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News

2009 AGM. THURSDAY 28th May @ 7.30pm. Bute Suite 1, National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

A lot has happened over the past few months, all of which has been it is hoped, for the benefit of all Club Members.

Firstly there has been quite a substantial amount of funds that have been used to replace fish stocks in all our still waters. These include large Tench and Carp for Treoes Pond, Sizeable Roach, Tench, Crucians, Bream and Chub in Carols Pond, Barry. Crucians for St Y Nyll Top Pond, Tench and Crucians for Gribbles, Tench for Llantrythid and Tench and Crucians for Pysgodlin Mawr.

A larger Car Park and Toilet facility has been implemented at Gribbles Covert, plus a family peg at Treoes Pond.

Autumn and Winter fishing was blighted on the still waters by freezing weather and all ponds frozen over during January, which meant the Rivers were busier than normal for the Winter months.

All last seasons Club organized Competitions were well attended. With many oversubscribed. The Disabled Group held their first Annual comp, which was a huge success, the Junior Section over the summer months managed some good weights even if every time they started fishing, the heavens seemed to open and heavy rain was order of the day. The 24 hour carp comps at Treoes, which are a huge success and are reporting some really creditable catches. The Senior match group also had some memorable days and we are sure they will continue.

Treoes Pond and St Y Nyll Top pond have been netted by the Environment Agency in an attempt to control the small silver fish in these waters, which was a huge success, removing a few hundred pound of small fish overall. It must be noted however that Club Members were present at both nettings and

ensured no fish over 8oz were removed. This only goes to show how many small fish have hatched over the past few years and have not been preyed on by Cormorants.

The Committee have been working hard over the past 12 months trying to secure additional venues for the Club, which is still ongoing and hopefully start to show fruition in the near future.

Our Membership Secretary, Mick Roberts, has been kept busy churning out new licenses for members. Mick however has asked if at all possible, could you please renew your license before the end of May as believe it or not, Mick does go Fishing quite a lot in June.

The turn over of license renewals does go to prove that your annual license fee is excellent value for money.

Unfortunately been increased very slightly, so too the NFG Annual fee has also been increased to £35.00. This is a small increase considering that the NFG fee has not been increased for over 5 years.

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Special points of interest:

- New Tench stock for Treoes Pond
- Big Silvers put into Carols Pond
- Crucians for St Y Nyll
- Environment Agency net Treoes and St y Nyll
- Additional Tench and Crucians for Pysgodlin mawr

GAC Night Fishing Group

The GAC Night Fishing Group, which is run by Colin Farnham has over the past five or six years produced some good fish from Treoes Pond and Llantrythid lake, and from last year also has Night fishing at Pysgodlin Mawr Pond. The

Group is limited at this time to 40 members and a waiting list which our Membership Secretary Mick Roberts organizes, does give the Group Members relatively peaceful overnight fishing. As with the Annual Club License Fee which has

Annual Maintenance Work

It does go without saying that the maintenance works that the Club ensures is kept up to date on all our still waters has not only enhanced the bank side facilities for all Club Members, but also ensures that all the fishable pegs are safe to use. For many of us, the days of trudging through six inches of mud around Pysgodlin Mawr or up to the top of your wellies in water trying to reach your peg at St Y Nyll top pond are long gone, as are the days of trying to balance your tackle box on wooden crates and old kitchen doors. Our Head Bailiff, Brian Dickman is our main-

tenance contractor and has to date done a sterling job of keeping everything tidy. We do still have work parties through the Close season, but they are mainly weed clearance on Pysgodlin and the Top Pond. The decision of setting up a maintenance contract by the committee was due to the lack of support by the membership to turn up at organized work parties and it was always the same old faces doing the work. What we would ask members now is not to cut back any Trees or bushes, but if you see potential work, please either email the club secretary or ring Brian direct(number

on your Club License), and let us know what you think needs doing. One thing we will say however is when Brian is working, there is a small amount of noise disturbance, but as with most of us, he has to fit the maintenance around his day job, so please be tolerant when fishing where Brian is working.

The 2008\09 Annual fish award competition closes 31st March 2009 so if you want to enter the comp, please forward your catch as soon as possible.

Fish Movement

As with many waters nationally, fish stocks do get depleted due to illegally being moved. Like many Clubs we have had to take steps as best we can to try and make it as difficult as possible for illegal movement of fish, primarily Carp.

The Club will not tolerate any unauthorized fish movement and any member identified moving fish stocks will not only face a lifetime ban but will also be reported to the Environment agency. The

Club operates a strict policy for fish stock procedures, which includes ensuring that any stock from our own waters as well as from registered fish farms have undergone a Section 30 EA health check to ensure that no diseased fish are moved.

With KVA disease now prevalent, it is important that we protect our stocks as this does have a large monetary value paid for by club funds.

Fish movement does include livebaits.

Please ensure that you renew your Club License Early as License applications will not be processed during June as our Membership Secretary does go fishing.

The Toilet Facility at Gribbles Covert is now open to Club Members, the lock can be opened with the Club Key. Please ensure you lock it back up after use.

Junior Competitions

The 2009 Junior Competition Calendar has an additional Easter Competition which will be held at Treoes Pond. Over the past few years Junior Competitions have been very well supported and Albert Smith does do a fantastic job in sorting venues and ensuring that all competitors win a Prize.

With quite a few adults helping out and when ever possible club qualified coaches

in attendance, the Juniors seem to always do well.

This years Competitions are:

Sat 11th April—Treoes

Sat 13th June—Barry Ponds

Sat 20th June—Gribbles

Sat 27th June—Treoes

Sat 4th July—Gribbles

Sun 2nd Aug—Treoes (Mums, Dads, Lads and Lasses Comp)

Sat 22nd Aug—Barry Ponds

For further details, Please Contact:

Albert Smith on 02920 253999 (after 6pm)

24 Hour Carp Competitions

The 24 hour Carp Competitions have gone from strength to strength, becoming one of our most popular Club organized competitions. It does seem that it is not just dedicated Carp Anglers that take part, the pleasure Anglers also enjoy these overnight fishing sessions. One sad note however was the untimely passing of Jarck Van Vuuren, also well known by the 24 hour carpers as “kid marmite”. The 24 hour comp group have clubbed together and have purchased an annual memorial trophy, which will be fished for in May and Jarck’s family have agreed to

attend to present the Trophy to the winner. 2009 entry is £4 per Angler per comp.

This years competitions will be:

25/26 April

23/24 May (Kid Marmite Cup)

15/16 August

26/27 September

17/18 October

All competitions will be held on Treoes

Pond and are limited to 25 competitors.

For further details and booking your places, please contact Nigel Sproston on 02920 486902

Book in 11.00am on Saturday, fish mid-day to midday.



Jarck Van Vuuren

Please be aware that there is a Keepnet Ban from March 14th to June 16th

Disabled Competitions

What can we say about the success story of the Clubs Disabled Angling Group. Last season the Group held their first Competition and the first Annual Comp.

Much if not all of the Credit for the success of the Group must go to Maureen Smith (auntie mo) and Amanda Joseph, who run the group and organize the weekly trips to Treoes as well as organizing the Competitions.

The 2008 winner was Gerald Lee with a

very notable bag of 30lb 6oz, whilst Wheelchair “Champ” was Alan Collins with 16lb 12oz.

2009 Disabled Competitions:

Sat 9th May Carp Comp

Thurs 20th August—2009 Annual Comp

Sat 10th October Carp Comp

For further details contact Maureen Smith on 07929 721262



2009 Charity Competition will be held at Treoes Pond on 17/18/19 July. For details please contact Colin Farnham on 07813 001869

24 Hour Charity fun fishing event

Yet again the 2008 Charity Event which is organized by Colin Farnham and Mick Frazer was an experience. All competitors caught fish and many needed plenty of sun tan cream as the event was held during the hottest weekend of the year. A fantastic £3500 was raised for the nominated charities and both the Vale of Glamorgan Foster Children and Marie Curie Cancer Care received the sponsorship

monies collected. The Foster Children used the event money to pay for a well earned Xmas Party which Colin Farnham kindly volunteered to be Father Christmas and gave all the Children a present from the Club.

This years Charity event will take place on 17/18/19 July, so if you do want to take part, please call Colin on 07813 001869.



Senior Match Fixtures



Disabled Group Member Alan Collins with a 14lb 5oz Carp.

19 TH APRIL	MATHERN MILL	CHEPSTOW top lake
03 RD MAY	RED HILL	BOTTOM LAKE
10 TH MAY	CEFN MABLY	MATCH LAKE
17 TH MAY	SUE'S LAKE *	BARRY
24 TH MAY	TBA	
31 ST MAY	MATHERN MILL	CHEPSTOW b/lake
07 TH JUNE	TREOES *	BRIDGEND
14 TH JUNE	WHITE SPRINGS	MATCH LAKE
21 ST JUNE	CAROL'S LAKE *	BARRY
05 TH JULY	RED HILL	TOP LAKE
12 TH JULY	TBA	
19 TH JULY	MATHERN MILL	CHEPSTOW top lake
26 TH JULY	RED HILL	MIDDLE LAKE
02 ND AUG	CEFN MABLY	MATCH LAKE
09 TH AUG	WHITE SPRINGS	NEW CANAL
16 TH AUG	TBA	
30 TH AUG	TREOES *	BRIDGEND
06 TH SEPT	RED HILL	BOTTOM POND
13 TH SEPT	MATHERN MILL	CHEPSTOW b/lake
27 TH SEPT	SUE'S LAKE *	BARRY
11 TH OCT	CAROL'S LAKE *	BARRY
01 ST NOV	SUE'S LAKE *	BARRY
08 TH NOV	WHITE SPRINGS	MATCH LAKE
22 ND NOV	CEFN MABLY	BRIDGE POOL
06 TH DEC	SUE'S LAKE *	BARRY
ANY MEMBER WISHING TO FISH MUST RING 48HRS BEFOR		
* THESE MATCHES ONLY COUNT TOWARDS THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP For all bookings please call John Bush on 07862 213540. You must call a minimum of 48 hours before each competition for places.		

Still Water Closures 2009

- 1st Feb—1st March Treoes Pond
- 1st March—1st April Sues Pond
- 1st April—1st May Pysgodlin Mawr
- 1st May—1st June Gribbles Covert

The Club has closed the above waters for 1 month duration in order that each water can get a few weeks rest, also it allows any major Maintenance works to be done without disruption to Club members.

Close Season 2009

- River Wye—Mar 14 to June 16
- River Usk—Mar 14 to June 16
- River Taff—Mar 14 to June 16
- River Ely—Mar 14 to June 16
- Lantrythid Lake—Mar 14 to June 16
- St Y Nyll—Mar 14 to 1st June

From June 16th, the gate at Llantrythid Lake will be permanently locked. You will require your Club Key to access the Car-park

Club Web Site.

For all members who have internet access, the Club Web site allows everyone to keep up to date with what is going on within the Club. The site has loads of information and is updated regularly. If you have anything you wish to put on the site, contact Steve Marsh.

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