

## MAY 2021



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### May

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

### June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Annual Tackle Swap
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting & Youth Activity Day cutoff	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Black Crappie Derby
20	21	22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26
27 Youth Activity Day	28	29	30			

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

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association  
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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.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

These are certainly trying times.

Over the past year, the world has been trying to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. I'm not sure that we have it under control yet. Even with needles going in arms this virus continues to mutate and spread.

Not so long ago, my personal thoughts were that it can't be all that bad, because I did not personally know of a single person afflicted with Covid – 19 virus and its variants. However, that has all changed in the last week. Recently I been informed of four cases within the membership of our Association. Three of them are recovering at home, whereas the fourth is in hospital in the ICU. The threat is real!!!

Please respect your fellow members at our club and abide by our Covid-19 protocols: maintain social distancing, wear a mask in the building and on docks when others are present, use hand sanitizer, and limit your time to 2 hours. None of the infected members have been around the club for quite some time, so the transmission from them is not a threat. That being said it only takes one careless person to infect someone, and we would not like to see our club shut down because of it.

Stay healthy and safe and get your vaccination when it is offered to you. This is the only way to fight this menace.

Yours in Conservation  
Stan Gibbs

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

**Currently, the province is under Stay At Home regulation. As such, some members will be granted an extension on their grace period to pay their dues. These individuals have been contacted by Val Grahl, Membership Chair. Once things begin to open up, the affected members will be notified to attend the club.**

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2021) are:

Family	\$ 160.00
Single	\$ 140.00
Senior	\$ 135.00

For example, purposes: if your renewal date on your notice is May 1, 2021. Your membership will lapse at the end of May, which is the one-month grace period permitted and your name 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 year wait time.

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 on file.

All membership renewal notices are sent electronically, and mailed only to those persons without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues. 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.

## ELECTIONS IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the current Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework with a Stay At Home Order and the potential future limits on gatherings, the Executive of WOFGPA is considering to delay our Annual Elections until March 2022. They realize the importance of club members' input and participation into the election process to keep this organization viable and accountable to its members and welcome this feedback.

The Executive is proposing that the elections are foregone for the current year. If there are no concerns from the membership, the current Executive and Committee Chairs have agreed to remain in office until the next scheduled elections in March 2022.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding this delay until March 2022, please speak with Stan Gibbs as soon as possible.

A final decision based on member feedback will be made in the coming weeks.

## 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?" This is especially important during the pandemic as many of our members venture outside or visit friends and family infrequently and would likely welcome a call.

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.

Wishing for speedy recovery and healthier days ahead for those individuals affected by Covid-19.

Our heartfelt condolences to Angelo Rea and his family after the passing of a brother-in-law and a son in April. Our thoughts and prayers are with this family during these difficult times.

## LADIES ONLY DERBY

This derby, scheduled for Sat., May 8th has been cancelled due to provincial Stay At Home Orders. This event will not be rescheduled.

## 15th ANNUAL TACKLE SWAP

Please note that this function may be cancelled due to provincial regulations. If it is, members will be notified by Stan Gibbs.

DATE: Sat. June 5, 2021  
TIME: 9:00 am until 1:00 pm  
LOCATION: WOFGPA grounds, rain or shine  
COST: No entrance fee

Normally, the annual Tackle Swap allows us to shake off those winter blues. This year will mark its first time held on the lawn and will make it seem like a "kick off to yard sale season". You may also want to sell some of that old equipment you have lying around. Previous years have been a great success with many different clubs promoting their club's activities and selling different fishing/hunting related wares to the visitors.

Preregistration for a reserved table is mandatory. There is a nominal registration fee for a table and reservations can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs. Tables will be assigned.

If you have anything to donate, please contact Stan as soon as possible.

GUNS AND AMMUNITION WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE

## ANNUAL CRAPPIE DERBY Sat. June 22

Pre-registration can be made by contacting Stan Gibbs as soon as possible. This derby will go ahead if regulations permit and there is enough interest from members and guests. Social distancing and mask use will be observed. Dock space will be limited.

Full details will follow in the June newsletter. Mark your calendars.

## MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo.  
Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. This item is in limited supply. Please contact Stan Gibbs about mask purchases.

The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL).

Andre Koch can be reached at home by phone. Stan Gibbs is present at meetings.

## YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY Sun. June 27

As per most of our events lately, this day may be cancelled due to government regulations.

Pre-registration is mandatory to have an accurate head count and the cut-off to register is Thurs., June 10 (General meeting night). You must pre-register by contacting Stan Gibbs only.

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

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

There is no cost for the children to attend on this day. 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 lunch will be served following the derby.

We will break into smaller groups after lunch when a range of activities are planned.

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 your children, grandchildren, neighbour's children and friends to enjoy a day filled with a variety of activities and the wonderful environment of WOFGPA.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The Event Calendar for 2021 – 2022 is available on the club website. Please be advised that all functions listed in this newsletter may be cancelled due to the government regulations. If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email.

Sat. May 8 Ladies Only Derby - cancelled  
Thurs. May 13 General Meeting and Elections (see newsletter)  
Mon. May 24 Victoria Day  
Thurs. May 27 Executive Meeting

Sat. June 5 Tackle Swap  
Thurs. June 10 General Meeting & BBQ Meat Draw  
Sat. June 19 Crappie Derby (details in June newsletter)  
Thurs. June 24 Executive Meeting  
Sun. June 27 Youth Activity Day (details in June newsletter)



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