

NOVEMBER 2020



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November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 General meeting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Fall Clean up and Tree lot set up
22	23	24	25	26 Executive Meeting	27 Christmas Tree sales begin	28
29	30					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 General Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Executive Meeting (early) Moved to the 17th	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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

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.

All membership renewal notices will be sent electronically. Renewal notices will be mailed only to those persons without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues. Mailed payments are not acceptable. Any late payment will not be accepted and you will no longer be considered a member in good standing. 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 to 5-year wait time.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Non-Registered Anglers

Have you ever taken the time to watch the other anglers on the pond? I'm not talking about the anglers that use fishing rods, I'm referring to all of our feathered friends. Sometimes I visit the pond with a coffee and just watch nature at its best.

It's amazing to see a blue heron stalk its prey in the shallows. They stand so still and then with lightning speed; they plunge their long beak and neck into the water and bring out their meal.

The Osprey is a beautiful bird to watch when it is hunting, it will circle high above the water looking for their prey, then fold its wings down and dives into the pond, usually coming up with a fish.

The Red Tail Hawk doesn't normally go for fish unless they are laying on the ice or they like to clean up the scraps around the cleaning station.

Today, I had my first sighting of a Bald Eagle fishing in our pond. The massive bird dove into the water and came out with a trout.

I wish there was a way to train these anglers how to register their catch. So, the next time you venture to the club, keep your eyes on the sky, mother nature will give you a show like no other.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

CANCELLED EVENTS

Euchre – cancelled until Jan 2021, possibly longer
Breakfast with Santa
Annual Bake Sale
Annual Turkey Roll

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.

Our wish for healthier days ahead is sent to Bert Smit and Kyla Isenor.

Our heartfelt condolences are with Ed Brown and his family after the passing of Sue Brown on Oct. 16. She touched the lives and hearts of so many and will be sorely missed.

MERCHANDISE

NEW ITEM – 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.

HONEY AND PURE MAPLE SYRUP FOR SALE

For those who always purchased their honey and maple syrup from Don Parker at Euchre, Teresa Couture will be selling it on his behalf.

The cost is:

Pure honey (1 kg)	\$ 10
Pure Maple Syrup (1 Litre)	\$ 18

Please call Teresa at home to arrange your purchase.

LOT CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SET UP

Henry Van Eerdewijk has a list of things to be done before winter sets in at the club. Please bring a rake. At the same time, the tree lot will be set up in anticipation of the tree delivery the following week. Gloves will be supplied.



It is almost Christmas Tree selling time again. This is the club's largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds keep your membership dues low and funds many club events throughout the year. It also ensures a continuous stock of Trout in the pond. Now is the time to get involved at your club and join the fun!

NEW THIS YEAR:

There are a few changes this year due to the coronavirus pandemic and physical distancing restrictions. The trailer will be limited to 2 persons only at all times. The Executive has decided that goodies will not be permitted due to communal food concerns at this time. All volunteers will be scheduled this year so please do not just "drop by" to hang out inside the trailer. All volunteers will be permitted to warm up in the main building. The wreath brigade will be in the basement hard at work.

Thurs., Nov. 12

Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar starting on Thurs., Nov. 12, at the General Meeting and continuing until all shifts are filled. The "best" shifts are usually spoken for early so don't delay in booking yours. Don will be assisted by George Maudsley this year.

Sat. Nov. 21

This is the day set aside to clean the grounds and set up the tree lot. The day will start at 8:30 rain or shine.

Week of Nov 23 to 27 -TBA

The trees will be delivered during the week. The date has not been confirmed as yet but lots of help will be needed. Many hands make light work.

Fri., Nov. 27

Christmas Tree and Wreath Sales begin and will continue until all the trees are sold.

There has been a small price increase in some tree sizes this year. The pricing for 2020 is:

\$ 35	Under 7 ft
\$ 55	7 - 8 ft
\$ 65	8 - 10 ft
\$ 75	10 - 12 ft
\$ 160	special order for very large trees - contact Don Colborne
\$ 20	Wreaths, table tops, crosses and "Charlie Brown" trees
\$ 5	Desktop trees and bundled branches

New this year...WOFGPA can now take interact and credit card payments for your purchases and membership dues.

While the tree sales are ongoing, the Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided.

Angela Liberatore and Stan Gibbs will head the Wreath Brigade group in the basement, although they will have different roles. Stan will take over the making of the wreaths and scheduling people to assist him. Angela will head the decorating group. She will schedule and oversee the decorators to keep up with the demand.

POACHING

Poaching is a serious problem.

Only club members wearing their valid membership cards, and their guests, are allowed to fish on the pond.

If you see anyone fishing with no visible membership card, ask to see proof of valid membership. Club members who do not display their valid membership card should expect to be told by the caretaker or any member to immediately stop fishing.

Non-members caught fishing on club property could be charged with trespassing and poaching.

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. If an event is cancelled, the President, Stan Gibbs will notify members by email. The cancellation will also be posted on the bulletin board at the club.

Wed. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs. Nov. 12	General Meeting
Sat. Nov. 21	Fall Clean up & Tree lot set up
Week of Nov. 23 - 27	Tree delivery - to be confirmed
Thurs. Nov. 26	Executive Meeting
Fri. Nov. 27	Tree sales begin
Thurs. Dec 12	General meeting
Mon. Dec. 21	Executive meeting (early due to the holidays)



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