

THAMESIDE WORKS ANGLING & PRESERVATION SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2010

Dear Member,

Once again there is a lot to pass on so please read thoroughly as newsletters take time and money to send out to our 500 members.....

INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION

I won't sugar the pill as increases are necessary, if the club is to continue to improve facilities and offer more and better fishing. The committee decided on the following rates to apply for the 2010/2011 season

Adult Joining Fee	15.00
Adult Annual subs	45.00
Junior / OAP and Disabled Joining Fee	10.00
Junior Annual subs	18.00
OAP / Disabled Annual subs	27.00
Joint Joining Fee	30.00
Joint Annual subs	72.00
Non-fishing Permit	5.00

These rates bring us closer to fees charged by other similar clubs and still represent great value.

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL & RENEWALS

Since the closure of membership for the current season, Membership Secretary, Jeff Buxton has compiled a WAITING-LIST. So to be sure of retaining your membership it is imperative therefore that you comply with Rule 8 and renew (at the rates above) before 1st June 2010.

MEMBERSHIPS NOT RENEWED BY THIS DATE WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE LAPSED

Please Note: Membership Secretary, Jeff Buxton will accept renewals in advance at the A.G.M. on 1st April, although new cards will not be sent out until around the middle of May.

If you feel your photo no longer does your good looks justice, or if it shows you with a full head of hair (or full set of teeth) that you no longer possess, send a recent passport photo and Jeff will issue a replacement I.D. card at no charge.

Environment Agency Rod Licences

These expire 31st March - don't forget to renew yours!!

GOOD NEWS No1.

INN ON THE LAKE

This water will be available to T.W.A.P.S. members from 1st April 2010. T.W.A.P.S. have entered into a joint 5 year lease with Blue Circle N.W.C.A.C. on a share cost, share bailiffing basis. SPECIAL RULES apply to this fishery and are included separately with this newsletter, place them into your rule book today !!

You will note that some areas of the fishery are strictly out of bounds at all times.

It is imperative that you abide by these special rules and all TWAPS general rules at all times.

Note : Blue Circle NWCAC members and TWAPS members are allowed to fish this water

and bailiffs from BOTH clubs may check the membership of all anglers from either club.

GOOD NEWS No.2

SHORNE OPEN 12 MONTHS

Whilst this inevitably means an increase in our lease costs it also means that you now have : 4 fisheries offering all year-round fishing : i.e. Shorne, Cobham, Inn on the Lake and Blue Lake

ON-GOING IMPROVEMENTS TO CLUB WATERS

SHORNE

This year the committee will be making improvements to the water quality prior to tackling the long-standing problem of invasive reed growth. It may be that one or both lakes will need to be closed (probably only for 1 day at a time) and we will try to give notice of any closures on our web site.

COBHAM

Work will be resumed on improvements to access paths and all bank areas when the weather improves!

The car park area has been re-surfaced to eliminate problems when the weather is bad, BUT please treat the surface with respect - drive with care and park sensibly at right angles to the logging or sleeper perimeters.

The Committee is in the process of getting quotes to de-silt the Middle Lake and it is hoped that this can be done by the end of 2011.

MATCH NEWS

Congratulations to Jeff Buxton who emerged as our Champion Angler for 2009/10 and to all other trophy winners. Awards will of course be made at the AGM on 1st April and full details are now on the web site. The match calendar for the coming season 2010/2011 will in fact run from April 2010 through to December 2010. This is being done so that we can take advantage of the warmer months of April and May as opposed to the colder months of January and February.

Advance details are listed below of the April / May matches:

Sunday 11 th April	Monk Lake No.2
Sunday 18 th April	Shorne C.P
Sunday 2 nd May	Sams Fishery
Sunday 9 th May	Cobham
Sunday 16 th May	Lavender Farm
Sunday 30 th May	Framfield (Spring Lake)

All draw times will be 8 a.m. sharp? (Derek – I'll try my best)

The above are all Points matches, a further 10 Points matches, (June to November) will be detailed on your new cards. (Your best 8 points results to count)

Thursday 27th May Shorne C.P. (Steps Lake) Draw 5.15 p.m.

This is the first of 5 Chairman's Shield Matches (your best 3 results to count). The full match program covering April through December has been posted onto the website and will of course be printed in the new membership cards.

POINTS SYSTEM FOR 2010/2011 This season we are trialing a variation of a system used by Linton A.C. in which points are gained in various ways:

Attendance Points	2 pt
Weigh-in (anything!)	2 pt
Beat LH neighbour	2 pt
Beat RH neighbour	2 pt
Overall Top weight	7 pt (regardless of total anglers fishing)
2nd overall	6 pt
3rd overall	5 pt
4th overall	4 pt
5th overall	3 pt
6th overall	2 pt
7th overall	1 pt.

Using this method, the angler recording the top weight in each match will always earn 15 points and assuming all anglers weigh in something (even just 1 ounce) the points for the rest will range between 4 - 14 points. Note: Anglers drawing end pegs will be considered 'neighbours'

And now a personal message from Match Secretary Derek Graves.....

I am writing this to let you know more about the match calendar for the forthcoming year. It's absolutely brilliant !!!!! (even if I say so myself).

I've gone to a lot of trouble to arrange and book these top notch venues. It's not just a case of "pick a date, make a call, book a match - job done" because the good venues are in demand by many clubs so it can entail many hours spent on the phone chasing-up fishery owners, ring backs, booking dates, sending deposits and confirming by letter , making sure it doesn't clash, all this is not just so you can sit there at home and not get out and fish these outstanding waters.

Every year I try to find new lakes to fish or waters that the club hasn't been to for a long time and this year is no exception. For instance this year we've got

Oast Farm at Busted - a small lake about the size of Cobham top lake. We last went there about 6 years ago.

Frant Lake No.1 - last visit about 13 years ago

Stub Pond - Plantation Lake (allegedly never booked before)

Cottington (Windsor Lake) - a new lake never previously booked to us.

Framfield (Brookhouse) - a new lake never previously booked to us

Tylers Common (Ash Lake) - a new lake never previously booked to us

You will also notice that on the match calendar, back by popular demand, is Spring Lake at Framfield. The last time we fished there it was won with over 230lb of carp ! (Lake match record is over 500 lbs !!)

Plantation Lake at Stub Pond I've been told is a mixed fishery with lots of carp well into high double figures up to 23lbs (owners report). Other club members have fished this lake and refer to the carp as 'animals' and you may still get smashed up on 10lb line fished straight through.

Another booking back by popular demand is Hawkhurst - a venue where big weights are on the cards. Please note that on November 21st I've booked Monk Lake No4. This was the only date I could get all year. That's how popular this venue is.

Now many of you may be thinking you don't know how to fish a match or that you haven't got the right equipment or a keep-net. Well sorry - these poor excuses just won't do. Other members often

lend out nets and as far as not having the right equipment, if you go fishing then you've got the right gear. You don't need to own a pole, because a float rod will take care of all the waters we fish. You don't have to enter into any pools. In fact you don't even have to be in the match - just come along for the 'crack' (and I don't mean the sort that turns your brain to mush. On the other hand I think some of the other match guys have got mushy brains already. hmmm ?) and fish a venue at reduced rates.

So give it a go. All you can lose is a day's fishing with a good bunch of guys and if you never do it again at least you can say you've tried it and it wasn't for you.

Well that's enough said, hopefully I'll see you out and about and you can buy me a drink (lol)

P.S Don't forget - if you want to fish ANY of the club's matches you should register by phoning me by 9pm on the Thursday prior to the match. This is so I can be sure we have enough pegs available. Tel : 01634 221445

Best regards from your Match Secretary, Derek Graves

(Footnote : Those of us who know Derek, know that he could talk for England so don't phone him if you're short of time !)

WEBSITE www.twaps.co.uk

Finally, if you have any photos or news for inclusion on the website PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, get in touch with us by phone or e-mail.....we now have an arrangement for updating the site monthly and hope this will keep you better informed generally.

On behalf of the Committee and your Society Secretary

Peter Huckstep,