

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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New Logo

This is our second e-mailer, the first went out last Christmas and I hope that we will be able to put another out around August / September time.

Perhaps the first thing that you will notice is the logo and club name across the top, since the club launched seven years or so ago we have had a number of attempts to produce a club logo none of which have really come to fruition. Recently we have been asked on a number of occasions to supply a logo for use by a number of partner organisations that we have been working with to improve our rivers.

Luckily we were able to enlist the help of local graphic designer - Mel Bond who helped us come up with the logo above. We will slowly transfer this logo onto our club documentation, but this e-mailer represents its public unveiling. Many thanks to Mel for all her work..

Waters Update

We have had an excellent start to the new club year with good fishing reported at The Granary, Hurston lane and Walberton to date. Our bailiffs have reported that water levels and colour at Petworth Park are good and some reinforcement work in the area of the concrete slab on the road side has been carried out. If you have fished Petworth Park please let us know how you have got on.

After all the recent floods the rivers are having a rest and will not open again until June 16th, as reported on the website there has been a lot of work at Shopham over the last year and the south bank in the area of the riffles has recently been fenced. We have made provision for a couple of swims in the riffle area and the river should be fished from these points only and remember there is no fishing from the north bank in the riffle area.

The picture below shows the entrance that has been created for the downstream swim



This picture shows the fence line looking upstream towards the bridge

E-mail addresses

As you are receiving this we obviously have your e-mail address, however we feel that there are quite a few that we are still missing. When you go out fishing and talk to fellow anglers on the bank, please mention this e-mailer to them and ask them (if they haven't already) to contact the club with their e-mail address. The best way to do this is for them to simply drop us an e-mail with their name and membership number in the subject line and we can make sure they are added to our database. There was a guide to doing this in Issue 10 of The Sussex Angler.

Equally if you have received this e-mail but no longer wish to receive updates from the club please send us an e-mail addressed to the Secretary secretary@sussexangling.co.uk with 'No News Updates' in the subject line and we will take you off our mailing list.

Content

If you have any suggestions for content of these updates please let us know. We always welcome stories and pictures of your catches which you can send via the website.

Young Angler Barbel Challenge

An exciting competition which will give two young anglers the chance to experience a day's barbel fishing on the clubs stretches of the River Rother with some of the clubs foremost barbel anglers.

There are also substantial tackle prizes for the winners and small tackle prizes for all entrants.

The Competition

We know that young people are more inclined to spend time in front of a games console, computer or tablet nowadays rather than getting out in the fresh air and taking up an outdoor hobby such as angling.

As a young member of the club you have obviously found the attraction of angling and we would like you to write a short essay to inspire other youngsters to take up fishing. Tell them what made you take up fishing and how you got 'hooked'. We are dividing the competition into two age groups the prizes for each group will be very similar and both winners will of course get to spend a day on the Rother with our expert barbel anglers.

Group 1 – Aged 12 – 14 inclusive on 16th June 2014

We would like you to write about how you were inspired to take up fishing and what keeps you interested in 500 +/- 50 words.

You must hold valid club membership on the entry closing date

Group 2 – Aged 15 – 17 inclusive on 16th June 2014

We would like you to write about how you were inspired to take up fishing and what keeps you interested in 750 +/- 75 words.

You must hold valid club membership on the entry closing date

Submission of Entries

Closing date for all entries submitted by whatever means will be Midnight 16th June 2014

Entries can be submitted electronically or as manuscript. Manuscript entries may be typed or handwritten. All entries can include illustrative and graphic material to enhance the message.

Electronic Entries

To be sent to;

secretary@sussexangling.co.uk

Receipt of electronic entries will be confirmed by a return e-mail

Manuscripts

To be sent to;

The Secretary
Petworth and Bognor Angling Club

Remnants
Elmer Road
Middleton on Sea

West Sussex
PO22 6ET

We suggest that any manuscript sent by post is sent by recorded delivery

Entries must clearly state;

Name

Membership number (on your membership card)

Date of birth

The Judges

Christophe Pelhate

Developer and Manufacturer of the Bang-On method of bait and feed presentation



Dave Chambers

Specialised boilie developer and current holder of the Rother barbel record



Lynette Humphry

Widow of one of the club's best barbel anglers and Patron of the Annual Barbel Fish-In



Steve Simmonds

Club Secretary, but confesses to have never caught a barbel on club waters!



Disposition of Entries

Petworth and Bognor Angling Club reserve the right to publish any entry on their website and in other selected media.

Decision

The decision of the judges is final.

Club Locks

A number of our new members seem to be having a problem using the club locks and our Fishery Management team who have to maintain the locks have asked that we give you a brief reminder as to how they should be used, The first point to make is that instructions appear in your handbook on page 19 and if you follow these you should not have a problem.



The picture above shows the lock set to 7042 (note this is for demonstration purposes only.) You will find the current code on the inside front cover of your handbook and on your membership card.

To Open

Set the numbers to the current code, depress the hasp and release. The hasp should spring to the open position. Rotate the hasp to release the chain.



This picture shows the open hasp position

Depress the hasp by pushing it down from the top

To Close

Hitch the chain back onto the hasp. Ensure that the numbers are set to the current code. Depress the hasp to close the lock and then randomly rotate the numbers to something other than the code, release the hasp and the lock should remain closed.

Always remember to close and reset locks after use

Match Scene

The matches up to Christmas were summarised in Match Scene in the last edition of the Sussex angler and this summarises the matches from then.

Anyone who reads the match reports will know that the weather has played a major part this season and it has been no different in this period. The mild winter has meant that the newly introduced carp and bream in the Hurston Match Lake have continued to feed which bodes well for the summer at the Hurston Lane fishery.

The Pairs Tankard is always a popular match and this year was fished on Stemps and Cart with one angler of the pair pegged on Stemps and the other on Cart. Keith Hughes on Peg 7 on Stemps had one carp plus ten pound of skimmers to win the match. John Williams won on Cart with a bag of carp and as they were paired together they easily won the Tankard.

The two leg President Cup on the Match Pond was won by Keith Hughes, who came first in each match with 24 and 12 pound bags of carp respectively. Over this period Keith has shown remarkable consistency winning many of the matches. His winning streak continued with success on Stemps in the Kingsbury Tankard from Peg 15 with a bag of carp and skimmers.

The River Arun at Watersfield was the scheduled venue for the third leg of the Kirkby Bott trophy. However the heavy rain and subsequent flooding raised safety concerns and the match was switched to the Match Pond at Hurston. Keith again won this match with a bag of carp. Ray Huskisson with a fourth place showed his consistency on river and stillwater to win the trophy.

Vince Herringshaw broke Keith's run of wins on our waters by winning the W Sampson on the Hurston Match Pond with carp and several of the newly introduced bream from the last platform on the stream side. Vince also won the "awayday" match on Petersfield's Nyewood water with a fine fifty pound bag of carp.

I would like to thank all the anglers who have attended matches this season and also extend an invitation to any of you out there who would like to join us, all are welcome.

Vince Herringshaw yet again managed a clean sweep of the major trophies winning the Club Championship, Matchman Trophy and Total Weight Trophy. Keith Hughes was runner up in all three.



Club Champion - Vince Herringshaw
What will it take to beat him?

FIRST TWO WORK PARTIES AT HURSTON



One of the new platforms on the Tench Pond

It is now the season for work parties and the first two have now been run at our Hurston Lane Fishery. There was a good turnout of 16 volunteers for the first one (but still a low turnout for the size of our membership), which was held on a mild day, with the main aim of concentrating on sorting the Tench Pond.

The tree that had fallen into the lake was the first task. The boat was used to attach the newly purchased Tirfor's cable to the tree which was then pulled out of the lake and then chopped up to join the pile of wood that required burning. Other leaning trees were also cut down along with clearing all the twigs and branches that had fallen in to the swims.

Several of the platforms on the roadside of the Tench Pond have started to fall apart and become dangerous. These were rebuilt with new scaffold boards and a new swim cut out at the Carp Pond end of the fishery. The path along the roadside bank of the Tench Pond was very narrow and sloping and several of the

volunteers worked on widening and levelling of the path. This should make access much easier to fish these swims.

Several lorry loads of wood chippings had been delivered to the car park for use in stabilising the paths on our fishery. On the first work party we managed to lay the wood chippings along the stream side path of the Tench Pond. However this was a very onerous task and wheelbarrows were used to transport the chippings. However on the second work party the local farmer offered to help and brought along his Kubota quad bike and dumper truck. These coupled with Vince's trailer made the transport and spreading of the chippings along the bankside paths of the Carp and Match Ponds much easier and quicker. In addition further chippings were transported down to the far end of the fishery for spreading along the roadside path. The soft spots on the path were also strengthened and this coupled with the wood chippings should make it easier pushing your trolleys along.

The fallen tree in the Carp Pond was also attacked but this proved difficult and had to be pulled out via the roadside bank using the Tirfor. We were not so fortunate with weather on the second work party and it started off with heavy rain and rained on and off for most of the morning. There were a reduced number of volunteers but included one new member and one who had come from Seaford. The materials for building new platforms were transported closer to the Match Pond and there is now sufficient material for 6 additional platforms in stock.

There is a lot of floating rubbish, leaves, branches etc in the Match Pond and a catchment grid, made out of chicken wire, was put in place to stop it blocking the outlet. A fish refuge/ spawning area was also made at the same end of the lake using stakes and branches. The drainage at the far end of the Match Pond has been poor and the area has been like a swamp this Winter. This has hopefully been rectified by the incorporation of a catchment hole and outlet pipe into the lake.

Finally the swims on the Match and Carp Pond have now been numbered. Can we just take this opportunity to remind anglers that they should fish from designated swims only and should not cut trees to make new swims. If you feel a new swim is required, record it in the venue catch book and The Fishery Management Team will consider your suggestion.

I would like to thank all of the members who turned up for work parties and remind everyone that there is another one at Hurston on Sunday 27th April, there is still a lot of work to do.

Remember that all attendees at work parties are invited to the BBQ match where you can sample the excellent culinary skills of our Secretary.

Join the Club

If you have not joined yet, you can do so by sending your form, pictures and remittance to the Membership Secretary whose address appears on the form. Or drop in to Arun Angling at Angmering, SAS in Chichester or Tropikoi in Bognor and they will be happy to complete your membership there and then



Laying wood chip on the paths