

## MAY 2020



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### May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Ladies only derby (cancelled)
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14 General meeting	15	16
17	18 Victoria Day	19	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28 Executive meeting	29	30

### June

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

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

**DUE TO SELF-ISOLATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, WOFGPA IS CLOSED TO MEMBERS.**

**THE CLUB IS CURRENTLY EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS THAT COME DUE DURING THIS TIME. YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL NOT LAPSE AND YOU WILL BE CONTACTED AS TO WHEN IT IS SAFE TO ATTEND THE CLUB TO PAY YOUR DUES AND OBTAIN NEW STICKERS.**

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**

Good Day members:

I hope you and your families are healthy and coping as best you can in these uncertain times. According to recent reports we seem to be on the downhill side of this pandemic and hopefully soon we will be able to return to some form of normality in our daily lives.

Our club remains closed until May 12, 2020, as per the government emergency guidelines.

Your Executive body and a few committee members have been busy cleaning the grounds and getting ready for your return. Hopefully by the time you can come fishing, we will have trout in the pond and, if not, I will schedule that as soon as possible after restrictions are lifted.

When the restrictions are lightened, we may still have to respect social distancing, which might limit the number of anglers on the docks at one time. If this comes into effect, we may also have to limit time on the docks to allow all members access. The members with water craft should see no restrictions.

For those of you that had membership fees due, we will catch up once the restrictions are lifted. No one that had to pay in April or May will lose their membership, we will contact you and inform you when we are open for business.

Please watch your emails and the club web site for any updates or changes.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

**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.

**LADIES ONLY DERBY  
Sat., May 9**

This event is cancelled due to regulated club closure.

**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 heartfelt condolences to Larry Holtzman and his family after the passing of his wife, Liz Burnett earlier this month.

**WANTED**

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

**YARD SALE  
Sat., June 27**

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.

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".

The Youth Committee may hold a car wash at the same time. You can get your vehicle exterior cleaned while you wander for deals at the yard sale.

**BBQ MEAT DRAW  
Thurs., June 11**

On Thursday, June 11th, 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 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.

**ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION  
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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

## BLACK CRAPPIE DERBY SAT., JUNE 20

Members are NOT allowed to fish during any 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 20  
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.

## ANNUAL YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sun., June 28

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Sun. June 21 (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)**

So, if you are looking for a fun way to finish off the "home" 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.

## HALL RENTALS

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE HALL, INCLUDING WASHROOM ACCESS IS CURRENTLY CLOSED BY PROVINCIAL REGULATION AND WILL OPEN WHEN MEASURES ARE LIFTED.**

## 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.

Currently, all events scheduled for May are cancelled.

### June

Thurs. June 11 General meeting & BBQ Meat  
Sat., June 20 Crappie Derby  
Sun., June 21 Father's Day  
Thurs., June 25 Executive Meeting  
Sat., June 27 Yard Sale Contact-Teresa Couture  
Car Wash  
Sun., June 28 Youth Activity Day Contact: Stan Gibbs

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  
Sat. Aug. 30 Appreciation Day

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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