

SEPTEMBER 2026



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September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Labour Day (STAT)	8	9	10 General meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Executive meeting (new date)	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Last day to get Pork dinner tickets	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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

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.

**NOTE: THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE MEETING
WILL BE HELD ONE-WEEK EARLY ON THURS.,
SEPT. 17, 2026**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Help Around the Club.

Over the years, I have mentioned many times that I thought our club volunteers are the best I have the opportunity to work with.

We have a membership base of 275 memberships, which include many families. It is so refreshing to see the families in our club get their children to pitch in. Yesterday we held our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day BBQ and invited over 100 volunteers to attend. That is well over one third our membership base.

The food was supplied and prepared by Sue Anne Moyer and Robert Clark of Wobeez BBQ, who are also members in our organization. From all reports, their smoked brisket and rib dinner was exceptional.

So once again, on behalf of your Executive body and all members, I would like to thank all our volunteers for making the operation of our club so much better.



Yours in Conservation

Stan Gibbs

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 Sept. 1, 2026, then your membership period ran from Sept. 1, 2025 through Aug. 31, 2026. Your membership will lapse on Sep. 30, 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.

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.

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 but please note that the Executive Meeting is held one week early this month. Please note that the General and Executive meetings in September are held on Sep. 10 and 17th respectively.

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

SCOUTS CANADA VISIT

On August 17, a group of London Scouts came to the club to try angling. It was a mixed group of boys and girls who attended the club. A young lady caught the biggest fish of the night.



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

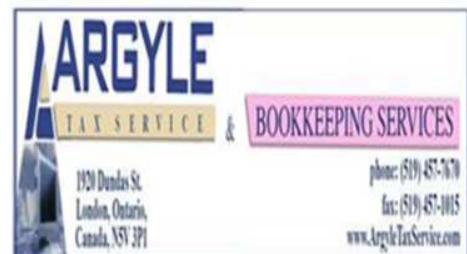
The event calendar for the 2026 – 2027 year is available and posted on the club website www.wofgpa.org. Details are also posted on club bulletin boards.

Mon, Sept 7	Labour Day
Thurs, Sept 10	General Meeting
Thurs, Sept 17	Executive Meeting (one week early)
Thurs Sep 24	Last day to get Pork Dinner tickets
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

Be an active member of WOF & GPA and reap the all the benefits this club has to offer and be not just a "name" on a committee list. Volunteers with a common purpose are the core reason why the club has existed for over 150 years.



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