

OCTOBER 2026



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October

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

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 Fall Clean up Tree lot setup
15	16	17	18	19	20 Tree sales begin	21
22	23	24	25	26 Executive meeting	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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Creating Memories.

There was a mention in our last newsletter that we would be publishing short stories about members experiences in the great outdoors.

I would like to start with a story involving my wife and two grandsons. On a warm sunny morning late in August, my grandsons asked to go fishing. We loaded up the truck and headed for the club with bobbers and dew worms in tow. The sunfish were very cooperative and kept us busy. Just this experience alone was very rewarding for my wife and I, as we taught Hendrickson, and Joseph all the great things about our pond. Both boys were both getting very good at casting and catching fish. Joseph had just casted his line out when the bobber disappeared below the surface. He was having trouble reeling in his little rod, so Grampa went to help. After all was said and done, he landed this 22inch largemouth bass. Both boys could not talk of anything else for the rest of the day. I'm sure Joseph will remember this for a long time. Looks like Grampa has two new fishing buddies. Great memories.



Stan Gibbs with grandson Joseph and his catch

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

GOODWILL

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.



A few of the volunteers recognized for their service efforts at WOFGPA

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION

There seems to be confusion as to the grace period permitted to pay dues. If your renewal date on your renewal notice is October 1, 2026, then your membership period ran from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Your membership will lapse on October 31, 2026, 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.

The new membership rates (effective April 1, 2026) are:

Family	\$ 175.00
Single	\$ 155.00
Senior	\$ 150.00
Youth (16-18 Yrs)	\$ 75.00
Boat Rack	\$ 60.00 (unchanged)

ANNUAL MEETING DRAW

For each General Meeting that you attend, you can complete a ballot for a free one-year membership (no cash value). The draw is done each year at the Annual Elections in March of each year.

ANNUAL PORK DINNER Sat. Oct 3

This year the menu has been varied a bit. This year the Executive will be serving a dinner of smoked pork chops, roasted potatoes and green beans, baked brown beans, salad, roll. You can enjoy dessert with a tea or coffee.

A limited number of 65 tickets will be available for the cost of \$ 30 each.

Get your ticket from Jeanette Jurasek before they are sold out. The last day to purchase tickets is Thurs., Sept 24th

FALL CLEAN UP & TREE LOT SETUP

Sat., Nov. 14
8:30 am (rain or shine)

Lots of work needs to be done in cleaning the grounds prior to setting up the tree lot.

Please bring a rake if you have one.

Gloves and refreshments are provided.

If you can come, please confirm with Lou Liberatore.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club is now loaded with plenty of new swag for its members, family and friends. This is the club's 150th anniversary so come and get your collectable swag.

Blue zippered hoodies	\$ 55
Blue sweaters	\$ 30
Blue, long-sleeved T-shirts	\$ 30
Blue, short sleeved t-shirts	\$ 20
Blue Hoodies	\$ 40
Ball caps	\$ 15 - \$ 35
Winter Toques	\$ 15

Some items can be custom ordered such as jackets with name for an additional cost. Please see Marco or Angela Liberatore at any meeting or function.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Sun. OCT. 18

Members are NOT allowed to fish on the morning of a derby, including before the derby starts. After the derby ends, members may fish the pond with their daily catch limit determined by their membership type.

TIME:	Register at 7:30	
DERBY:	8:00 till noon	
COST:	Members & non-members	\$ 25
	Youth (12 and under)	\$ 15
	Gentleman's lunch	\$ 8

The derby rules will be provided at registration. Only those anglers participating in the derby will be allowed to fish during the derby. All fish caught during a derby do not count towards the member's daily limit.

With your registration, you will receive a light lunch and will be eligible to win one of many door prizes available. Prizes are awarded to the winners in both the Adult and Youth divisions.

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Lou Liberatore is heading the Grounds Committee. He is asking that those interested in helping with the grounds come each Wednesday morning at 9:00 am.

The project will be announced each week. Many hands make light work.

CLUB MEDIA PRESENCE

Stan Gibbs has noted that the club should be looking at ways to update its presence in the newsletter, website and possibly on social media platforms directed at its members and the public. He is hoping to oversee a group that can come up with and implement fresh ideas. No meetings have been set as yet but if you would like to be involved, please contact Stan Gibbs at presidentwofgpa@gmail.com

FIREWOOD

Nancy Shaw has firewood that she is selling. She is generously donating 20% of sales to the club. Please contact her at 519-476-7521.

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, the club's resident caretaker 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 and not on hourly rate rentals.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The event calendar for the 2026 – 2027 year is available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org. Details are also posted on club bulletin boards.

Sat. Oct. 3	Annual Pork Dinner
Thurs, Oct 8	General Meeting
Mon, Oct. 12	Thanksgiving
Sun, Oct 18	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs, Oct 22	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct 31	Halloween
Wed, Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Thurs, Nov 12	General Meeting
Sat, Nov 14	Fall Cleanup
	Tree lot setup
Nov 16-20 th	Tree delivery (Date to be confirmed)
Fri, Nov 21	Tree sales begin
	Wreath Brigade begins



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