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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

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SECRETARY

Firstly I would like to apologise for no newsletter being sent out last year. As you are probably aware we had the sad loss of our secretary Peter Hutchinson who had been a stalwart of the club for many years. Our commiserations go to Peters family and we shall soon be installing a bench on one of our waters in memory of Peter.

Since the last newsletter, Chris Allport our Throop manager, Ben Hutchinson our Lakes manager, Dave cable who produced the newsletter and club book, Ian Samson the match secretary and recently Ivan O'Connor our treasurer all left the committee. We would like to thank them all for the hard work they carried out on your behalf.

Brian Willson Throop manager, Nigel Groom match secretary and Dave Treadwell treasurer have joined the committee and I'm sure that you will join me in wishing them well in their new positions.

We have stocked 23 carp into Hightown, 1500 barbel into Throop and also fish into the wash pit. We aim to continue stocking fish into our waters where they are required, funds permitting.

A lot of work has been carried out on the lakes this year and we hope to continue with this in the coming year.



2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRIZE GIVING

Thursday 9th of June 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

St Leonard's Hotel, St Leonard's, Ashley Heath, Nr. Ringwood (off A31)

TROPHY WINNERS PLEASE TURN UP TO COLLECT – YOU EARNED IT!

On the subject of funds we haven't increased the subscriptions for 2 years but as you will be aware most of our leases increase each year and in order to continue with the stocking and work on our waters, we have taken the decision to have a small increase.

The following will all increase by £5 from April 1st: Adult membership, concessionary / disabled membership, night permit (not Rockford) and third rod. We still feel we provide excellent value for money with the number, variety and quality of waters we provide.

During the coming year we are planning to introduce a new membership system. Members will be issued with a credit card style card with their photo on. The present annual membership book will be replaced with a new ring folder with the membership pages in it, this will be issued once to all members and new members. We will then send out any new pages or give details of pages to be removed with the newsletter each year. Nothing needs to be done yet and we will continue as we are and when ready to change Jean will send out a renewal reminder letter to you asking for you to provide a passport size photo (no sunglasses or hats) with your subscription. In the long run this will save the club money due to the increasing price of printing a book annually and postage.

Please be aware that from 16th June 2017 NO renewal reminder letters will be sent out, once again to save the club money.

There are a few changes to club/water rules that will come into effect from June 16th:

Cranborne fruit farm - 1 rod only

Everton grange lakes - 1 rod only,

members must leave the car park by 1 hour after sunset, Parking permit to be displayed.

No fishing from Kayaks or canoes above Iford bridge.

When pike fishing minimum 15lb mono or 30lb braid mainline to be used.

Breech lake - Guest tickets at £5 available from Purbeck angling

Night permits at £5 available from Purbeck angling, maximum

Stay 24 hours, no guest tickets at night.

I will close my first report as secretary by thanking you all for your continued support for the club and if you have any concerns or suggestions don't hesitate to contact me.

PHIL NIXON

PERMIT SECRETARY

RDAA 2016/17 RATES

New member joining fee	£20.00
Adult membership	£160.00
Non Fishing Guest	£15.00
OAP/Disabled	£100.00
Junior membership	£50.00
Minor membership	£10.00
Night permit	£45.00
Rockford Night Permit	£100.00
Third Rod	£40.00
Throop Game Ticket	£30.00

This year I would like to thank you for sending your renewals on time with the correct fees.

I would also thank those who responded to the survey I asked you to complete they were very helpful.

We are changing our membership books later this year which means last years issue will be used for a while longer there are no immediate changes to the books.

Best regards to all.

Jean

RIVER MANAGER REPORTS

Lower Stour Beat 3 Report

Well the season is over and what a strange season it's been.

Harbour

Started off very slow, plenty of bass and sea trout but a lack of mullet. April and May saw lots of mullet up the river around Iford and above but by June they dropped back down and probably out of the harbour, mullet fishing was quite difficult for everyone and didn't improve all summer. The silver fish were plentiful all summer but the bigger roach were hard to find and also the bream.

Late October and November saw some fair catches of bigger roach to those anglers using bigger hook baits, but maggot only caught smaller fish of which there were plenty. There seemed to be a lot of chublets showing in the harbour this year which is good for future stocks. There is a national bass ban in force at the moment so please do not fish for them until July 1st.

Tuckton/Iford

Pretty much the same as the harbour. Plenty of fish around but finding the shoals of bigger fish was hard going. A few nice bream and some tench early season and again some nice bags of large dace and reasonable roach to bigger baits later on

in the season. The Pony Fields has been a struggle all season. The impossible amount of weed during summer stopped anglers fishing there and come autumn when it was fishable the roach and dace were still in the harbour.

Iford and Beat 3

The whole area saw the worst weed growth I can ever remember. We cut the weed just before the start of the season, again in July and then in August just to keep a few of the popular swims fishable. For the first time ever we had to also cut the weed at Blackwater.

Back to the fishing. Early season saw lots of bream, barbel and chub caught mostly from the swims we cleared. The bream however seemed to disappear quite early on in the season. Where they went I'm not sure but probably the harbour. The fishing after that was steady but not great. The barbel from above Iford and Blackwater to over 14lb, reasonable chub and pike over 20lb.

The last day on these stretches saw quite a few chub and pike caught and a few anglers found the dace and roach now they finished spawning.

That's it for this report. I do feel that after the mild winter we've had I shall be having the same problems with weed growth next season.

I would to thank all my bailiffs for their hard work during the past season.

Tight lines,

Dave McGonigle

RDA A WEB SITE

Our club website is regularly updated.
We also have a members only forum which members are most
welcome to join.

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UPPER STOUR

Another season has come and gone by in what seems like no time at all, I'm sure time goes quicker the older you get !!!! Personally my own fishing has been very limited this year due to family commitments and one thing or another so I haven't been able to keep track on the Stour as much as I would normally. Thankfully I have some excellent bailiffs who work tirelessly throughout the year and keep me informed as to what is happening. Here are their reports.

HAVELINS.

Work at Havelins never seems to stop, the summer break is going to be a busy time, clearing trees from the river and generally tidying up after the winter, in time for next season.

On the fishing front, the dace and roach continue to show in good numbers, while the bream and bigger perch were conspicuous by their absence. Lots of pike with a large number of jacks, and a few up to double figures came out all through the season. The biggest surprise to me was the number of chub showing up to four pounds, I may have to fatten them up a bit, saving me the trip to the middle reaches for my sport. It really is a wonderful secluded little fishery, all who come say how much they enjoy it, so if you've not been, come and give it a go. All the best Iain Nairn.

BLANDFORD.

Due to this stretch being so little fished by Rdaa members over recent times it was decided to give Blandford and Wareham fishing clubs permission to fish this water. Sadly it is not the fishery it was in its heyday but there are signs that things are looking up. I walked the town stretch in the summer and spotted a shoal of sizable grayling on the shallows along the island. I did hear of a 2lb 8oz grayling caught by a friend who also had a couple of small barbel, possibly survivors of the stocking a few years ago. There's still a few chub around and the pike fishing is always worth a go. Ian Davis.

HAMPRESTON.

A very difficult season on the fishery this year. One of the major jobs was replacing all the tubing on the barbed wire giving easier access to swims after having the previous material removed by the contractor installing the new fencing. Because of the new farming practise on the land, next season notices will be erected informing anglers to ensure all gates are to be kept closed while moving

through the field system.

This is predominately a winter fishery and should be noted as such. Good chub, roach, grayling and pike were caught. The new cattle ramp to the rear of the farm, allowing access to the middle car parking areas will be finalized soon and ready for June 16th. Any member wishing to help with work on the fishery during the closed season are more than welcome to contact me.

John Rushton, (07866641055)

PARLEY.

Plenty of roach showing throughout the fishery. Also some good chub catches to six pounds plus.

Weir area is always worth a go for the chub. Not many barbel reported but I know they are in the stretch.

Alan Wilcox.

BOUNDS.

Bounds has fished generally really well throughout the year, especially for the chub with plenty of 5's and 6's and a couple of sevens.

Some good nets of roach although many on the small side, 2 to 4 ounces, which is good to see with an eye on the future, with the better fish to 2lb coming out in the last two weeks.

A few barbel were reported although no weights given and some good pike with the best at 22lb to Darren Smith.

If it hadn't had been for the topsy turvy weather from January with the river all over the place, this might have been one of the best years for a while, however things are looking good for next year.

Some good work has been done in improving some of the swims and myself and John Rushton

will be doing more in the close season so any help from the membership would be appreciated. I'll be posting the details on when and where on the website in due course.

On the downside there has been more cormorant activity than in the last couple of years which could be a bit detrimental to the survival of the current roach population.

Bill Graham.

Once again I would like to thank all the bailiffs for their hard work.

Tight lines for next season.

Ian Davis.

Please note that all member should now have one of the new RDAA club keys. you can check that your key is the new type by looking to see if it has RDAA stamp on the key. if you still have the old style key please contact Jean Fairbanks who will inform you on how to get it changed.

AVON REPORT

I would like to thank all the bailiffs for the work they carry out on the Avon, a lot of this goes unseen by the members as it is carried out in the close season in order not to disrupt the members. Strimming miles of river bank and cutting out the swims isn't an easy task but we manage to accomplish this each year.

HALE, BREAMORE, FORDINGBRIDGE AND REDBROOK

I still receive very few reports regarding catches on these stretches with anglers choosing to keep them to themselves. A lot of members choose Hale and Breamore to float fish and they are both ideal for this purpose. Bags of dace and chub are taken as well as some barbel. Fordingbridge park and Redbrook also produce some good roach and I have heard whispers of some big fish being caught but cannot confirm this.

Regarding Hale, we have leased the fishery for over 2 years now and a couple of members have told me that they haven't fished it because of the issues with cars being broken into. Just to clarify about 18 months ago a member informed me his car was broken into and as far as I am aware that is the only issue we have had.

IBSLEY

Most of you are probably aware that a lot of restoration work was carried out in the autumn on this stretch, the work is now complete and we will have to wait to see what effect it has in the future. The one thing I can say is that regarding the fishery this season it has fished as well as it has done for a long time.

We have a really good relationship with the owners of the water and they involved us regarding the work and we were able to change a few things that were planned to happen, many thanks to them for this.

SEVERALS / AVON CASTLE

I would like to thank Derek Goulding the club president and owner of the water for his continued support.

The weed recovered at the top end of the fishery and some good fish came from all over the stretch.

Barbel to over 15lb were caught and some good bags of dace to the float anglers.

ROYALTY

We had some disruption again with work being carried out around the railway bridge, hopefully this has now been completed.

I would like to thank John Dennis for his support and extending the fishing times on the water, I am sure our members really appreciate this.

FORUM

The forum goes from strength to strength and currently has 564 members. Even if you don't want to post comments it is worthwhile joining for information purposes.

Good luck for the coming year and enjoy your fishing.

Phil Nixon

THROOP REPORT

Hi All,

Welcome to the Throop report.

The season was dominated by the weather as with the rest of the country, very heavy weed growth in the river along with overgrown pathways and swims, low warm water was causing havoc, then we had the high winds along with the floods with the river up and over the banks with anglers unable to even get onto the riverbank, and then to top it all some very cold and frosty conditions, so everything that was thrown down from the skies we had to deal with.

The weed in the river was cut time and again along with the footpaths and swims, trees that were blown down in the high winds were removed, new steps were built and swims were repaired, new fences were erected and all this was successfully carried out by our Bailiffs and a few volunteers, to them I thank very much indeed, without your help the task would have been endless and impossible to complete, so well done to you all.

So apart from the doom and gloom we did have some great catches, those anglers that worked hard to cope with conditions had some good results, many Chub were caught with fish to just over 7lb were landed, the best catches fell to the float anglers that had to work hard to reach their targets.

Barbel were also being caught although not in large numbers some good results were had, the best reported fish fell to the rod of Bailiff Andy Wyatt with a stunning Barbel of 15lb13ozs, which was his PB, this was caught in the last week of the season with very cold conditions and a landing net that was frozen to the ground.



Simon Ebborn captured a few doubles often in foul weather, his best fish was a PB that weighed in at 14lb 8ozs.



There were a few reported fish over the 14lb mark with quite a few of those well received smaller fish of around 3lb.

The Roach were also making a show when conditions were right, many fish over the one-pound mark were landed with some nice specimens over the 2lb mark, with Neil Maidment taking fish to 2lb 2ozs.



Most other species were being caught on most stretches, Dace, Perch and Pike.....Perch over 3lb were reported along with some large Pike that topped the 30lb mark.



So the close river course season is now upon us and the work continues, more large trees to remove, some new steps to build, more moans and groans and plenty of back aches.....all in a day's work, but well worth it.

Good luck to you in the new season ahead and let's hope the weather is going to be a bit kinder.

Brian Willson Throop Manager.

TREASURER

I would like to open my first Treasurers' report by saying a big thank you to the club's previous Treasurer Ivan O'Connor. Ivan stepped down from his role as committee member and treasurer with effect from the end of December last year and I have taken over this position since January following a brief handover period where I have been brought up to speed with the clubs accounts, leases, paperwork etc, etc.

I would also like to thank Ivan for the sterling work he has done over the past years in not only making sure the clubs books balanced but making sure funds were available to help the club grow into what it has become today. With good financial housekeeping the club has been able to not only maintain its waters but make improvements were needed and will continue to do so under our progressive maintenance program. As an example metal fencing has been steadily erected around some of our waters and this will be maintenance free and last for decades as opposed to some of the older wooden fences which not only require regular maintenance but have a significantly shorter lifespan and as such represent a false saving.

With regards to the future, the committee has voted to make a few small increases to certain areas of the membership fees. This is the first increase in two years and was deemed necessary due to the financial outgoings incurred by the club

such as the increase in leases, rentals, repairs and indeed just about everything else the club has to purchase. These increases have been kept to a minimum and are only there to offset the unavoidable extra costs incurred by the day to day running of the club, having said that, the committee feels that the cost of membership still represents excellent value for money given the amount and diversity of waters that the members have access to.

The committee are always looking at ways of cutting costs and will continue to do so, one recent decision made has been to implement a new membership card rather than the old book membership which has been in place for many years, I believe the clubs Secretaries report will outline this in a bit more detail. This will involve an initial financial outlay but will save the club money year on year after it has been implemented with savings against the clubs annual printing budget and also the ever increasing cost of postage.

I am currently finalising the clubs accounts for the financial year ending 31st March 2016, once I have completed this the books will be presented to the Auditors for authentication and approval. The finalised figures for the year will be available to members at the clubs A.G.M. to be held in June at the St. Leonards Hotel which I would encourage all members to attend.

Tight Lines to all

David Treadwell

LAKES MANAGER

I would like to thank my Bailiffs and the works team & some members for all of the hard work that they have done over the last year. As some of you would have seen around the lakes that a lot work has been done, we will be carrying out more work this year swim building and general maintenance. I would ask members to report any damage or repairs that are needed. You can call me email or text. The quicker we know of a problem the quicker we can get it sorted out.

Litter has got better over the last year, but some members are still not taking their rubbish home with them. The bailiffs are not here you clean up after members, if you see someone leaving litter please give me a call my phone is on 24hr if you get my answer phone just leave a message and I will call you back. 07595 974571

Again we have to ask member to make sure gates are kept shut and locked this is for your security and that of other members. Please shut the gates “no excuses”

I would also like member to report any crack offs that you may have as leaving

live rigs in a water is not good for the fish or the wildlife please call me and let me know so we can get them removed.

I know some members don't like to report what they catch but it helps us to keep a check on stock levels of our fisheries. All we need is size of catch month of catch and venue.

Members who fish Longham Reservoir please take note of the clock on the study center building to see what time the gates will be locked if you are fishing in the day time. I would also ask if you do catch on this venue please fill in a catch return form they are located in the toilet on the wall or Email them to longhamlakes@bournemouthwater.co.uk

It seems that some members are listening to rumors that are spread about our waters. If you have a question please call me, if I can I will answer anything you would like to know about our waters. That way there will be no misunderstandings that can upset some of our members.

Please note that leaving buckets in a swim will be classed as litter and removed you cannot save swims at all.

The rope at white lake those members who seem to think that the rope is there as a casting guide (it's not) please do not cast within 10 yards of the rope. The rope is there to stop members leads ending up in the caravan site.

Fish stocking

We have stocked Hightown lake with 23 Carp from 11lb to 13lb. And the Washpit with Bream, Green Tench, Crucian Carp & Rudd. Will be continued this season with more stocking of our venues.

Hope you all have a great season

John Sudworth

MATCH SECRETARIES REPORT

Another match fishing year comes to a close with a new name on the Club Championship Cup, congratulations to Mick Haskel. After years of coming so close his efforts and support have finally paid off. As often happens it was down to the last match of the season to decide the outcome. I was hovering in second place needing a match win to secure the championships, but only if Mick scored less than 7 points. I got my win and Mick got seven points – well done, great championship, good competition. Also well done to my wife Caroline, who for the 5th time, won the Ladies Championship with 47lb 2oz. Well done to all the other ladies who fished and supported this Event and a special 'well done' to Mia who was only 9 years old and regularly fishes with her Dad but desperately wanted to fish a match.

Speaking of youngsters, Dante who is also 9, fishes some of our matches (with

his Dad as gillie and GDB); he decides his own tactics and plans his match out like a pro. Nice to see you there Dante, keep it up. It would be nice to be able to offer these youngsters more.

The Evening Series was again another down to the wire competition between Mick Haskel and myself, which Mick won by 1 point – well done again Mickey. Some other notable performances came from Dave George winning the Terry Richardson Cup at the Cranbourne Fruit Farm with 94lb 14oz and the Carnival Cup at Witherington Farm with 52lb 12oz. The Pairs Cup saw Mick Haskel and I not battling each other but coming together to win it with 210 points; and finally after 26 years of trying, I won the Knockout Cup – usually I go out in the first round! Due to the lack of response for the Summer Open on Hightown, I decided to move it to Havelins as we get little opportunity to fish the rivers. Although it was a hard day it was a good one and Jamie Stone won the day with 5lb 5oz. Fishing the rivers has proved really difficult due to the flooding and for the 4th year running the Throop Open had to be cancelled. This is a real shame as it is one of our most popular matches and promotes the club to a wider audience. Fingers crossed for next year.

Not being the spring chicken that my mind says I am, I have called on John Perry, Gary Haskel and Mick Haskel to help me with the pegging. Thank you guys, my poor old legs and aches and pains really do appreciate all your help.

Finally, and not least of all, a thank you to everyone of you who have supported the Match Group this past year and I look forward to seeing you all again next season. Why not bring a friend along? it would be nice to see some new faces and it all adds to the match day.

Regards to you all

Nigel

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MATCH GROUP TROPHY WINNERS

Club Champion		Mick Haskel
	Runner Up	Nigel Groom
Coopers Shield		Dave George
Terry Richardson Cup		Dave George
Carnival Cup		Dave George
Keeval Shield		Mick Haskel
B Brennan Cup		Ian Sampson
Collier Cup		Gary Haskel
Sturminster Shield		Gary Haskel
C Brown Cup		Kevin Bennett
Custom World Christmas Cup		Kevin Bennett
1 st Handicap Cup		Nick King
2 nd Handicap Cup		Mick Haskel
Severals Cup		Nigel Groom
Evening Series Lamp		Mick Haskel
Pairs Cup		Mick Haskel & Nigel Groom
Knockout Cup		Nigel Groom

Ladies Championship		Caroline Groom
Junior Ladies Cup		Mia McIgrath
Weight Cup		Mick Haskel (260lb 12 oz)

Please can all who have trophies from last year hand them in to Ringwood tackle



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SPECIMEN TROPHY WINNERS 2016

PREMIER CUP ALAN McGONIGLE 60LB CATFISH WHITE LAKE

MOREY CARP ADAM RAWLINGS 59LB 6OZ CARP ROCKFORD

GOLDING CUP ANDY WYATT 15LB 12OZ BARBEL SEVERALS

BARBEL CUP PHIL NIXON 16LB 15OZ BARBEL IBSLEY

TROUT CUP PETER KELLY 8LB 3OZ SEA TROUT CLAYPOOL

PIKE CUP RON BROOKE 27LB 2OZ PIKE ROYALTY

TENCH CUP PHIL MARTYN 10LB 14OZ TENCH HALF PIT

T.WATERMAN RON BROOKE 12LB 7OZ BARBEL ROYALTY

HARDLUCK RICHARD HAMBLIN 59LB 6OZ CATFISH WHITE LAKE

M. SIMMONDS SHANE GOULD 54LB 10OZ CARP ROCKFORD

RTHON FITZHARRIS ANDY WYATT 15LB 13OZ BARBEL THROOP

M. VIALS ALAN McGONIGLE 60LB CATFISH WHITE LAKE

