



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.

Once again we have had an up and down year with covid. Luckily we have been able to fish most of the way through.

I am still in negotiations regarding two new waters but these are taking longer than usual because of covid and the meetings that we can't have. I am doing my utmost to try and get this sorted out asap and I will update the members in due course.

Just recently we have had a couple of sad pieces of news. Two of our long standing members passed away within the last month. They were Alec Looseley who was a bailiff for quite a few years at the pond and was well liked by all the members. He will be sadly missed. The second individual was Graham Looseley who was a long standing Committee member and a dedicated member of the Club. He had been my Vice-Chairman for quite a number of years. He will be sorely missed. Also I would like to thank all the members who donated to the charities on behalf of Graham. We managed to raise £860.00 from the members and the Committee of the Club agreed to match this donation so the final tally was £1,720.00 which will be divided between Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK.

The Club are hoping to run the AGM this year as long as we do not have any more covid restrictions passed on us. Please, if you would like to complete the Proposal Form for any rule changes or if anybody would like to become a Committee member, there are four places up for grabs this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM.

TIGHT LINES.

**ALAN TANNER
SECRETARY/CHAIRMAN**

FISHERY OFFICER'S REPORT

With the last couple of months of the season left I have seen a lot of work carried out in and around the pond.

The trees have been constantly trimmed and maintained.

Paths have been cleared constantly to make it easier to get around the pond.

The pond itself has had new posts put in this season and seem to be a big success with no trouble being reported of tethering of lines on them.

Oxygen levels have been very good this season. This has shown in the small number of deaths this season in carp in particular.

Finally, there will be work parties this coming closed season

WORK PARTY DATES

MARCH 20th

APRIL 3rd and 24th

MAY 8th and 22nd

JUNE 5th and 12th

All meet at 8.30am and finish 13.00pm

All welcome

Best wishes

SIMON HOLLAND

HEAD BAILIFF'S REPORT

Hi all

This season has been a very good season at the pond with seeing some of last year's members coming back and a few new members and juniors joining the club. It has been a pleasure to be Head Bailiff this season and having some good chats with the members. Also, not having to send many anglers away for not having the right gear; one or two here and there but other than that it's been ok. We did have a few issues and they were sorted out. Rig checks were carried out again this season and that was all ok. My bailiffs have been doing a fantastic job with walking the river and the pond. The river has been good again this season with a lot of anglers getting out and about. We have seen some nice fish coming out of the pond and the river. Hope to see more of you next season and plenty of new members as well .

Many thanks

Sean

Head Bailiff

MATCH SECRETARY'S REPORT

Junior Carp Match: Excellent turn out this year, 19 juniors turned out in total. The match fished very hard this year and was won by **Joe Edwards-Longhurst** from swim number 21, with a winning weight of **32.12oz**. The runner up was **Harry Backhurst** with a weight of **23.10oz** and in 3rd place was **Kaitlyn Strudwick** with a weight of **18.6oz**.

A very special thank you to all those that took part and to **Simon Holland** and **Lloyd Harding** for their invaluable help in making this a safe and comfortable event for everyone. Massive thank you as always to **Bert** of **Hampshire Tackle**, **Adam Maltby** of **Gardner Tackle and Angling Direct** who generously donated the prizes for the junior match. On behalf of the junior members that took part, very many thanks.

Senior Carp Cup: **Alan Tanner** was the overall winner finishing in 1st place with a points total of 25 points. Well done Alan. This year's runner up was very close with them both being tied on 22 points. We had to have a count back on weight to determine it so the runner-up was **Scott Mason** and finishing in 3rd place was **Brian Wake**. Thank you to everyone for supporting the senior match series and I look forward to seeing you all again this coming season. There will be some changes to enter the series in the forthcoming season which I will go through at the AGM, so please be there to find out.

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 **Kai & Scott Mason** with a weight of **122.2oz**, and runners-up were **Noah & Graham Norton** with **115.2oz**. This fixture has proved to be extremely popular and was fully booked. If you would like to participate then please do get your entry form in to me as soon as possible

Christmas Match: Fully booked again this year. This match did turn out to be more of a memorial match for the great late Graham Loosely, who we sadly lost just shortly before this match. Only 1 fish was caught this year by **Phil Mastromarco** at **19.14oz**. Prizes this year were going to be in the way of vouchers to be able to be spent at Hampshire Tackle. It was very generous of the anglers to donate their prize money towards the collection that was being collected in Graham's memory.

The catches in the matches started off slowly from the start of the season and gradually got better as the season progressed. 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 took part. If you need any information about the match programme you can ring me on 07984 216502 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.
Mark Edwards-Longhurst
Match Secretary

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