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Gillingham & District Angling Association Newsletter.

Secretary's Address.

Hello and welcome to the Association's newsletter for the 2006-2007 season, and I hope you all enjoyed the fishing that the Association provided this year.

All our stillwaters continued to fish well providing a good balance of fishing for match, specimen and pleasure angler alike: Turners Paddock providing large nets of Bream and Tench, Mappowder has been very good for pleasure anglers and for specimen anglers with Carp to 24lb coming out, Whitepost has given very enjoyable sport from smaller Carp and Tench and Lodden has been giving huge nets of Bream and some large Carp. We will be having work parties at these venues in the near future so come along and lend a hand! The River Stour was also in fine form this winter when it wasn't flooded and they are an increasing number of juvenile fish in the River which is very encouraging.

After the sad events of last year I am glad to report that the match side of the club is still thriving with the new match secretary, Dave Sealy, doing a fine job with assistance from Michael Hunt. In fact at one of our summer outings we had 44 anglers take part! If you fancy a go at a match this year come along as we are a very friendly bunch and not too serious!

The junior instruction course was run again last year and proved a great success. The emphasis last year was on a more open air, practical base with most of the course held at Lodden, and all the juniors who took part received some free tackle. Thanks must go to those who gave up their time to help the juniors especially Michael Hunt, Jason Mills and Dave Sealy, and to all those who donated prizes especially Todber Manor Fisheries, Global Angling, Preston Innovations and M5 Angling. It will be run again this year, so anyone wishing to bring a junior to the course watch the local press for details or phone Michael Hunt on (01747) 823071.

I must thank all those who have served on the committee this year and who have ensured that the Association runs as smoothly as it does, with very few problems to deal with at Committee meetings. The A.G.M. is on Wednesday 9th of May at the Coronation Club, Gillingham, and any proposals should be given to me, in writing, a week before.

I hope to see some of you on the bank in the next year, and if you have any questions, complaints or feedback about the Association please do not hesitate to phone me on (01747) 821218 or (07990) 690613, or e-mail at ditch@ham5.fsnet.co.uk.

Regards,

Simon Hebditch.
(Hon. Secretary)

Club Cups Presentation R.B.L Gillingham April 21st at 8pm
All Welcome

Match Secretary Report

Hello Everyone

Firstly, thanks to everyone who supported me in my first year as match secretary, especially Michael Hunt who has helped me throughout .

The match year starts with the spring matches & charity match at Lodden which is well attended and raises money for the Air Ambulance a good cause. We then run a junior course for 6 weeks finishing in a match where juniors receive prizes kindly donated by sponsors such as Preston Innovations & Todber Manor Fisheries thanks to all those involved. A special thanks to Jason Mills who continued afterwards to run a 4 match series for the juniors. Congratulations to Frank Jones Junior Champion.

All juniors wishing to take part in this years junior course please contact Mike Hunt on 01747 823071 to book a place.

The summer series is always popular with a good selection of fisheries to suit all, generally the fishing was good & after six tight results ended with John Candy the winner, well done John!

Match winners 1st Match Ken Murchie 2nd Match Charlie Barnes 3rd Match Jason Randall
4th Match John Candy 5th Match John Candy 6th Match Robb Mann

A special mention for Bob Gullick who stripped down to his pants & swam across Avalon to save a baby Moorhen, very entertaining!

The Jim Debnam match is next followed by the festival run by Simon Hebditch which is always a great success bringing anglers from far and wide to fish our fisheries which creates much needed revenue and new members, well done Ditch.

The winter series saw a much improved river with small fish being caught everywhere, a good sign for the future. The weather has been unkind to us this winter with us rarely fishing the river in good condition, but this makes a good test for all those taking part. During the six matches some good bags of Roach and Chubb showed some good specimens. After a hard fought six matches Michael and John decided to forfeit the title to me, Ta!

Match winners 1st Match Jack Stamp 2nd Match Mike Trevis 3rd Match Mike Hunt
4th Match Gary Lynch 5th Match Dave Sealy 6th Match Dave Sealy

Will all Cup & Trophy Winners please collect or arrange for collection of their prizes on presentation night.

Thanks to all those who attended and those who helped on the work parties without whom the river would soon become un-fishable. Hope you all enjoyed the series and hope to see you and some new faces on the bank for the new season.

See you on the bank.

Dave Sealy.

For all the up to the minute news and match results go to

www.theanglingclub.net

where you can also see photos and maps of the best venues to fish in your area. Any interesting facts and figures, or news, or constructive comments, you would like to see included on the website,
please e-mail to
Blogs@theanglingclub.net

Chairman's Comments

There is very little for me to say, Simon has already summed up the highs and the low of our season. Dave Sealy has reported the Match Scene and I hope that he will carry on in the coming season, with the aid of Mike Hunt in organising the matches, and with Jason supervising the Junior Matches, I'm sure they will do a great job. I would like to thank the aforementioned for the Junior Instruction Courses, this has helped increase the Junior Memberships this year. I would also like to applaud the efforts of our whole committee for all their efforts over the year. The club website is certainly paying dividends; it has produced new members and general enquiries. So... Well Done to the committee and Officers, the attendance at our committee meetings have been the highest I can remember over my many years as a member of the committee. Thank you to all members; I am sure we shall be able to provide the high quality of Angling for everyone as long as we keep our memberships up.

Tight Lines and success for us all in the future.

John Stone.

Other Fishy Business

- 1) Lodden Lakes..... In the autumn a stock of twenty young fast growing Carp were introduced into the small lake. Pictures and details of these fish are on the web site. To protect these fish, please make sure both gates are kept locked unless you are going through them.
- 2) White Post Lakes..... Contrary to recent rumours, the club still has the continued use of these lakes at Todber. Members are asked to use them no more than 5 times during the year, so as not to have just a few anglers monopolising the facility. If they wish to fish more often than this, would they please purchase the necessary tickets from Todber Manor Fisheries shop. Please check for notices to advise of matches being fished and the water being closed on specific days.

