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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Dear Member,

### Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held at Marden Village Club on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

33 members attended which was a slightly smaller turn out than last year. Many thanks to all those who did come along and showed their support for the club.

The main things to note were:

**Rule Change** (Following advice from Sport England grant application feedback)

#### **Constitutional Rules**

2. *Maximum membership is to be 600 full members.*

Changed to:

2. *Maximum number of members will be decided at the discretion of the Committee.*

#### **Member proposed Rule changes:**

a) *During Winter months, 3 rods may be used at Springwood and Brookland*

b) *Attendance at Working Parties to be compulsory for full members.*

#### **Vote: Proposal defeated by a Majority**

Pattenden Lane - Agreement would end 31<sup>st</sup> May. Reasons for termination unknown. Members assured all efforts to continue fishing and/or conserve the fish stock would be made.

Brookland – New water now open for members to fish.

Burnt Wood – Issues with catfish. Members asked not to put any catfish back and if uncomfortable with dispatching, a bailiff should be contacted immediately.

The current committee and club officers were all re-elected for another year.

**You will all be glad to hear that Subscriptions will remain the same for the third year running.**

The club will continue its focus on ClubMark activities including free coaching sessions, cub/scout open evenings and junior matches. Big thanks to our Professional Angling Coaches for their time and efforts this season.

Only 37 members attended a work party last year and as a thankyou for their efforts, they were entered into a draw to win a **FREE membership** for next season and **Anthony Filmer** was pulled out of the hat on the night.

### **Congratulations Anthony!**



#### Renewals - Due in March

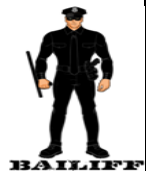
Renewal forms are enclosed with this newsletter for you to complete and return; copies can also be downloaded from the website. **Please ensure that the information you enter is clear**, and if you have changed your home address or email address please put a note to that effect on the form. You need to supply a C5 envelope for your membership return, with either a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp. Also please ensure that you have paid the appropriate rate for the envelope you send in, as if it is under the rate, the club has to pay a £1.50 excess charge and your application will be delayed by the Royal Mail.

#### Runham field gate padlock

There are two padlocks at this lake. One is on the main gate and the other one is on the field gate at the end of the dam wall. Both are combination locks and have the same code as all our other locks. The one to the field needs the hasp pushing down to pop open the lock.

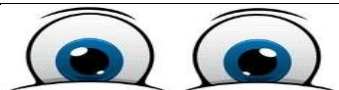
#### Bailiff contact

If you have any problems or see anything untoward whilst on our waters then you must report it immediately to a bailiff so that we can do something about it. **The head bailiff contact is Paul Franklin and his number is 07704 139511. Put his number into your phone.**



#### Brookland Reservoir works

We are pleased to announce that the Angling Trust has kindly awarded us funding to prepare the venue for fishing which included constructing a car park and opening up swims. The work has now been completed and is now ready for members to fish. The grant money enabled us to quickly get the venue ready for you to fish and we are sure it is going to be a very popular water. You should have all been given the map and rules already but if you have not received this then please email the club so we can send you a copy. We hope you enjoy this new venue this year. Please remember to let us know what you catch so that we can have a better picture of how it is fishing and what fish are in there.



Our website is full of information and is regularly updated to make sure we get as much information out to you as quick as possible. We have loads going on this season, so make sure you keep checking our website for the news and updates and also send in your catch reports and photos so we can keep other members informed.

## Work Parties

A work party schedule will be sent out with your new membership pack (in the hope you can attend at least one) and will also be 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 whole seasons membership, just like Anthony Filmer did!

## Junior events 2017



Committee member Mike Coward is our new Junior Membership Officer.

We will again be holding lots of **FREE** coaching sessions this year plus junior matches and of course our annual Family Day & BBQ at Runham Lake as part of our participation in National Fishing Month. **Keep visiting the dedicated [Juniors page](#) of our website for dates and more events for youngsters.**

These events are open for everyone under 16, not just members' children. We'd like to see as many come along to our events as possible. **Contact Mike on 07958 536421 to book places or email the club.**

EVENT	DATE	VENUE	DESCRIPTION	START	FINISH
COACHING SESSION 1	9 JULY 2017	RUNHAM LAKE, HARRIETSHAM	INTRODUCTION TO POLE FISHING	9.30	12.00
COACHING SESSION 2	9 JULY 2017		POLE FISHING	1.00	3.30
JUNIOR MATCH	16 JULY 2017		OPEN TO ALL JUNIORS	9.00	1.00
COACHING SESSION 3	30 JULY 2017		INTRODUCTION TO FLOAT FISHING	9.30	12.00
COACHING SESSION 4	30 JULY 2017		FLOAT FISHING	1.00	3.30
COACHING SESSION 5	6 AUG 2017		INTRODUCTION TO LEGER FISHING	9.30	12.00
COACHING SESSION 6	6 AUG 2017		LEGER FISHING	1.00	3.30
JUNIOR MATCH	13 AUG 2017		OPEN TO ALL JUNIORS	9.00	1.00
FAMILY FISHING DAY & BBQ	20 AUG 2017		<a href="#">NATIONAL FISHING MONTH</a> OPEN EVENT	9.00	3.00



We will be having our annual 48hr carp match again this year but at time of writing the venue and dates have not been decided. The draw takes place at 6pm on the Friday for a 7pm start, BBQ on Saturday and will finish on Sunday at 7pm. Places are limited so if you would be interested in taking part in this social event contact Dave Sherwood by phone (07917 307942) or by email ([info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk](mailto:info@cranbrookanglingclub.co.uk)). £10 entry fee.

**1st prize is £50, 2nd prize £25 and 3rd prize £10!**



We have ordered some more 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 Dave Sherwood to get yours now.

[Club Merchandise](#)

## Fish Care

It is of utmost importance that our fish are looked after and kept in good health in order to ensure you catch good specimens for many years to come. We need you to do your bit and below are a few tips on how you can do this:

**Keepnets** – You may use keepnets but only keep fish for short periods, try not to use them in hot weather, do not overcrowd them, make sure they are carp friendly and ensure the net is totally submerged.

**Unhooking mats** – Always have one with you and use it, even when taking photos. Keep it out of the sun and ensure it is wetted before laying fish on it.

**Fishcare kits** – Every angler should have one. They are cheap to buy and can be used to treat hook holes, cuts, wounds and dislodged scales. They are first aid kits for fish and help to keep our fish fighting fit.

### Remember these 4 important things this season

- **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**
- **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.**
- **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.**

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

The CADAC Committee