

SEPTEMBER 2020



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September

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

October

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

REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP VALID TO AVOID BEING ON A WAITING LIST TO REJOIN

**Western Ont. Fish & Game Protective Association
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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.

Beginning Sept. 1, 2020, all membership renewal notices will be sent electronically. Renewal notices will be mailed only to those without an email on file. Please bring your notice with you when paying your membership dues.

Beginning August 1st, 2020, 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

Have you ever noticed that when courtesies are extended to people, someone always has to push the limit and ruin it for others? This is the case with our fish cleaning station.

In the past I have told people that if they are in need to clean their catch, even if it is not from our pond, to go ahead but only in emergency. Unfortunately, numerous anglers are dumping large quantities of fish remains that are making our grounds a mess and producing a foul smell at our club.

Effective immediately, the only fish remains that are to be deposited at our club is the fish out of our pond.

A good practice that I use is freezing the remains until garbage day, and the put them out with your trash.

A reminder to all is that we have commenced meetings with members invited. We must follow physical distancing and wear face masks. There is a 35-person limit allowed in the hall at one time. So, if you plan on attending get there early to obtain a spot.

Yours in Conservation
Stan Gibbs

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.

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.

FISHING LEAGUE

The Fishing League has resumed each Tuesday night from 5:00 pm til dusk. The list of target fish changes each week. The cost is \$ 2.00 per week with half of the proceeds going to the winner. You can join at any time as the scoring is cumulative and ends after the Fall Trout Derby. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Gibbs.

EUCHRE Sat, Sept. 26

This function has been cancelled. If you have any suggestions as to how to host the card evening, respecting physical distancing, please contact me. Thank you so much, Teresa Couture.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST Sat. Oct. 17

This function has been cancelled due to provincial regulations under The Emergency Measures Act.

FALL TROUT DERBY Sat, Oct. 17

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.

Mark your calendar and tell your friends that our derbies are open to members and the general public.

Registration: 7:30 am (NO EARLIER PLEASE)
Derby Times: 8:00 am until Noon
Cost: Members - \$ 15.00
Non-Members - \$ 18.00
Youth (12 & under) - \$ 5.00

The rules are really quite simple.

- The derby will be held outside, rain or shine.
- The longest total length of 3 Trout caught will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards in each division and the Mystery Fish.
- Registration includes the chance of win one of the many door prizes. Food will not be served.
- 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 and not as part of their daily catch limit.

Please contact Stan Gibbs if you can help out for the day.

HALL RENTALS

The washrooms are open for members to use while angling at the club.

The hall is open for rentals but with conditions. The size of the hall rental is limited to 35 persons who must wear masks at all times and respect physical distancing. No food can be served. These guidelines are in place due to provincial regulations under the Emergency Measures Act.

Please speak to Barb Smith for further details.

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.

Mon. Sept. 7	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept. 10	General Meeting
Thurs., Sept. 24	Executive Meeting
Sat. Sept. 26	Euchre (cancelled)
Thurs. Oct. 8	General Meeting
Mon. Oct. 12	Thanksgiving Monday
Sat. Oct. 17	Fall Trout Derby
Thurs. Oct. 22	Executive Meeting
Sat. Oct. 24	Euchre (tentative)
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	
Thurs. Nov. 26	Executive Meeting
Fri. Nov. 27	Tree sales begin
Sat. Nov. 28	Euchre (tentative)

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

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.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

The club has lanyards, patch crests and key chains available in stock. Andre makes sure there is an ample supply of T-shirts, hoodies and hats available in a range of sizes. 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 and is present at club meetings and functions.



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