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Gillingham & District Angling Association Newsletter.

Secretary's Address.

Hello and welcome to the Association's newsletter for the 2007-2008 season, and I hope you all enjoyed the fishing that the Association provided this year.

The Associations' waters have fished well again this year with Turners Paddock producing its usual big bags of Bream and Tench, and Mappowder giving good mixed sport of Bream, Tench and Carp to over 20lb. Lodden Lakes has also fished exceptionally well with many Carp showing for specimen anglers to in excess of 20lb and plenty of small fish to keep juniors and pleasure anglers happy, and members will see that the Environment Agency are creating a disabled friendly path and fishing stations around some of the Dave Hillier Lake. The River Stour has also continued to improve and is fishing better than I can remember in the 25 years I have belonged to the club with lots of Chub, Roach and Dace showing in match weights to over 25lb. The good thing is that every swim seems to have numbers of fish in them and because of this the Winter Championship matches on the River are still very well attended with over 35 anglers fishing most of them. The Summer Championship matches were also very well attended and it seems that the match scene is thriving thanks to the efforts of Match Secretary Dave Sealy and his assistant Michael Hunt.

The Association will also be leasing Whitepost Lakes from Todber Manor Fisheries on a 3 year lease which will give the members some extra varied fishing, and because of this and of the other rents that we pay, we will be proposing to increase the Membership cost by £5 this year at the A.G.M to get our finances back on track.

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 Dave Sealy on (01747) 823159.

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 7th of May at the Coronation Club, Gillingham, 7.30 for 8pm. 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 19th at 8pm
All Welcome**

Match Secretary Report

Hello Fellow Fishers

Another match year is over and I must say I think its been a very successful one, all matches have been very well attended with several new members and some old faces returning to our band of merry men (and women sorry Sue !). I hope they have all felt very welcome.

The match season again started with the Charity Match at Lodden witch raises money for the Air Ambulance a good cause ! Then we go through the Summer Series and several other charity matches and opens to which all comers are welcome to compete against us all on different venues around the area, testing everyone's all round ability (or luck)

The Summer Series was hard fought finishing very closely, but eventually Mark Brennan was crowned champ, well done Mark !

Then on to the Winter Championship on the river, which through constant annual Stocking is getting better and better with average weights of all species increasing. This series was very close with six people still in contention going in to the last match but on the day Martin Fuller did the business in his first season, well done Martin !

I would just like to say thanks to Mike Hunt who has helped me throughout and all those who helped on the work parties, which are essential. Special thanks to Toney West for running draws at the matches and John and Sue Collings (spelt correctly!) for all their help with brochures, maps and numerous outhur things, thank you all.

I hope you enjoyed the season and we hope to see some more new ladies and gents on the bank this year.

Cheers

RESULTS.

Summer Series

1st M Brennan 491 pts 2nd A West 482 pts 3rd R Manns 474 pts
Veterans Champ B Taylor 455

Winter Championship

1st M Fuller 474 pts 2nd J Searle 471 pts 3rd D Sealy 470 pts
Winter Veterans Champ T West 456 pts

Ladies Champ

Sue Collings

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 Address

Firstly and above anything else, may I commend your hard working committee to you. They have all worked very hard this year, for the good of your Association.

Our Secretary Simon Hebditch records all our meetings immaculately, accurate and full of detail. He responds to all correspondence we receive quickly and efficiently.

Our Treasurer Paul Stone keeps all our financial affairs very accurately, keeping an eye on all income and expenditure, we are very grateful to him for keeping our Association in a very solvent state.

Our Match Secretary Dave Sealy , assisted by Mike Hunt produces a wide and varied programme for us throughout the year; Apart from the match situation, they also run our popular Junior training Course with the help of Jason Mills and others. Also, Dave organises our beneficial work parties.

Tony West runs raffles at matches and other functions, which it has to be said, is of great benefit to our financial situation.

All other committee members have a very high attendance record to our meetings during the year. All have contributed to helpful input at the meetings, useful debate keeps us on our toes.

The river has fished well once again, with good bags on most occasions. Work parties have been reasonably well attended; the work carried out has influenced the angling results over the last few years. Well done Dave, Keep us at it;

The lakes at Mappowder, Turners Paddock and Lodden have given us good sport.

My best wishes to all members of the Association, with tight lines for the coming season.

John Stone.