

THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY



MARCH 2011 Newsletter

DEAR MEMBERS

SOME WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A warm welcome to all of you, and I urge you to READ this newsletter as it contains details of changes that have occurred since the last one. Fortunately it is mainly good news as we again have a full membership, waters have fished well despite one of the worst winters on record and we have made good progress in carrying out the recommendations of the survey report for Shorne Country Park.

I must at this time express my appreciation of the time spent by your Committee for their efforts over the past season. Meetings have at times been more than lively but hopefully always arriving at the right decisions. A lot of time, effort and finance are spent in improving your fisheries with the majority of you approving what has been done. I appreciate the comments made as I meet you on my rounds as these are taken back to Committee and are an important part of decision making.

It is with sincere regret that I must announce the winding up of Blue Circle N W C A C with whom we currently share the Blue Lake and Inn on the Lake. Membership is being offered to anyone of their members wishing to join Thameside. I can confirm that we are negotiating to take over their share of both fisheries as of 1st April 2011 and full details will be available at the AGM.

SHORNE COUNTRY PARK - From the recommendations made in the survey report the following has been completed; a) The application 700kg of Aqua-Bio per Lake b) Removal of bank side trees c) Removal of reed/rush roots and deepening of lakes between pegs S7-S14 and L1-L9 d). By the end of this April, paths will be rebuilt and widened as required.

COBHAM - The fish lost in the Bottom pond due to de-oxygenation by ice and rotting rushes should have been replaced by the time you receive this newsletter. It is also planned to stock more species, as available, into the Top pond. The proposed de-silt of the middle pond means that no stocks will be put in at the present time and progress is being made in order to obtain outside funding contributions for this work to be done. Quotes received so far to de-silt range from £8000 to £28000 !!

A memorial bench to commemorate past members of the club has been placed overlooking the top lake of Cobham. The surrounding area has been landscaped and was carried out entirely free by

Roy Stedman and Barry Law. Many thanks to them for their hard work.

Two life buoys are also being installed at Cobham, one at the top of the ramp just behind swim T8 and the other at the bottom of the ramp behind B7.

INN ON THE LAKE - Subject to availability it is proposed to put more fish into this fishery as well as carrying out maintenance/improvements to swims and the possibility of forming new swims, subject to the necessary permissions being granted.

RIVER BEULT - The Close Season applies to this River and runs from the 15th march until the 15th June. The problem of lack of swims needs to be addressed, but you have permission to clear a metre wide swim at any time but be extremely careful of the steep banks.

Reports on the fishing are few and far between but some good Tench, Perch and Bream have been caught.

BLUE LAKE - Keys are now available once again (details in your rule book).

TIGHT LINES TO YOU ALL

DENNIS HAMMOND

BAILIFF COMMENTS

Much has been achieved over the last season by a small team of dedicated members, who have worked tirelessly to produce the fishing you are currently enjoying, but a minority seem to think that the rules and bye-laws do not apply to them and they can treat the waters as they please. The same problems arise each season and are listed as; a) leaving the gate open at Cobham car park, CARS and CATTLE do not mix!! b) leaving lines baited and unattended whilst doing other things c) litter. For the first time ever there is a litter problem at Cobham. Take it home!! d) Rule 12 is still being ignored at Cobham. Remember that even if you are only visiting the water to look round you must carry all your documents as this is a condition of our lease. e) Please when parking at Cobham, park bonnet first and only leave enough room between cars to get out as car parking space is limited. Complaints have been received that members could not get in due to the excessive room taken up by poor parking. Be considerate to other members. f) Polite reminder to all members that there is a speed limit on the approach roads at Cobham right up to the car park of 10 mph, some members have already been warned about excessive speeding and it will not be tolerated. The money spent repairing the road is better invested elsewhere.

May we also remind you that it is **barbless hooks on all our waters** and that random checks will be carried out by our bailiffs as even with constant reminders we know that people are still using micro barbed or fully barbed hooks!

Reports on the fishing have been encouraging with good double figure fish being caught at Cobham and Inn on the Lake as well as good quality other species from all your waters.

As bailiffs, we are appreciative of the courtesy extended to us by the majority of members whilst carrying out our duties. Please remember we are all volunteers and only get paid mileage whilst bailiffing your waters. Should you have any concerns whilst fishing, e.g. illegal fishing, dead fish, water quality, etc please ring the Emergency Bailiff No on the front of your card. 07957 870245 giving your name and details of problem.

Thanks from us all.

Renewing your MEMBERSHIP for 2011/2012 (from Jeff Buxton)

As your membership runs until 31st May, **renewals will NOT be taken at the A.G.M.** as they have in the past **but should be made by post any time from the end of April.**

Your new membership cards will then be mailed back to you during May.

Renewal is simple :

- a) Please cut off the renewal section of your current card.
- b) Take the time to complete the mini questionnaire relating to club waters you have fished as this will be very useful to the Committee in deciding where to allocate funds and manpower in the future.
- c) Complete all other areas in full.
- d) Post to **Jeff Buxton** including a stamped, self addressed return envelope and of course a cheque for the correct amount (Adult £45, Senior & Disabled £27, Joint £72, Junior £18.)

THE WEB-SITE BIT (from Derek Graves)

Just a reminder to all existing and new members please let me have any pictures and details of any fish that you catch. I know you have some because I've seen the pictures on your mobiles. With most mobiles nowadays you can send pictures by MMS same as you would a text so if you would like to see your P.B. on the website or a grinning face let me have a picture. Also some details would be handy as well.

The data base is forever changing. We did send out a mass e-mail drop to those members whose e-mails we had regarding matches but the response was pretty low considering returning an answer would have cost absolutely nothing except for a few minutes of your time. Still, onwards and upwards.....

It would be greatly appreciated if you have any comments about the following: the lakes and surroundings, fishing queries for example why there are platforms at Cobham or what's happening about the abuse, rubbish problems, loss of equipment in the lake, maintenance work parties, other members, or anything

you would like the committee to look into, then please, please, please, write or e-mail me so I can pass it on to the appropriate person/s to deal with.

As a committee if we don't have feedback from yourselves then all we can do is assume that you're happy with the running of the club. Only the other day I happened to bump into two Thameside members one moaning about the state of Cobham etc. and the second asking why the lily pad at Shorne had been removed. Luckily I was able to put them right on a few things but if he'd written to the committee or rung one of us earlier we could have explained why things are the way they are. (the lily pad hasn't been removed it's just died down for winter! And like Arnie Schwarzenegger will be back.)

MATCH NEWS (from Derek Graves)

Matches have been reasonably well supported this year even though times have been hard with rising fuel costs, bait etc. Venue costs haven't gone up which is some small consolation. It would be nice to see a few new faces on the matches, hopefully some of you that I emailed a short while ago with a match questionnaire.

The **Fur and Feather** was well supported at Horsham Lakes again with more than 30 people fishing, even though we had to break the ice to catch fish. If you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the Fur and Feather then please get in touch.

JUNIORS – TAKE NOTE :

I'm hoping to run a few **junior matches** on Saturday mornings at Shorne C.P. If you're interested please **ring me on 01634 221445 no later than 31st May** and leave your details. Trophies will be up for grabs, but if there is insufficient interest then they won't go ahead.

Also I'm hoping to run a couple of demonstration/training/advice days again at Shorne C.P. to show people the very basics of fishing because you would not believe how many people do not know things like

1. What a plumb bob is or how to use one.
2. What a float adapter does.
3. How to tie a hook to line properly or
4. How to use a disgorger..... I actually caught three lads last year without a disgorger and when I asked them how they removed the hook from the fish they replied they just cut the line and tied on a new hook!

The exact format of the Advice Day is yet to be decided but details will be posted on the website later on.

MATCH CALENDAR 2011/2012

DATE	POINTS	VENUE		Draw time	TROPHY
28/29th May		COBHAM		7pm Sat	NIGHTINGALE
5th June		HARTLEYLANDS		8.00am	Gravesham Trphy
18/19th June		SHORNE	LONG LAKE	7pm Sat	GLOWWORM
26th June	*	LAVENDER FARM		8.00am	
10th July	*	STONES		8.00am	
17th July **	*	SAMS FISHERY		8.00am	COMMITTEE CUP**
31th July	*	CLAYGATE		8.00am	
14th Aug	*	MONK LAKE 2		8.00am	INDIVIDUAL CUP
21th Aug	*	ORAHARD FARM		8.00am	
4th Sept	*	SHORNE		8.00am	RANDOM PAIRS
11th Sept		RIVER MEDWAY	CANNON BR		KENT CHAMPS
18th Sept	*	CLAYGATE		8.00am	
2th Oct	*	STONES		8.00am	BELVEDERE CUP
9th Oct	*	COBHAM	BOTTOM	8.00am	
23rd Oct	*	ORCHARD FARM		8.00am	
13th Nov	*	LAVENDAR FARM		8.00am	AWAC TROPHY
4th Dec		TBA		9.00am	FUR& FEATHER

Best 8 from 12 Matches (marked *) to count towards Champion Angler Award

Match on 5th June for Gravesham Trophy is an inter-club Team Event (invitation only)

** Match on 17th July is a standard Points match which is open to all members but also doubles for the Committee Cup (best weight from a committee member)

CHAIRMAN'S SHIELD			
DATE	EVENT	VENUE	DRAW TIME
Thurs 2 nd June	Chairman's Shield [M1]	Shorne	5.15pm
Thurs 9 th June	Chairman's Shield [M2]	Cobham	5.15pm
Thurs 16 th June	Chairman's Shield [M3]	Shorne	5.15pm
Thurs 23 rd June	Chairman's Shield [M4]	Cobham	5.15pm
Thurs 30 th June	Chairman's Shield [M5]	Shorne	5.15pm

3 OUT OF 5 MATCHES TO COUNT. FISH FROM 6.00 pm 'til 9.00 pm

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP			
DATE	EVENT	VENUE	DRAW TIME
Sat 11 th June	SHORNE COUNTRY PARK	LONG LAKE	8.15 am
Sat 2 nd July	SHORNE COUNTRY PARK	STEPS LAKE	8.15 am
Sat 6 th August	SHORNE COUNTRY PARK	LONG LAKE	8.15 am
Sat 27 th August	SHORNE COUNTRY PARK	STEPS LAKE	8.15 am

3 OUT OF 4 MATCHES TO COUNT. FISH FROM 9.00 am 'til 1.00 pm

FISHING DEMONSTRATIONS (from Derek Graves)

On April the 16th Shorne Country Park is having an Open Day and in conjunction with this, TWAPS is going to hold a fishing demonstration of the different types/styles of fishing.

It is planned to have 4/5 styles on display namely carp fishing, pole fishing, waggler and feeder fishing and possibly a demonstration on how to use a whip. (And not that sort before you say anything!!) The idea behind this is to hopefully show the correct way about setting up and using the relevant equipment. It is also hoped to have a casting competition behind Swim L8 with prizes available. There may be a small charge but all monies raised would go to a charity.

Well that's about it for now – as you will see from the AGM Agenda, I am not seeking re-election so if you feel you would like to step up to the mark and offer your services to the Club – don't be shy !!

Peter Huckstep
Society Secretary (retiring)

Finally - don't forget to renew your Rod Licence - it runs out on 31st March !!