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Gillingham & District Angling Association Newsletter.

Secretary's Address.

Hello and welcome to the Association's newsletter for the 2008-2009 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 there 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 6th of May 7-30pm 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 Saturday May30th at 8pm
All Welcome

Match Secretary Report

Dear Members

Another match season has come to a close and I must say it was a very successful one. Everything was very well attended right from 10 year old juniors coming on from our courses, up to our more senior 70 years + match men, well done to them all.

I hope you have all enjoyed the diversity of venues and all the competitions that the club runs, all are very welcome and we hope to see some more new faces next year. It's a great way to improve your angling skills and try out new methods on pegs that you might not otherwise fish.

Congratulations to our Summer and Winter Champions who both did very well to fish in hard fought close competitions. There were some very high weights achieved throughout the summer matches and some promising weights in the winter until the big freeze set in when it became very hard.

We will continue to try and find a good contrast of new and old venues for the Summer and hope everyone will enjoy what's on offer, if not I am always open to suggestions.

I would just like to thank Michael Hunt my right hand man, Tony West for his hard work on the draws at matches which raised £ 500.00, and a special thank you to my band of merry men who carry out all the work parties, netting and any other work required to help the club to keep on improving. Also thanks to Todber Manor, Mark Harper and M5 Angling for all their sponsorship throughout the year.

See you on the bank.

Dave Sealy.

Match Results

Summer Outings

1 st	M Brennan	495 Pts		
2 nd	J Mills	489 Pts		
3 rd	A West	473 Pts		
<u>Summer Ladies Champion</u>	J Hunt	425 Pts	<u>Summer Veterans Champion</u>	T Thick 439 Pts

Senior Winter Championship

1 st	A West	473 Pts		
= 2 nd	M Walters	469 Pts		
= 2 nd	D Sealy	469 Pts		
= 2 nd	J Stamp	469 Pts		
<u>Winter Ladies Champion.</u>	S Collings	429 Pts	<u>Winter Veterans Champion</u>	M Walters 469 Pts

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

www.theanglingclub.net

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our e-mails haven't been making it to our inbox, and we have been forced to change our email address. Please make a note of it, and update any of your address books. Our New email address is TheAnglingClub@btconnect.com. This site needs input and support from it's members, and anyone emailing us should expect a reply to let them know that their email has reached us, and we have taken note of their comments.

Junior Match Scene

Let's begin by saying a big Thank you to Jason Mills for running the juniors in the past. It is now the end of my first year as Junior Match Sectary I did not realise what I was letting myself in for but enjoyed it anyway.

We will start by looking back to May when we had a good response to the Junior fishing course run for new anglers. This Gives young anglers the chance to learn new skills of casting, waggler , feeder and pole fishing which ran for four weeks with a match to finish. I would like to say a big thank you to all those who donated prizes for the juniors.

I then commenced a six match summer series if you could call it a summer the weather was awful, finishing with a pairs match. Junior matches started on the 21st of June and continued through the summer months until the 20th of September ending with the pairs match on the 4th of October. The junior series was won by Matt Candy with 497 Pts, 2nd was Josh Ravenhill with 492 Pts, 3rd was Sam Moore with 489 Pts.

The season finished with the pairs match on the bottom lake at White Post it was a very tight finish with 3 pairs weighing in bags of 40lb plus. The winners were Matt Candy and Tom Christopher with 46 lb 5 oz a very close 2nd was Josh Ravenhill and Calum Knight with 46 lb 2 oz and in 3rd was Dan Young and Michael Searle with 44 lb 9 oz.

To finish I and all the juniors would like to thank John Candy for his donation of Park Lake for a match and to Joe and Andy Miller and every one else for their help and support with the junior matches. I hope that this coming season will be as successful as last year with more juniors taking part. To find out dates of matches please look in the Blackmore Vale under sports section for contacts and times.

Junior Match Secretary

Paul Knight

Chairman's Address

Members of the Association, this newsletter gives me the opportunity on my own and your behalf, to thank a very able and hard working committee. Most of the committee have held their positions for several years, all giving up time, for the smooth running of our Association. Three members of the committee in particular work strongly to that end. Firstly, our Secretary, who is very efficient and knowledgeable on all matters essential for the running of the club. I know how much he has to do, having experienced his job myself in past years. So, well done for your hard work to Simon Hebditch, the club appreciate your good work.

Next, our Treasurer, again very efficient, the financial side of the club has been handled very well in his hands. He has kept the fees for our members in a very affordable position for many years now; no other club locally can match the value we give our members; Congratulations Paul Stone.

Now the officer with the most unenviable job of all. Our Match Secretary. He occupies a position between a rock and a hard place. Decisions about calling off matches; and which pegs to put in or leave out for a match, and at the end of the day, someone or another finds fault, if things do not go right for them. I think you do a good job so keep it up, well done Dave Sealy.

Now for a new member of the committee, the Junior Match Secretary. A very important position. This is the life blood of the future of our Association. I wish you well in keeping the interest of young members with the matches you organise, it is a very important job, thank you Paul Knight. As for the rest of the committee, I thank you all for the time you spend and the physical efforts in keeping our waters fishable, and all the other assistance you give to the officers of the Association in carrying out their duties.

Enjoy your fishing and "Tight Lines" to you all for the coming season.

John Stone.