

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2018

Dear Member,

### Annual Family Day and BBQ

We had our annual Open Day at Runham Lake on 12<sup>th</sup> August. The event was part of our participation in the National Fishing Month 2018. It was a great day with almost 40 people attending, although only one member came along, where were you all? The weather behaved itself and Bill cooked some fantastic BBQ food again and kept the tea, coffee and squash flowing all day. Big thankyou to our professional coaches Kevin Durman, Paul Whibley and Kevin Ahern who provided everyone with some much needed coaching which went down a storm with the kids and even got some wives fishing too! We'd also like to thank Gardner Tackle, Nash Tackle, Svendsen Sport, Fladen Fishing UK, Fosters of Birmingham and Pure Fishing for providing various items of tackle that we were able to give to all the juniors who attended. All the kids went away with certificates and goodie bags, so hopefully we will see them on the bank again soon.

### Fishmark accreditation award



We are proud to announce that the club has been awarded the coveted Fishmark Accreditation Advanced Level. Fishmark is the Angling Trust version of Sport England's 'Clubmark' award. It is the recognised angling club accreditation that a Club achieves when it meets the criteria to demonstrate nationally recognised standards of club management, child protection and duty of care, sports equality and ethics and management of activities.

We would like to thank all those that have continued to put their heart and soul into the running of the club, the event organisers, professional coaches and of course the members and event participants.

### Report ALL issues

If you see anything (or anyone) unusual or rule breaking whilst on our waters you must report it to **Ron Prowse who is our bailiff coordinator**. He can be contacted on **07899 901044**. There are bailiffs for each water too, their contact numbers are on our website or on notices around the venues. Report incidents immediately, then we can sort it out.

### River stretches

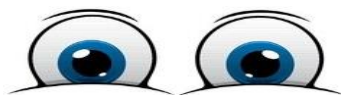
How many of you fish our river stretches? We have a lovely stretch on the Medway at Wateringbury plus, through the Rother Fishery Association affiliation, members also have access to 12 miles of the River Rother and 6 miles of the Royal Military Canal. Some fantastic specimens have been caught out of these stretches which are not normally broadcast, so make sure you give the rivers some time and reap the rewards!



Litter – We are getting sick and tired of clearing up other peoples litter from our venues. It is quite simple:

### **TAKE ALL YOUR LITTER HOME WITH YOU**

Anyone found dropping litter on any of our venues will be banned from the club



If you are not checking our website regularly then you are missing out on important news and information. Our website is full of information for you and is regularly updated to make sure we get as much information out to you as quick as possible. We have loads going on during the season, so make sure you keep checking our website for the news and updates otherwise you will miss vital information. Also, send in your catch reports and photos so we can keep other members informed plus keep an eye on fish growth.



Member Gareth Jones sent us this photo of an unusual Tench he caught from Lydd.

### Junior events 2018

We held lots of **FREE** coaching sessions and cub pack taster evenings again this year, plus of course our annual Family Day & BBQ at Runham Lake as part of our participation in National Fishing Month. Huge thanks goes to our Junior Membership Officer Mike Coward for his hard work through the year making these events such a success.

### Rule breakers take note

The committee received a report that a member had left their rods unattended for a period of time. Our rules state: No baited rod to be left unattended **at any time**. The Environment Agency rules state: It's illegal to leave a rod and line in the water unattended or over which you don't have sufficient control. The member in question has been reprimanded as the Committee had no choice but to take suitable action in the matter. Thankyou to the bailiff and other member who reported the incident, we will not tolerate members abusing the simple rules we have. Our rules are there to protect our fish and the venues, if you abuse them, we will lose them.



We had our annual 48hr carp match this year at Lydd lake on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept. Luckily it was a great social event as the fish weren't playing ball! Jake Trapp persevered to the bitter end to land a 17lb Mirror to claim the £60 top prize money. Steve Wiles took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 12lb Common and Dave Sherwood was 3<sup>rd</sup> who resorted to tiddler bashing and catching 40 x 2oz carp.



## Want to be part of running the club? Then join the Committee

We need some willing and enthusiastic members to come forward and join our hard working Committee. Attend meetings, bring your ideas to the table and help with various events and projects. Please contact Trevor McGregor on 07737 320961 or email the club on [info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk) for more information.

### Work Parties

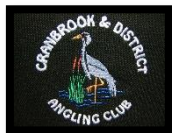
A work party schedule was sent out with your membership pack (in the hope you can attend at least one) and is also available on our website. It is also a good idea to regularly check the [News](#) page of our website for any updates or changes as we sometimes have to instigate last minute work.

They are fun and not hard work at all so it would be nice to see more of you come along, as the Committee can't do everything, surely you can spare just one morning or evening in a year?

Plus, if you do come along your name will be entered into a draw at the AGM and you could win a **FREE membership** for next season.

The next dates for your diaries are:

Sun 7th Oct - Lydd	Sun 7th Oct - Darwell	Sun 21st Oct - Brookland	Sun 18th Nov - Burnt Wood
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### Club Merchandise

Look your best on the banks with our Polo Shirts, Hoodies, Woolly Hats and Baseball Caps, all with the clubs logo on. There is a choice of colours, black or green and sizes range from Medium to XXXL. You can find an order form on the website or contact the club to get yours now.

### Fish Care

Wasn't it nice to have a proper hot summer this year?

Whilst it was good for our tans, BBQs and tomatoes, it is not so good for our fish.

The warm temperatures encourages algae blooms and oxygen depletion which can often be fatal to fish stocks if not managed properly or fish not taken care of when caught.

You can **do your bit** by:

- Reducing the amount of bait you throw in
- Not using keepnets during warmer months
- Always using wetted unhooking mats, not bone dry and baking hot
- Treat hook holes, cuts, wounds and dislodged scales with fishcare kits
- Returning fish as quick as possible
- Reporting any gasping or dead fish immediately



In our battle to catch and deal with rule breakers, litter bugs and general incidents, we have had to resort to installing covert trail cameras at our venues.

So think before you use that 3<sup>rd</sup> rod, chuck rubbish on the floor or bushes, arrive/depart from a day only venue out of hours or go to the loo near the lake. You will be caught on camera and you may well lose your membership.

### How to get guest tickets

Members can purchase guest tickets if they would like to take friends or family fishing on our waters. They are £15 per 24hrs. Contact **Mark Lindsell** on **07973 383952** or [membership@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:membership@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk) giving the guest name and address, date of trip and venue. Then simply post the cheque to our address or pay by BACS and Mark will either text, email or post the guest ticket to you depending on your preference and notice given. Please give Mark as much notice as possible to sort tickets out. A week is ideal and two days is about the limit. Please don't ask for a guest ticket for the next day.

### Recommended fishing on TV

Did you catch Mortimer and Whitehouse: Gone Fishing on BBC2 in July? If you want a laugh with a little bit of fishing thrown in then we recommend you to watch the series on catchup or [BBC iplayer](#).

They won't tell you how to catch more fish but they will give you a laugh, as comedians and lifelong friends Bob Mortimer and Paul Whitehouse share their personal and hilarious life experiences while travelling around the UK fishing for Tench, Barbel, Trout, Roach and Pike.

### Brookland Reservoir stocking

Following feedback from members last season regarding the amount of weed that was in there at certain times of the year, we sought advice from the Environment Agency and have stocked 30 Grass Carp. We should start to see improvements already both in reduction of the weed but the fish will be munching through it and packing on the weight. Let us know if you catch any and what weights they are so we can monitor their progress.

## Remember these 4 important things this season

- **Don't drop or leave any litter – if you see any litter in or around your swim pick it up otherwise you will be the one punished. Bailiffs have a zero tolerance on this.**
- **Read and comply with all the rules – our bailiffs will not accept any excuses**
- **Carry your membership card when on our waters – no card no entry, you will be removed from venue if no card**
- **2 rods only on ALL waters except on Darwell & Lydd – These two waters are the only venues where you can use 3 rods, ALL our other waters have a 2 rod maximum limit. Again, no excuses!**

We look forward to seeing you on the bank and of course at the work parties!

The CADAC Committee