



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.

As a lot of you will know it has been an up and down year for me personally. At the beginning of the year I had my operation to remove my prostate. As you can understand this is not an easy thing to get over but, with the help of family, friends and the Committee, I am feeling more positive. As you all know at the beginning of the season all the people that had done the work parties fished the opening two nights. This was a carp marathon in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. We had a lot of help from sponsors who were Tesco, Hampshire Tackle, Gardner Tackle, Angling Direct Reading, Biddles of Guildford, Backhurst, Farnham Angling Society and also I would like to thank Francis Ragless who donated part of the food for the barbecue on the Friday night. The draw for the raffle was done on the Sunday evening and this was a great success. I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking all of the anglers who took part for helping me raise £3,618.28. Also a special thank you to Laura, my daughter, and Simon and Jez for all the hard work they put into this.

I now come to the part that I always try to do the best I can in obtaining a new water. I am in the start of discussions regarding a new water. This is at the early stage at the moment. Once I have achieved my goal I will let you know the outcome. As usual it can take some time to get things right.

At this year's AGM you will all have the opportunity to propose rules as usual. There is an Application Form attached to this Newsletter. As usual all the proposals must be back by Monday 4th March. After this date no proposals will be allowed at all.

I have to inform you all that I will be putting in two proposals this year. The first is to increase the membership fees by £5.00 across the board. This is so that we can carry on with the work that we are doing at Brittens Pond. This work is very important for the upkeep of the pond and it puts us in good light with our Landlords, Surrey Wildlife Trust. We may be doing a project this year to build up the small island which has collapsed. This, as you can understand, will cost some money. My other proposal is to increase the honorarias for the people who get paid to do Club work. The amount will be decided by the members who are at the AGM on the night. This is the fairest way of achieving a satisfactory figure.

I do hope to see a lot of you at the pond in the new season as I have now retired and have more time on my hands to go fishing as long as the missus will allow me! We all suffer from this!



Carp Marathon 2018 (£3,618.28)

TIGHT LINES.

**ALAN TANNER
SECRETARY/CHAIRMAN**

HEAD BAILIFF'S REPORT 2018/19 Season

I took on the role this season so that the club had a Head Bailiff until the next AGM.

Overall, it has been a good season. It has been a joy meeting many of the members on the bank fishing. My bailiffs and I have had to give out a few warnings for minor rule infringements during the course of the season.

I would like to thank my bailiff team for all the support and work they have done over the season. Without them the task would have been difficult. I would particularly like to thank my deputy, Simon Holland, who has also been carrying out his other role as Fisheries Officer

Look forward to the 2019/20 season and good luck to my successor.

**JOHN CLARKE
HEAD BAILIFF**

FISHERY OFFICER'S REPORT

Another season is coming to an end with 2018 work parties a big success in all areas of the pond. Mainly the ditch at the outlet of the pond being re-dug and built up to help stop flooding. This was a job Darren Smith carried out with members help so a big thanks for that. Numerous other work was carried out by the members so thanks for the support at work parties from all that attended.

Since last Christmas I have had 6 carp reported dead. This is a vast drop in lost carp from 2017.

General maintenance around the pond has been an ongoing job, although, this has been made vastly easier this season with help from bailiffs.

Finally, I will post dates for work parties on the GAS website and also on the Notice Boards at Brittens Pond. This year we would like to do wood in front of the wall where the swims are and to clear all the debris from all of the swims and burn all this. We will also be doing the barley straw again this year. This will be done, if possible, at the first work party. Everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee is made at the work parties for all helpers. See you all there.

**SIMON HOLLAND
FISHERIES OFFICER**

MATCH SECRETARY REPORT 2018-19 SEASON.

Junior Carp Match: Excellent turn out this year, 20 juniors turned out in total. The match fished very well, and was won this year by **Cameron Steer** from swim number 26/27 (Reeds), with a winning weight of **107.10oz**. The runner was **Lukas Gale** with a weight of **68.4oz**, and in 3rd place was **Ruby Smith** with a weight of **54.14oz**.

A very special Thankyou to all those that took part, and to the Dad's and seniors for their invaluable help in making this a safe and comfortable event for everyone. Massive thank you as always to **Rob Kinge** of **Hampshire Tackle**, And **Adam Maltby** of **Gardner Tackle** who generously donated the prizes for the junior match. On behalf of the junior members that took part, very many thanks.

Senior Carp Cup: Very close run affair again this year. Series debutant **Rob Baughurst**, was the overall winner finishing in 1st place with a points total of 30 points. Last year's winner **John Brenton** was runner up with 29 points, and **Charlie Smith** finished 3rd on 27 points. 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 bookings & £30.00 entry fee, along with your membership number, to me as soon as possible to secure your place in the coming series.

Senior & Junior pair's night match: 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 year's match was won by

Harrison & Jason Jones with a weight of **166.4oz**, and runners up were **Joe & Mark Longhurst** with **136.8oz**. This fixture has proved to be extremely popular and was fully booked. I will be limiting the number of entrants this year, so get your bookings in to me as early as you can.

Christmas Match: Fully booked again this year, a little disappointed that people that had booked in, did not contact me, and just did not turn up. These anglers will not be permitted to enter this year's event. Only 1 fish was caught this year by **Graham Loosely**, but it was a big one at **30.08oz**. For me the Christmas match always signals the arrival of the festive season and, weather permitting, is always a welcome festive and social gathering.

The Roy Herbert Memorial Trophy: This year's event was a wet one, rain for most of the day. **Mark Longhurst** won the event with 3 fish from swim 14, with an overall weight of **40.8oz**. Well done Mark.

The Charlie White Memorial Trophy: This trophy is awarded to the angler landing biggest fish in all competition. This year's winner is **Graham Loosely** with a Mirror of **30.8oz**. This is the first fish over 30lb ever to be landed in GAS competition let's hope for more in the future.

A total of 17 fish 20lb or over were landed in this year's competitions. 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. And wishing you all tight lines for the coming season.

Steve Thornhill.

Match Secretary