

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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Work Parties

Many thanks to those that regularly attend our work parties we do appreciate your efforts. We are always happy to see new faces at work parties and we can always find you something to do whatever your abilities.

Date	Venue	Times
7th May	Coultershaw	08.30 Start
14th May	Stemps & Cart	08.30 Start
4th June	Coultershaw	08.30 Start
2nd July	The Granary	08.30 Start

Upcoming Matches - Check your handbook for times.

Date	Venue	Comment
17th May	Hurston Match Pond	An evening match, it will be interesting to see how this is fishing now the water has warmed up and whether the new stock we put in over the winter shows.
21st May	Sumners Pond	We are sharing the venue with The Sportsman Club. Some good weights have come from here on previous matches. BOOKING IN is essential.
24th May	Hurston Tench Pond	An evening on the Tench Pond at Hurston is always pleasant.
28th May	Hurston Match Pond	Back to the Match Pond but for a day match rather than an evening.
31st May	The Granary	Last year this evening match produced some good weights.
7th June	Cart Pond	An evening match on the ever popular Cart Pond and the first of a two match series.
11th June	Petworth Park	Our first match on Petworth Park of the season, we have moved this to a month later than previous years.
14th June	Stemps Pond	The second of our two match evening series at Walberton.
18th June	Bernies	Bernies is always a popular away venue BOOKING IN is essential

Specimen Fish Winners from 2016

Our Chairman Roger Poole had the task of judging our specimen fish entries for the 2016 /2017 season. We have two trophies and the winners also receive a complimentary membership for the coming season.

The first trophy is for the best Barbel submitted and although we had rumours of bigger fish being caught, the biggest that was submitted was from Chris Hayes, this fish also happened to be his personal best at 12lb 1oz so memorable in a number of ways.



The second trophy is for the best other species submitted; after a fair amount of deliberation it was decided that the trophy should go to Bob Bridle for his club record Tench of 5lb 8 oz from Petworth Park. Roger thought that special mention should go to Jack Winslade for his 14lb 1oz Pike from the Rother which was a very close contender.

We are ready to receive your submissions for the new 2017 / 18 season and if you would like the chance of a complimentary membership next season, please send your pictures together with details of your catch and any witnesses to us [HERE](#). We look forward to seeing your entries.

Barbel Scale Survey

Last September we started a survey on our Barbel population at Coultershaw. The survey entails taking scale samples from any Barbel caught and these are submitted to the Environment Agency and they can determine the age of the fish. We are continuing the survey from the start of the river season in June to sample a good cross section of the Barbel in the river. We would appreciate it if you are fishing for Barbel at Coultershaw if you could read and comply with the scale survey notice on the board at Coultershaw to help us sample as many fish as possible. The object of the exercise is to demonstrate that we have an aging Barbel population at Coultershaw with poor recruitment and we hope this will help persuade the Environment Agency that new stock is required.

Fishery Log Books

Although quite a few of you fill in our Log Books we are aware that many are still not bothering. The information about your session is valuable to us and helps us decide on fishery management issues such as stocking and water maintenance. So please whenever you fish, make an entry in the Log Books provided; information about a blank is as useful as a red letter day. You have asked for regular venue reports, but without the information from the Log Books it is impossible for us to let you know how places are fishing. You also ask that our waters and swims are well maintained, so if you see something that you feel needs some attention, please note it in the Log Book. Our Fishery Management team look at these regularly and you might have seen something that they have missed.

The Angling Trust Voluntary Bailiff Service



Launched as a pilot scheme in 2012 in the southeast of England (our area)) the scheme is now nationwide. The next round of recruitment and training for this area is now underway with a training day organised for the beginning of June and although the Trust is looking in particular to recruit anglers from Hampshire, they would also be interested in any potential recruits from Sussex. Further information about the scheme can be found [HERE](#) on the Angling Trust website and you can contact David Wilkins, who heads up the scheme in our area [HERE](#) if you have any questions or queries.

Fisheries News

Rivers

Obviously our rivers are currently closed for coarse fishing, however, we understand a number of you are out there with your fly fishing gear, but as yet reports are sketchy. Please let us know what you are catching.

Still Waters

The Granary

This seems to be the form water at the moment with plenty of Carp coming out to double figures, but anglers are reporting that they are being pestered by Rudd if they use small baits. We are interested in how the Perch are faring, these were stocked getting on for 18 months ago and have hopefully grown on well. We had a few reports of them being caught last season and they appeared to be putting on weight, they should be getting to around 1lb now, so decent fish to catch. Please let us know if you catch any and what size they are.

Hurston

Both the Middle and Match ponds now seem to have woken up after a fairly cold winter and extensive work to reduce the weed in the ponds. The Middle pond is showing a greater variety of fish; our bailiff's grandson had a session of just an hour or so and caught quite a few Rudd, a Perch of around 8oz and a Tench of about 1.5lb. Other anglers report good sessions catching Carp in the Middle pond.

Stemps and Cart

Over the winter the fishing on Stemps and Cart was a bit variable, some days it proved to be quite hard but you could go back a couple of days later and find that it was fishing really well. Early reports from the last few weeks suggest that it is back to its old self and fishing very consistently, whether you target the roach and skimmers with small baits and light tackle or beef things up for the Carp. We recently stocked some Perch into both ponds and would be interested to hear if anyone catches any of them.

Petworth Park

It has only been open for a few weeks. The first report I have is very encouraging with the angler catching 12 Bream of 3 1/2 lb to 6lb in one session.

Chichester Canal

You might be aware that the Environment Agency put quite a few small Bream and Tench into the canal the winter before last. Most of these were put in at the basin and it was thought that rather than moving down the canal they had stayed very much in the area in which they were stocked. We took part in an attempt to catch and move some of these fish further up the canal. Unfortunately this was not particularly successful with only a few hundred roach being moved. If you are fishing the canal regularly then you might also have noticed that the long time bailiff—Ron has now retired, the new man is Martin and is occasionally assisted by James. They are both keen to get the canal fishing better and are pushing for more stock introductions and other improvements.

WANTED!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH A NUMBER OF ROLES TO HELP WITH THE RUNNING OF OUR CLUB

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Those that visit Arun Angling will know that Tim Nudds our current Membership Secretary is slowly winding down to a well earned retirement. As part of this he is also looking to give up his duties as the club's Membership Secretary. Therefore we are looking for someone who is prepared to take on the job. If you would like more information with regard to what is entailed please contact the Secretary [HERE](#)

BOOKKEEPER

Our current bookkeeper has been assisting our Treasurers for more years than he would care to mention! Using a set of books created in Microsoft Excel to provide up to date financial information for the club. He feels that it is time for him to step down so we are looking for someone with bookkeeping / Excel skills to take over. We will arrange a suitable handover period during which the new recruit can work with the incumbent to familiarise themselves with the tasks and systems as we don't want to throw anyone in at the deep end. If you can take on this important role for the club and would like more information please contact The Treasurer [HERE](#)

BAILIFF FOR STOPHAM

Unfortunately our current Stopham bailiff is having to give up due to ill health. If you fish Stopham regularly and would like to help with bailiffing the water we would be really pleased to here from you. Please contact the Fishery Management Team [HERE](#)

CHAINSAW USERS

Whilst working on our waters we sometimes need to remove trees. There are dead trees that have to be removed to ensure the safety of our anglers, we have trees that have fallen that need to cut up and we also take trees down in order to open up swims. Most of this tree work is carried out on our still waters. At the moment for most of these jobs we have to call in contractors, which of course costs us money. We are hoping that we might find one or two qualified chainsaw users from among our membership who would be prepared to help out at work parties. If you fit the bill and could help please contact us [HERE](#)