

NOVEMBER 2022



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November

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

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 General Meeting and Turkey Roll	9	10 Breakfast with Santa
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Executive Meeting	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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Has Slipped Away

You will notice some changes around our club as fall sets in. Most notably are the fall colours which were striking this year. The other change has been our clubhouse, which has had a major facelift. Many thanks to the volunteers that helped in the prep for this job and the task of putting things back together.



In the near future we will be setting up our tree lot and workshop downstairs for the upcoming Christmas tree season. Many volunteers are needed, as this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. So, if you can spare some time to help out it will be greatly appreciated. Check dates for lot set up and sales in this newsletter.

Have you ever wanted to build your own fishing rod; it is not really that hard. We have a member who is willing to walk us through the process. This will be done in the evening, after the New Year, one night a week for approximately 6 weeks. Please keep an eye out for specifics on this course and email me back if you think you might be interested, we have limited space so get you name in early.

Our last stocking of trout will be done in November, around the time around the Fall Cleanup date. This will be posted on the Bulletin Board at the club.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

WELFARE

Many club members who are not 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 the Doucette family after the sudden passing of Jamie Doucette.

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. General meetings are not held in July and August.

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

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

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. Hopefully this will clarify things for everyone. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is Nov. 1, 2022, then your membership ran from Nov. 1, 2021 through Oct. 31, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of November, which is the one-month grace period permitted. At the end of the grace period, you are no longer a member in good standing and 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 which is currently has an estimated 4-5 year wait time.

If you need special consideration regarding payment of dues, contact Val Grahl before your membership lapses. This can be done by telephone or contacting her through the club website. WOFGPA will not be responsible if your membership lapses due to incorrect contact information on our files. All membership renewal notices are sent electronically. Only members without an email on file will receive a mailed notice.

The club will accept cheques, debit and credit card payments but not e-transfers on a scheduled meeting night starting at 7:00 pm. 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.

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.

There is also a monthly General Meeting draw. Your chances of winning increase with each meeting that you attend.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST
Sat. October 1

Thank you to everyone who assisted with this night and also those who attended. The food was nothing short of phenomenal.



FALL TROUT DERBY
Sat. Oct 15

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with the Fall Trout Derby.

The winners of the day were:

Adult Division

1 st	Doug Taylor	126 cm
2 nd	Aeis Nicolopoulos	125 cm
3 rd	Brian Twigg	124 cm

Youth Division

1 st	Zale Nicolopoulos
2 nd	Jackson Stoker
3 rd	No winner

Mystery Fish	Lucas Vondette	34 cm
50/50 draw	George Breuninger	\$ 100.00

ANNUAL TURKEY ROLL
Thurs. Dec. 8th
(Following a shortened General Meeting)

Once again, we are having our annual Turkey Roll with 7 turkeys and 3 hams to be won. There will also be door prizes to be won.

Refreshments, snacks and prizes will be available. Come out for a great social evening with lots of laughs, cards and good company. The cost of each ticket is \$ 1.00. Hope to see everyone there!

EUCHRE

Thank you to Jeanette Jurasek for hosting the evening on Oct. 22nd.

The winners were:

High Lady – Patsy (63)
High Man – Stan Gibbs (67)
Low Lady – Jeanette
Low Man – Murray
Most Lone Hands – Dave (3)

Mark your calendars for the next Euchre night.

DATE: Saturday, November 26th

TIME: Doors open at 6:00 pm with the games starting at 7:00 pm

COST: \$ 5.00 per player

Progressive euchre is a fun filled evening with good company, good cards and a lot of laughter. You do not need to have a partner or a foursome to play. There is a light snack served during the break and door prizes at the end of the evening. A donation of a door prize or dessert is always welcome.

If you are interested in hosting a Euchre night on the fourth Saturday of the month, please speak with Randy Keating for details. One of the Executive will be always present at Euchre.

FALL CLEAN UP AND TREE LOT SETUP
Sat. Nov. 19th at 8:30 am

Lou Liberatore is organizing the annual Fall Clean up before winter arrives. He has a long list. Please bring a rake if you have one. Gloves will be supplied.

At the same time, the tree lot will be set up.

The trees will be delivered around 9:00 am on Wed. Nov. 23rd. Delivery takes place on a weekday and lots of able-bodied persons are needed to unload the truck in a timely manner. Please dress to get wet. We supply gloves and refreshments.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Sat., December 10th
9:00 till 11:00 am

Come on out to visit Santa and enjoy a great club cooked breakfast. The Breakfast with Santa is open to everyone.

Your hot and fresh breakfast consists of: sausage and scrambled eggs, pancakes and baked beans, orange juice and coffee or tea.

Adults – (age 12 and up) - \$ 8.00

Child – (under 12) - \$ 5.00

After this event, the family can go outside to pick out their fresh cut and trimmed Christmas tree and a real wreath from the tree lot for a very reasonable price.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

It is almost Christmas Tree selling time again. This is the club's largest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds are what keeps 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!

Thurs., Nov. 10

Don Colborne will be accepting names of volunteers for the Christmas Tree Shift calendar 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 Lou Liberatore this year.

Sat. Nov. 19

This is the day set aside for fall cleanup and to set up the tree lot. The day will start at 8:30 rain or shine. The tree lot will be set up after the grounds have been cleaned. Trout are scheduled to be delivered as well.

Wed. Nov. 23rd

The trees will be delivered to the club early in the morning. A lot of assistance is needed from many volunteers to unload the truck in a timely manner. The trees will be marked at the time of unloading. If you are able to assist, come out dressed to get damp and dirty. Work gloves and hot refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Sat. Nov. 26

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

While the tree sales are ongoing outside, the Wreath Brigade will resume making and decorating the wreaths in the club basement. Drop in anytime to assist. No previous experience is needed and all training will be provided. Angela Liberatore will head the decorating group. She will schedule and oversee the decorators to keep up with the demand. Stan Gibbs will oversee wreath making and scheduling people to assist him.

Donations of non-glass ornaments, trinkets and ribbons are always welcomed by the wreath brigade. If you come across any that you are no longer using, they can be left at the club.

ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION & BOW-HUNTING COURSES

Emad Hazboun teaches these courses for a very reasonable cost. He offers a discount if you are a WOFGPA club member.

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

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 but not on daytime rentals. 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 engagement parties or outdoor weddings and photoshoots.

MERCHANDISE

Black mask with embroidered "fish" logo. Cost is \$ 13.00 each or 2 for \$ 25.00. The club has pens, lanyards, T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, toques, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Custom orders can be placed at any time. Current selection includes larger sized hoodies and T-shirts (sizes up to 3XL). Lined jackets with an embroidered club crest and your name are available as custom orders only.

Randy Keating will be available at all meetings and functions to assist you with your purchase or your custom order.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Executive is evaluating each function to determine if it can be safely held. Details of these functions will be posted on the club website, the bulletin boards and in the newsletter. Please check these frequently

Thurs. Nov. 10	General Meeting
Fri. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Sat. Nov. 19	Fall Clean up and Tree Lot set up
Wed. Nov. 23	Trees are delivered
Thurs. Nov. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Nov. 26	Euchre
	Tree sales begin

Thurs. Dec 8	General Meeting & Turkey Roll
Sat. Dec.10	Breakfast with Santa
Thurs. Dec. 22	Executive Meeting
Sun. Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Sat. Dec. 31	New Years Eve

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.



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