shoreline.



WOFGPA clubhouse (circa 1949)



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