

MAY 2024



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May

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

June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Yard Sale
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting and BBQ Meat Draw	14	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21	22 Youth Activity Day
23 / 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring Has Sprung

Now that the weather has warmed and the new fish have been placed in their new home, we are seeing a lot of members out fishing and enjoying our property. This is wonderful and why we are here.

With that being said, I would like to ask all members that when they are on the docks, and a mess is made while landing your fish that you clean up after yourself. We have brooms on all docks and it only takes a moment to brush it clean. This also applies to our goose population, if there are droppings on the dock, take a moment to make it usable for all.

Thanks.

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.

We wish for healthier days ahead for Randy Keating and Ted Henderson.

Condolences to the Couture and Thompson families after the passing of Teresa's brother-in-law, John Thompson.

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.

The new membership rates (effective July 1, 2023) are:

Family	\$ 170.00
Single	\$ 150.00
Senior	\$ 145.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is May 1, 2024, then your membership period ran from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Your membership will lapse at the end of May 2024, 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.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. 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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE THE BUSINESSES THAT ADVERTISE WITH WOFGPA

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

FOR SALE

If you have a boat or canoe that you are wanting to sell or donate to the club, please speak to Stan Gibbs.

ANNUAL POST ELECTION DINNER Sat., April 6

Thank you to all who assisted in making this evening special.

The winners of the evening were:

Carolyn Jurasek	Twin Bridge Fishing Charter
Renato Bonasia	Pork Chops
Bo Grahl	Charcuterie board
Frank Colozza	Farm boy gift basket
Brian Allen	50/50 draw - \$ 90.00



Carolyn Jurasek is the pleased winner of the Twin Bridge Fishing Charter.

SPRING TROUT DERBY
Sun. April 14

Thank you to all the volunteers for making this day special.

A total of 116 Trout were taken during the derby.

The winners of the day were:

Adult division –

1 st	Marco Liberatore	132 cm
2 nd	Carmine Dariano	131.5 cm
3 rd	Alberto Alexander	129.5 cm

Youth division-

1 st	Jace Huber	128.5 cm
2 nd	Kai Gheller	90.5 cm
3 rd	Zale Nicolapoulus	77.5 cm

Big Trout

Stan Gibbs 46.5 cm

50/50 draw - Ford Newlook \$ 162.00

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.

PRE-REGISTRATION CUTOFF: Executive Meeting on Thurs., April 25th

REGISTER: 7:30 am until 9:00 am

TOURNAMENT: runs from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

COST: \$ 25.00 Members & Non-members
\$ 15.00 Girls (age 12 and under)
\$ 8.00 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 "Timmies 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.

ANNUAL YARD SALE
Sat. June 1st – rain or shine

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 begins at 7:00 am. Tables must be reserved for only \$ 10 each by calling Stan Gibbs. Why not sell those unused or unwanted items that you come across as you do your spring cleaning and make a bit of money

ANNUAL BBQ MEAT DRAW
Thurs June 13

The BBQ meat draw will follow a shortened General Meeting. The format is similar to the Annual Turkey Roll. There are 10 meat packages which contain a select variety of meat in portions for two people. There is a door prize and 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$ 1.00 per draw.

Remember that nothing tastes better from the barbeque than meat that you have won at WOFGPA. You cannot win if you are not there.

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.

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.

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

Sat June 1	Yard Sale
Thurs June 13	General Meeting
	BBQ Meat Draw
Sun June 16	Fathers Day
Sat June 22	Youth Activity Dat
Thurs June 27	Executive Meeting

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.

Watch for details of upcoming event in your newsletter, check the bulletin boards and the club website.

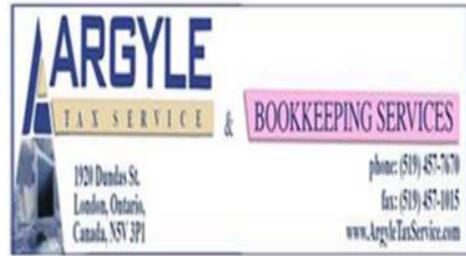


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