

## OCTOBER 2022



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### October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Annual Pig Roast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Thanksgiving	11	12	13 General Meeting	14	15 Fall Trout Derby
16	17	18	19	20	21`	22 Euchre
23 / 30	24 / 31	25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29 Family Movie Night

### 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	24 Executive Meeting	25	26 Euchre & Tree Sales begin
27	28	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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members:

As most of you are aware, the cost of operating our club is quite expensive and since the Covid outbreak, prices on everything have climbed even higher.

It has always been our objective to offer our club and its grounds as inexpensively as possible. This is done through various events and fundraisers. We have a new fundraiser that I am quite excited about, we have teamed up with Railway City Brewery in St Thomas to produce a Lager craft beer with our own unique can design.

In the near future I will be sending out an email on how to order some, and have it delivered to our club for your pick up. Free home delivery will also be an option with orders over \$40.00. This lager beer was taste sampled at our recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and opinion was very good. Not only would this make a great drink to have on hand, but would also be a great take along to dinners, and also would make a great gift for friends and families.

Please support us in this fundraiser, and keep your membership rates as low as possible



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.

## 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.

## 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 Oct. 1, 2022, then your membership ran from Oct. 1, 2021 through Sept. 30, 2022. Your membership will lapse at the end of October, 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. It is very important that you send any and all changes in mailing address, email or phone number(s) to Val Grahl (Membership Committee). 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.

**ANNUAL PIG ROAST**  
**Sat. October 1**

We are pleased to announce that our functions are resuming after such a long time.

The limited number of tickets for our Annual Pig Roast are available now and are selling quickly.

If you wish to get tickets, please contact Jeanette Jurasek at home or at every meeting and function.

Don't delay as there will be a limited number of tickets available.

**FALL TROUT DERBY**  
**Sat. Oct 15**

Members are not allowed to fish the pond in the morning prior to the start of the derby. Once the derby has ended, everyone is invited to fish and all regular catch limits for your membership type will apply.

Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)  
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon  
Cost: Members - \$ 18.00  
Non-Members - \$ 20.00  
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division. Of course, there will also be the Mystery Fish.
- Registration includes a hot lunch with refreshments. Your name will also be entered to win one of the many door prizes.
- During the derby, only registered anglers in the derby will be allowed to fish. Trout caught during the derby will count only for the derby.

If you wish to help with the fall Trout stocking, please let Stan Gibbs know.

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Sat. Oct. 29**  
**(Register by Wed. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>)**

Doors open: 6:30 pm  
Movie starts: 7:00 pm

Snacks and refreshments will be provided to this family friendly, non- frightening movie night.

Feel free to bring your own pillows and blankets. The children are invited to come in their costumes. Please confirm by Wed., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> by contacting Jeanette Jurasek at either [jeanette\\_jurasek@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com) or at 226-238-0237. She can also answer any questions you might have. An accurate headcount is needed to purchase supplies.

**RULES/ REGULATIONS AND CONSTITUTION**

Every member is entitled to have a copy of the Western Ontario Fish & Game Protective Association's Constitution and the Rules & Regulations.

If any member would like a copy of one or both of these documents, please contact the club Secretary, Jeanette Jurasek at [jeanette\\_jurasek@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanette_jurasek@hotmail.com) or by telephone.



**EUCHRE HAS RESUMED**

Calling all euchre players to progressive euchre game night, which is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. of the month. It has been a very long time since this event was held so, please spread the word to other Euchre players that you know as the games are open to all.

The attendance was lower than expected but one can only assume that many people aren't aware that the Euchre night and all other club functions have resumed. Spread the word.

The winners of the Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> night were:  
High Lady – Ruth Lalonde (67)  
High Man – Steve Couture (58)  
Low Lady – Teresa Couture  
Low Man – Randy Keating  
Most Lone Hands – Detlef Von Ruczicki (4). Detlef had the highest score but could only win in one category.

Mark your calendars for the next Euchre night.

**DATE: Saturday, October 22nd**  
**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 Jeanette Jurasek for details. When you host an evening, one of the Executive will be always present should their help be needed.

**ONTARIO HUNTER EDUCATION**  
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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](mailto:emadhaz@heafs.com) or visit his website [www.heafs.com](http://www.heafs.com)

## 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.

## 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 during the week of Nov. 21 – 25<sup>th</sup>. Details of the delivery will be in the November newsletter. Delivery takes place on a weekday and lots of able-bodied persons are needed to unload the truck in a timely manner. Watch your November newsletter for details.

## 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.

## 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

Sat. Oct 1	Annual Pig Roast
Mon Oct 10	Thanksgiving Monday
Thurs Oct 13	General Meeting
Sat Oct 15	Fall Trout Derby
Sat Oct 22	Euchre
Thurs Oct 27	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 29	Family Movie Night
Mon Oct 31	Halloween
Thurs. Nov. 10	General Meeting
Fri. Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Sat. Nov. 19	Fall Clean up and Tree Lot set up
Week of 21 – 25 <sup>th</sup>	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.

Please contact the Committee Chair to get more information or to join a committee at any time during the year. If you wish to join the Executive Body, you must have served on a committee, so get involved.



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