

Thameside Works Angling & Preservation Society Newsletter August 2008

Thanks to those of you who were able to attend the AGM in March. Around 40 members were in attendance, a good percentage in today's climate, and made it a another productive meeting.

Society Secretary / Contact details

Peter Huckstep was elected as Society Secretary at the AGM, and as he lives at Faversham and Jeff Buxton the Membership Secretary lives at Herne Bay, the Committee agreed it made sense for the Society to transfer the P.O.Box to their local area.

All GENERAL Correspondence to be sent to:

The Society Secretary,
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Kent, ME13 3AB

All MEMBERSHIP Correspondence to be sent to:

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Broomfields,
Herne Bay,
Kent CT6 7QH

(N.B. As per previous newsletter the Rochester Road address & phone contact are no longer in use).

Tribute to Roy Sargent

It is with regret that I have to announce the death of Roy Sargent, a very long-standing and valued club member. Representatives from Thameside attended his funeral. A memorial match was held at Shorne by some of his friends and raised £90 for Demelza House. The Committee then agreed to double this sum in recognition of his service to Thameside over many years. The winning weight was 50lbs 4ozs, by D.Graves, and 2nd was 35lbs 12ozs by J. Buxton with other good backing weights.

Club Rules Update

The Committee has all but completed the necessary Rule changes to put to the 2009 AGM for approval. Proposed changes will be sent out with AGM notices in March next year as well as being advertised on the web site.

COBHAM (Repton Ponds)

At Committee Meetings in July and August the meeting voted in favour of relaxing the bait rules (at Cobham only), effective as from receipt of this newsletter as under:

BAITS These are BANNED:
Nuts of any description, Chick Peas and any/all floating free offerings.
Anything else may be used as a hook-bait.

**GROUND
BAITS** Allowed up to 1kg (dry weight) ground bait.

LOOSE FEED	Pellets:	2pts max
	Hemp:	1pt max
	Luncheon Meat (or similar derivatives):	½ pt max
	Sweetcorn:	½ pt max
	Maggots, Casters, & Worms:	no restrictions

GENERAL

1. Any other bait not specifically mentioned above may be used on the hook but not used as free offerings in any form.
2. Any baits purchased in tins or cans must be transferred to bait containers before entering the fishery.
3. All unused bait and groundbait to be taken home.
4. These amended Bye-Laws which apply ONLY to Cobham represent a considerable relaxation of what was previously allowed. Bailiffs have the power and the right to check the quantities and types of bait being used by any member and to take appropriate action if an offence has been committed, Refusal to allow the aforementioned will result in you being asked to leave the fishery. If the bye-laws in their new form are abused and the integrity of the waters is adversely affected the Committee will retract the new rulings. Any member found violating the new rulings will face expulsion from the Society.

Maintenance at Cobham By the time you get this newsletter a trial swim will have been built on the Middle Lake at Cobham. Once the style/method has been approved by the estate management, more will be undertaken. Tree Felling/clearing will continue into September/October – this may mean lakes (not more than one at any time) being closed off on occasions in the interests of safety.

SHORNE COUNTRY PARK

This has been fishing well with carp to 14lbs reported as well as good catches of other species. Work continues to improve the lakes and some swims will be closed whilst this goes on. The 'Hooked on Fishing' team, together with the Environment Agency held a free 'go fishing' day on the Steps Lake at which approximately 60 people 'had a go'. Most of these had never fished before so we hope some will be converted to the sport and become members in the future.

HIGHAM (Horseshoe)

It is with regret that the Committee have to announce that Thameside no longer controls the fishing rights to this fishery as it has been unable to come to a satisfactory arrangement with the owner despite two years of trying. Members holding a key to the Higham water should note that the same key will give access to our stretch of the River Beult at Chainhurst.

RIVER BEULT (Chainhurst)

Our stretch is looking a picture at the moment although you may need to clear a bit of bank growth as ready to fish swims are limited. Plenty of roach, rudd, dace and chub showing with the chance of bream or tench to make it worth a visit. We need more feed-back about this water so please write or e-mail us to let us know how you get on.

KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 Sunday 14th September 2009

Venue Brooklands Lake, Dartford Draw at 8.00am Fishing from 10.30am to 3.30pm

Entry Fees (including Pools): Juniors £5 All others £15

If you want to fish - - - ACT TODAY :

1. Phone Peter Huckstep (Society.Sec) 07789 361031 to register your name and details.
 2. Post your Entry Fee (Chqs Payable to K.F.C.A.) to the society's PO Box as overleaf
- n.b. Your Entry Fee MUST reach the PO Box by 6th September.

COMPETITION NEWS

By the time you receive this newsletter we are nearing the halfway point in our match calendar. Results will be available in the website (check it out on 20th). Current frontrunners for the Championship title are Derek Graves with 418pts (from 7 matches), Reg Graham with 388pts (from 5 matches), and Steve Lindsell with 246pts (from 3 matches).

With 12 matches still to be fished and the title to be decided based on 'best 8 results to count' the race is still very open.

Next 2 Matches Sunday 31st August at Chequertrees (Points Match) followed on Sunday 21st September at Cottington Lakes (Points & Individual Trophy)

TWAPS WEBSITE

Following on from a few teething problems with the original website design and hosting, we have since engaged the services of Rick Porritt of On-The-Web-Now! to put us on the right track. At the time of typing this newsletter the site is about 90% ready for launch. The address will be www.twaps.co.uk

You should be able to access the new site by September 20th.

All suggestions, comments, observations or any photos of fish caught etc on any Society related subject or club water are welcomed either by post to the PO Box or by email to the contacts detailed in the website.

GOOD FISHING TO YOU ALL
FROM THE TWAPS COMMITTEE