

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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Latest News

Hurston Closure

Hurston Lane will be closed on Wednesday 11th November for Tree cutting.

Coates Lane

It has been noted that one or two members are parking in Coates Lane and approaching the river under the old railway bridge. We do not have access via this route and anglers **must** only access the water via the Coates car park or Shopham bridge.

Coates Car Parking

Following further consultation with the farmer it has been decided that wet weather parking should be at the top of the field on the track to the left where the track leaves the wooded section. This area will be strimmed and cleared in the next few weeks ready for the winter season.

Evening Off Times

It has been noted that anglers have still been on the Rother well beyond the off times published in the handbook. Please ensure you abide by these times.

Upcoming Matches - Check your handbook for times.

Date	Venue	Comment
27th September	Chi Canal - Grosvenor Road	Hopefully we will find a few skimmers on this section
18th October	Petworth Park	Last match at Petworth Park this season
25th October	Watersfield	Limited pegs so remember to book in
1st November	Chi Canal—Grosvenor Road	Last match on the canal this season
15th November	Hurston Match Pond	First winter match at Hurston
22nd November	Stemps	The first of the pole only double header
29th November	Hurston Match Pond	The second leg of the winter series
6th December	Watersfield	Remember to book in, the last match on the river for this season and the last match of the year.

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Junior Tuition / Taster Day in association with Arun & Rother Connections

Petworth & Bognor Angling Club held their second junior day at their Walberton fishery on Saturday 8th August. The weather was fine and sunny so plenty of sunscreen was the order of the day and thankfully we could leave our umbrellas and wet weather gear behind. There were eight junior participants six lads and two girls aged between 8 and 12 a couple had been fishing before but this was the first time for most of them.

The session was led by Richard Burbidge a UKCC level 2 angling coach. Richard is a club and committee member and has a particular interest in increasing junior participation in the sport of angling. Richard also moderates the club's facebook page. Alongside Richard was a small band of volunteers from the club who were present to help the participants with their fishing. For this session Richard had selected a short pole as the main piece of equipment for the participants.

The session started with a brief talk about the venue and facilities and then Richard moved on to talking about fish and their habits with particular reference to the fish that the participants were likely to catch during the session. He then went on to describing the equipment they would use and demonstrated how to set it up. Each participant was given a set of equipment and encouraged to set it up themselves (with a little assistance from the helpers). The participants were then put into pairs and each pair was allocated a swim (fishing area) where they set out their tackle ready to fish.

The participants were then introduced to the bait for the day – maggots! These were viewed with a certain amount of trepidation by some and one young lady refused to have anything to do with them (more of her later). Richard showed how to put a maggot on the hook and then how to cast the baited line into the water, almost immediately a fish obliged, his float sailed under and the first fish of the day was being played. The fish was landed, unhooked and returned safely to the water.

Having seen this, the participants were raring to go and could not wait to get back to their swims to try for themselves. Each pair of junior anglers was allocated a helper and back at the swims final preparations were made and the first lines were cast to the water. The fish were on form and obviously hungry as within minutes fish were being caught all round the pond. Our maggot shy young lady was furnished with an alternative bait and she caught a few fish on this. In the meantime one of the helpers had raided his tackle box and come up with a rubber artificial maggot; this was tried and proved successful. Fishing continued until lunch was called and everyone sat down for some food and a drink.



Fishing starts at the Junior Tuition Day



Our Chairman Roger Poole takes a moment to pose for the camera with a couple of the juniors.



Two of the juniors concentrating on their floats while Mick Mills and Steve Simmonds are on hand to help out

After lunch there was another brief training session on the preparation and use of groundbait. One member from each pair then made up groundbait for use during the afternoon session. Fishing continued and the groundbait seemed to attract some better fish for the afternoon session. We also noticed a couple of the parents having a go themselves! The young lady who had been using the artificial maggots noted that her partner seemed to be catching more frequently than she was and decided that she would put aside her initial fears and try the proper thing herself and was soon happily handling and fishing with live maggots with absolutely no qualms!



This is what it's all about two happy junior anglers show off their fish

Richard brought the session to an end with a review of what had been learnt during the day and thanked all those that had attended and helped out. An enjoyable time was had by all and hopefully it will inspire some of the youngsters to pursue fishing further.

Quote of the day

‘This is much more fun than playing on my iPad’

Many thanks to

Richard Burbidge for organising the day

Richard Warren, Ray Huskisson, Roger Poole, Phil Tubb and Mick Mills for their help and patience.

Hurston Lane Storrington

In our last e-mailer we mentioned the aerator which has finally arrived and should be moved to the site fairly soon. We are clearing an area between the middle and match pond on which we will site a metal storage shed which will house the aerators, generator and also the other tools that we use on site.

Over the summer months we have really had to work hard to keep the weed at bay and thanks to a dedicated few we have managed to keep all the ponds fishable. Hopefully as we move into autumn the weed growth will slow and it will not be so much of a problem.

We reported in August on a visit we had by a fishery expert who felt that we needed to do some wholesale removal of trees from the venue. This would do a number of things; increase air flow over the water which would help in reducing the build up of duck weed on the tench pond, reduce the amount of leaf fall into the pond which is felt to be providing the nutrients for the very heavy weed growth and increase the sunlight on the water which should make the fish more active. The more active the fish are the more they will control the weed themselves.

We have therefore started a heavy programme of tree cutting alongside the weed raking and this will continue through the autumn. If you can help out then people will be up there most Wednesday's late afternoon into the evening. A lot has been done already but there is still plenty more to do.

We will also have contractors on site who will be removing the willow trees from around the tench pond. The date that this is scheduled for is Wednesday 11th November and the whole Hurston Lane complex will be closed from 6.00am for health and safety reasons. It is hoped that the work can be completed within the day and the water can re-open at 6.00am on the 12th.

Club AGM

A few months away yet but just a reminder that the AGM will be held at the White Swan on the A27 just west of Arundel on the 19th November starting at 7.30pm.

We have decided that we are going to have a raffle at this years AGM, tickets will be available on the night. We have started collecting prizes and if you can donate a prize please contact the Secretary after 6th October

Please remember that if you have any motions or matters for consideration at the AGM they should be submitted to the Secretary at least 21 days prior to the meeting.

Monthly Fishery Reports

We now have these up and running and they appear in the Venue Reports section on the website. We do however rely upon you filling in the catch books for the information, so please when you finish a session take a few minutes to fill in the catch book.

Match Scene

The club matches this season have been very much a case of can anyone get anywhere near Mike Kitchener. Mike or 'Kitch' has returned to match angling over the last couple of seasons having spent the intervening time as a very accomplished specimen fish angler and in particular catching big chub, carp and barbel from the Rother and Arun. Kitch hasn't had it quite all his way..



'Kitch' uses his river skills to put together a winning bag at Coultershaw



Brian with part of his Stemps haul of 41 - 0 - 0

Newcomer Brian Foster had a very good catch consisting of 12 carp for a weight in excess of 40lb from peg 14 on Stemps. Brian fished paste on the pole to the tree on the left. Interestingly for that match we decided to omit the normal carp fliers (pegs 1 & 15) Brian was fishing in peg 14 and obviously enticed the carp from peg 15 into his swim.

We have had two matches on the canal and two matches at Watersfield. In the first match at each venue 'Kitch' failed to make the frame, but he obviously learned as he was top in both the second matches.

We have further matches on Watersfield and the canal coming up before we move into our winter season with matches at Hurston, Stemps and Cart and some interesting away venues.

Details of all the matches are towards the back of the club handbook and all are welcome to come and join in. Please note the code letters against some of the matches as we either have restricted numbers of pegs or we need to book a certain number of pegs. So if you see a 'B' in the last column and would like to fish a match, please give the Match Secretary a phone a few days before to book your place. His number can be found on the inside back cover of the handbook.

Tables as at 14th September

Angler	Points	Weight	Matchman
Mike K	148	197 - 1 - 0	900
Keith H	124	117 - 6 - 0	562
Vince H	111	108 - 15 - 12	513

More from the Addison Archives

September 27th 1969 River Rother below Shopham Bridge

Went out with Ted and Geoffrey on a fine sunny day, but cool in the westerly wind when a cloud covered the sun. Ted took us down to some good swims where he caught a 2lb chub a couple of weeks ago - they were the same one I picked when Bill and Ernie came.

I started in Ernie's swim but found it rather difficult with a downstream wind and some weed to avoid, so after an hour and a half had hooked and lost 1 dace, I got two others - the only bites. Geoffrey was laying on above me, by an overhanging tree and got three nice perch one about 3/4lb and two of 8". Ted was legering and getting bites on the swing tip which only raised it an inch. He did hook a small trout which jumped out and freed itself.

I then moved up and tried where I fished previously and after missing one slow bite which I thought was weed, but sucked the maggot, I got another and took a 3/4lb roach. So there are other fish than dace and chub here!

We did not get any more and finished up with 3 perch for Geoffrey, 2 dace and the roach for me.

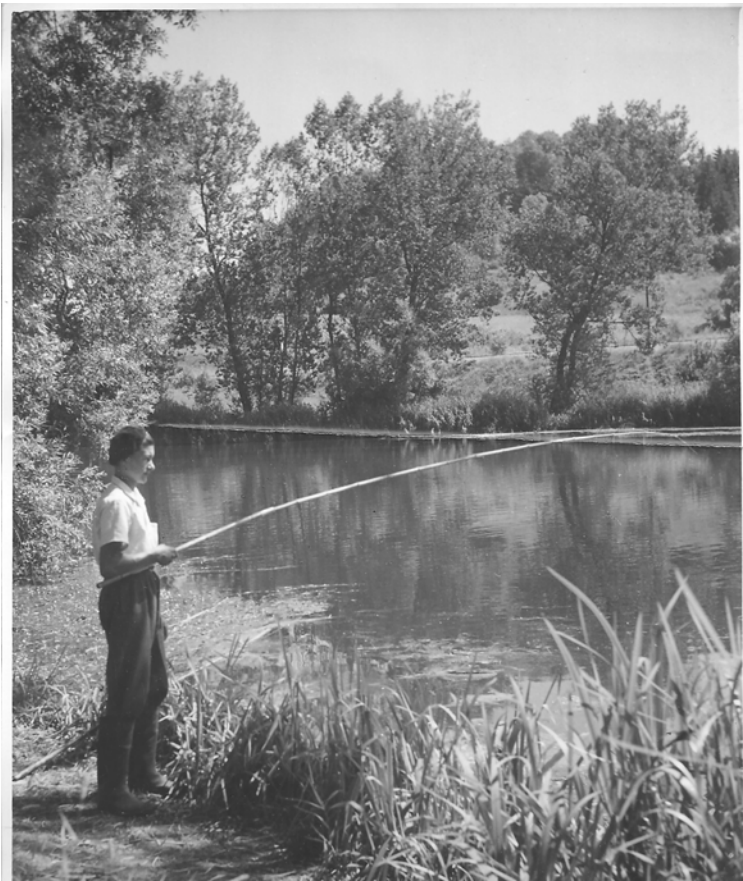
September 28th 1969 River Arun Orfold Farm

Incredibly I drew peg 11, exactly the same swim as I had last match here, but the water was up and there was hardly any stream. It was a still, clear morning, but cool to start with. I was rather surprised to get a bite second cast and brought up and 8" roach on bread, which got off just under the surface. It was followed immediately by another bite (also on bread), then no more for a while. Then gudgeon started and dace began to take chrysalis on the surface (but not the one on the hook).

A strong wind got up after an hour and I found the float dragging so much upstream that I changed to a float leger, remembering Ted's bites of yesterday. Then I began getting a dace or two among the gudgeon, i was getting fish regularly for the rest of the day, including two perch for a total of 2lb 5oz all on maggot or chrysalis. About 1'o clock a pike seized a perch

immediately hooked it, but after a few moments spat it out and I had the perch almost unmarked. Half an hour later it was at my keepnet, so I pulled it out and there was a 5lb 6oz pike! I had put out a pike line, but it had ignored it in favour of the net-full.

About 5.30 another pike seized a gudgeon as I was about to lift it out. I played it but when I got it near the surface it spat out the gudgeon, then turned and grabbed it again. This it did twice more before returning to the deep. At 5 minutes to 6, having broken my hook I thought I'd try for the pike again, so dropped at paternoster in where I had been fishing. Nothing happened, so I went to lift it out for a try elsewhere, when up came the pike and made a grab near the surface, but missed. So I dropped it in again, feeling nothing, went to lift it up, but found it solid. The pike was on and I called to John Evert, who came at the double to net it, but it looked far too big a fish for the net and far too lively as yet. It jumped out and shook itself in mid-air twice before I drew it in and John managed to get it head first in the net. It weighed 5lb 8oz and although looking a bit bigger than the other one, was a bit thinner and did not weigh much more. However it gave us some sport to finish the day. Several others reported keepnets being attacked. A couple of bream were hooked and lost but 3lb 6oz won the day. Most of us had 2 - 3lb of small fish except Herb Goddard who had 5 chub. It was the best day we've had here for general fishing apart from the bream.



As well as being an excellent diarist Reg Addison was also a very accomplished photographer. The picture above was given a Certificate of Merit by Photography Magazine in 1952. The picture was taken on the River Meuse which rises in France and flows through Belgium and finally Holland where it drains into the north sea. I suspect the location is the middle reaches around Verdun but can't be sure. As an angler it's interesting to see a bamboo roach pole in use. I reckon this is 6 sections so is probably about 20' long and looking carefully at the original picture I reckon it's 'fish on'.

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, Prime Angling in Worthing or Tropikoi in Bognor and they will be happy to complete your membership there and then.