

PETWORTH & BOGNOR ANGLING CLUB



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LATEST COVID SITUATION

Please still remember to maintain social distancing and if you are exhibiting any of the signs or symptoms of Covid please do not visit our waters.

GUEST TICKETS

As noted in the last e-mail Newsletter, guest tickets are now available again, however, they will only be available from the **Secretary**. We will also be trialling an electronic guest ticket which can be held on your phone and the image can be shown to bailiffs / other members when requested. If you do not have this facility we can still issue paper guest tickets but these will take a bit longer to process. You will be able to pay for guest tickets by cheque or Bacs, we will give you more information when you apply. We would ask that you request guest tickets at least a week in advance to allow us to process your requests and ensure we get the tickets to you.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Club membership for this season is closed we have reached the number of members that we feel our waters can cope with.

ROD LICENCES

We would remind you again that you must have the appropriate Environment Agency rod licences with you when you are fishing. These can be obtained online or from post offices.

CLUB MATCHES

Our matches are back up and running and take place on Wednesday evening until mid July and Sundays. We would ask that members check the fixture list and the match day pages to ensure that their selected venue is not hosting a match. Below is a list of matches scheduled for the next month or so. Matches are generally open to all club members (check your handbook) but you must book in. There are links on the website to book into upcoming matches.

DATE	VENUE	DRAW TIME	DATE	VENUE	DRAW TIME
6th June	Petworth Park	08.45	30th June	Coultershaw	17.00
9th June	Hurston Match ¹	17.00	4th July	Stemps	08.00
16th June	Hurston Match	17.00	7th July	Fittleworth	17.00
20th June	Stanbridge View	08.00	18th July ²	Stemps & Cart	08.00
23rd June	Shopham	17.00	1st August	The Granary	08.00
27th June	Holmbush	08.00	8th August ³	Fittleworth	08.00

Notes

1. Note change of venue 2. Invitation only 3. Team match

AROUND OUR WATERS

STILL WATERS

After a warm April we have had a fairly dismal rain soaked and wind battered May.

PETWORTH PARK

Well we always say that Petworth Park fishes best with a breeze on the water but we had a bit more than a breeze for a lot of May. This does not appear to have deterred either anglers or fish. Bream catches have been excellent and if you get a bit of groundbait in, no matter where you are, the fish are coming to you. Feeder tactics are favoured and go around 30 metres out, this is the most consistent area. However don't neglect an inside line along the road side, if you locate the bottom of the drop off which is around 5 - 8 metres out depending where you are you can also pick up plenty of fish here as well. This inside line tends to be favoured by the Tench and Crucian Carp so well worth trying with float or pole tactics for some variety.

HURSTON LANE

Spawning has been taking place intermittently over the last month at Hurston, but the warm weather over the last few days of May certainly increased activity with both the Bream and Carp being very active. Things should settle down a bit now and the fish will be more interested in a bait than each other!

Despite the spawning activity Keith our Bailiff has reported good catches from all three ponds, however if the Tench Pond is your target he recommends running a rake through your swim before you get started. This really seems to bring the Tench on and can make the difference between a mediocre and good session

THE GRANARY

During the variable weather that we experienced in May, fishing at the Granary has been a bit up and down, with some days when even the Rudd have been slow to bite and little or no Carp activity. On other days when the weather was a bit more settled and the sun was putting a bit of warmth into the water both Rudd and Carp has responded well to normal tactics. With steady temperatures and a fair amount of sun forecast for the next few weeks the Granary should fish well during June.

STEMPS & CART

Both ponds are reported as fishing well, however we are aware of an increasing weed and silt problem in Cart. In the next few weeks we will be having the pond surveyed with a view to bringing in specialists to carry out work to remove the silt and weed. This will inevitably lead to some closure of the water. Please keep an eye out for announcements on the website, our facebook page and the venue notice board.

OUR RIVERS

We are sure that a lot of you are gearing up for the start of the river coarse season which is now just a couple of weeks away. Our bailiffs and volunteers have been hard at work at both Coultershaw and Shopham over the last month and you can see the results of their activities on our website. There is a final work party at Coultershaw on Sunday June 13th (apologies the date in the handbook is incorrect). If you can make it I'm sure Martin will be able to find you plenty to do. Please bring gardening tools such as spades, forks, loppers, garden shears and secateurs.



A couple of pictures from recent work parties at Coultershaw (left) and Shopham (right)

AROUND OUR WATERS

HOLMBUSH

Congratulations all round at Holmbush.

Firstly to Steve Pentecost, his bailiff team and volunteers for all the work done at the recent work party. Swims were opened up, trees both on land and in the water cut and the whole site was given a good general tidy up. Last but by no means least a brand new fully functional disabled swim has been constructed. This has all the provisions required to allow wheelchair users to access the swim and fish safely with anchor rings and friction strips so wheelchairs can be held firmly in place. The swim is open to all but if requested you should vacate it to give the disabled precedence.



The disabled swim under construction and completed

Secondly - Congratulations to Gary Mason who is the new club Carp record holder after catching the 27lb 4oz beauty below.



In Gary's own words....

My previous best was 23lb 2oz way back in 2009, so this was quite a pleasant surprise!!!

I had tried both mid to long distance and either margins, before finally connecting with this fish in the margins on a pop up.

Given that it was my only bite towards the end of my session on the feeder rod, I was not expecting anything of significance until my rod bent over !!!

I must also thank Mr Chris Wood for both his help, use of his scales and verification of the catch. After safely releasing the fish, I decided to pack up and head home for a calming beer (or two!!)

SOCIAL EVENT - COULTERSHAW

We have now set Friday 23rd July as the date for our Social Event at Coultershaw. We will be starting at around 6pm and going on until around 9pm. Please see the map of the venue below. We will be using the warehouse and the area between the back of the building and the river.

In the past we have seen plenty of river anglers but not so many of our still water anglers, but all are very welcome and the evening provides an excellent opportunity to catch up with and exchange information with you fellow club members in a relaxed atmosphere.

As in previous years we will be running a tackle mart to raise a bit of money for the club's stock fund, so if you have any old or surplus to your needs, tackle, please donate it to the club and give us the opportunity to sell it on to other club members. If you have tackle available, please contact us [HERE](#) and we can arrange pick up or delivery before the event. This gives us a chance to sort and price anything donated to the sale.



At the time of writing we still have some Covid restrictions in place so for the time being at least numbers are limited and you must book in prior to the event so we can comply with the current government Test and Trace requirements. We hope that as we get closer to the event restrictions will ease and we can extend the numbers. We will be providing food and drinks for the evening so from our point of view it is important that we know numbers so we can provide enough for everyone without having a massive surplus.

The event is open to all members and their immediate family. If you would like to come along, please contact us [HERE](#) and let us know the number in your party together with names and contact details.

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