



NEWS LETTER

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It has come round to this time of year again where I have to put pen to paper.

Yet another season has season has passed. The Committee and I decided that as the project for the pond was not going ahead, it was time to have a good look at Brittens to see if we could make some changes to the swims. After a discussion with our Landlords, SWT and English Nature, it was agreed that we could have stones in the swims. We decided to carry out the work so that it could make it better for all the members for when they fish. It has turned out really well because the swims are less boggy and a lot better. This season coming we will be doing the rest of the swims and topping up the other swims to make it even better. This can only be done with the hard work of the members that turn up at work parties.

With regard to new waters, it's the same old story, we never seem to hear in time. Please can you all keep an eye out and contact me as soon as possible if you hear of a water that is coming up for rent.

It was a fantastic season last season. The membership increased and I am hoping everybody enjoyed their fishing. Can you all please help Simon with any work that is needed at the pond. Simon is the new Fishery Officer and, for his first season, has done a wonderful job down at the pond. He has been backed up by the bailiffs and I would like to congratulate all of them.

I will be standing for re-election. I have decided that I may stay for two more years. In this time I would like to get somebody else ready to take over the Secretary's job. If any of you out there are interested I can discuss it at one of the work parties or when I am fishing down at the pond.

Let's make this another good year for the Club.

See you on the waters.

TIGHT LINES
ALAN TANNER
SECRETARY/CHAIRMAN

HEAD BAILIFF'S REPORT

Graham would like to thank all the bailiffs for all their hard work that they have done this year. Also, it has been a very good year regarding rules as no bailiff has taken away any permit from any member.

Have a good time fishing.

GRAHAM LOOSELEY
HEAD BAILIFF

FISHERY OFFICER'S REPORT

March to June

We cut back behind the oven, swims 28/29, over three work parties. During the week the car park and dug out, swims 1, 2, 3 and 4 were partly rebuilt by Alfie Higgs and I. Due to erosion, we rebuilt the oven, swims 28/29, over a Saturday/Sunday. This was in conjunction with the delivery of 40 tons of stones which also built up a number of swims that were becoming muddy and generally worn.

During the closed season nearly all the swims were trimmed back in and out of the water. The outlet was completely cleared to allow water to flow more freely. All the islands were cleared of lines, leads and tackle lost from anglers.

The final work party was strimming and grass cutting with a general clear up before the new season starts.

The new rubbish bin is collected every Monday so I make sure all rubbish is bagged up by the bin late Sunday pm.

The Club has also had two new Notice Boards placed at the pond with all the Club information on.

Complaints were received of lines (tethering) in Don's corner so we removed a tree to open the area up and to make it easier to fish without endangering the fish.

During the closed season there were a number of dead lines found and removed. The pond was checked daily.

November to December

There was a problem with pollution entering the silt pond and causing the loss of 17 fish on Christmas Eve. I put a boom in the entrance to the silt pond from the lake. There has been no fish lost since then.

SIMON HOLLAND
FISHERIES OFFICER

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT 2016-17 SEASON.

The Roy Herbert Memorial Trophy

Was won by **Paul Spratley**, with 4 fish from swim number 28 (Oven) Great turnout for this, the first match of year, and the last match of season. For those that did not know Roy, he served the club as a bailiff, and committee man for many years, this match certainly does afford the opportunity to remember dear Roy.

Junior Carp Match:

For some unknown reason the match fished poorly this year, it never ceases to amaze me how the lake switches on and off, it was unfortunate that this year she switched off. Not to worry though the weather was kind, and everybody had a great time.

The match was won by **Daniel Ruddick** from swim number 26(Reeds LH) with a winning weight of **42.4oz**. The runner was **Alfie Davis** with a weight of **27.11oz** from swim 20 (Back Double). Big Thanks to all those that turned out, and to the Dad's and seniors for their invaluable help. Special mention to my old Friend Vinnie, who has helped every year. Thank you as always to **Rob Kinge of Hampshire Tackle**, who generously donated the prizes for the junior match. Thanks Rob.

Senior Carp Cup:

This year the honours went to **Kieran Davidson**, for the 2nd time in 3 years. Young **Charlie Smith** finished 2nd. Both anglers finished on 30 points overall, but on a count back on weight over the 3 matches, Kieran just edged it by 2.4oz, Very close! Well done Kieran.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the senior match series, and I look forward to seeing you all again this coming season. Please remember that places are limited, and allocated on a 1st come 1st served basis, so get your booking and £30.00 entry fee to me as soon as possible to secure your place in the series. **But you must have your Membership No For 2017-18**

Senior & Junior pairs night match:

This year I put together a new competition. This match involves a Senior, and junior member joining forces as a pair. The match is decided by the pair with best weight combined. This will be a regular match on the match calendar from now on.

This year's inaugural event was won by **Alfie & Steve Higgs**, and runners up were **Harrison & Jason Jones**. Thank you all for supporting this new fixture.

Christmas Match:

Best turn out ever, for what is the biggest event, and gathering of regulars on the match calendar, and right good social. No fish were caught this year, but a great day was had by all. For me the Xmas match signals the arrival of the festive season, and is always welcome no matter what the result.

The Charlie White Memorial Trophy

Is awarded to biggest carp caught in all matches. This year the trophy goes to **Simon Holland** with a stunning Mirror at **24.8oz**, Nice one Simon.

The Carp Matches were very well supported again this year; I am very pleased that interest in the matches continues to blossom, thank you to all who take part. If you Need any information about the match program, you can ring me on 07789-863734 or visit the web site at www.guildfordanglingsociety.co.uk. Thank you all so much for your continued help & support.

Best Wishes for the coming season.

Steve Thornhill.

Match Secretary

MATCH DATES & DRAW TIMES 2017 / 2018.

1st Round Carp Cup (No Juniors): Saturday July 1st Draw @12.00pm – Fish 1pm Till 10am.

Junior Night Match (Juniors Only) Saturday 5th August Draw @ 2pm - Fish 3pm Till 9am.

Junior + Senior Pairs Night Match Saturday 2nd September Draw @ 2pm Fish 3pm Till 9am.

2nd Round Carp Cup (No Juniors): Saturday 16th September Draw @12.00pm – Fish 1pm Till 10am.

3rd round Carp Cup (No Juniors) Saturday 7th October Draw @ 12.00pm – Fish 1pm Till 10am.

Christmas Match (No Juniors): Sunday 10th December Draw @ 8.00am – Fish 9am Till 3pm.

Roy Herbert Charity Match (All Members): Sunday 4th March 2018 Draw @ 7.30am Fish 8.30am Till 4.30

Dates for Work Parties for 2017

APRIL SUNDAY 2nd , 16th , 30th

MAY SUNDAY 14th, 21st

JUNE SUNDAY 4th, 11th

Please can all anglers supply the Membership Secretary with legible e-mail addresses this year. We are trying to keep postage costs down. To make it easy you can send an e-mail to alan.tanner7@btinternet.com stating your name and membership number saying that this is your e-mail address.

GOOD LUCK 2017