



RDAA

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2012

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SECRETARY

2012-2013 Venue closures: In this newsletter. Please cut out and keep with your permit

New waters /Notes for your permit book.

RDAA now have access to Coking Farm Fisheries. One hours drive from Ringwood but well worth it and it caters for all tastes. 5 lake complex near Shaftesbury, 3 specimen lakes including carp and catfish and 2 pleasure lakes holding huge amounts of carp, tench, bream, crucians, roach and perch – well worth visiting.

A further lake at Whinwhistle is available Thursdays through to Sundays stocked with specimen carp and pike.

At Whinwhistle due to the number of members visitors, to comply with insurance, non-members will now have to pay a small fee of £2 per day.

New Junior lake is now available to all but it will be closed on some days for Junior coaching sessions. The new lake has been stocked with crucians, bream, roach, tench and some small carp. Sincere thanks must go to John Sudworth and



2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND PRIZE GIVING

Friday June 8th 2012, 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!

Chris Holley for all their hard work in getting this new venture underway.

New rules for Avon Tyrrell whereby passes will now be available from the reception area, on site. To check availability phone 01425 672347. Additionally, the 16.30pm closing time has been scrubbed – fishing is now available whenever, however, for insurance purposes, if fishing past this time, you must inform the reception staff.

A new boundary has been agreed on the Christchurch Harbour for all year round fishing. A marker post has been put in, just below Clay Pool, on the Christchurch bank. No fishing upstream of this point until June 16th. Additionally NO spinning is allowed in the harbour between February 1st and 14th May.

There is now a ban on Braid main line on all our stillwaters except White Lake and Longham Reservoir.

Members Guest tickets will now NOT be available on any of our stillwaters March 15th – June 15th although on Coking Farm, Whinwhistle, Witherington and Whitemoor day tickets are available.

Night Guest Tickets are to rise from £10 to £20 when and where available.

Discipline has been fairly good, although some permits have been taken away. Leads cracking off at White Lake and landing in the caravan park is a major concern and gates left open on Throop Fisheries are still causing some problems and the club money. Please be more vigilant.

A considerable amount has been spent on stocking again this year, with crucians, tench, bream and carp in the main going into Parley Lake, Wash Pit and Junior Lake.

My new address and phone number are as follows: 8 Heather Close, St.Leonards, Ringwood.
BH24 2QJ. Tel: 01425 489276.

Let's hope for some rain before June 16th - tight lines.

Peter Hutchinson

PERMIT SECRETARY

RDAА 2012/13 RATES

New member joining fee	£20.00
Adult membership	£145.00
Non Fishing Guest	£10.00
OAP/Disabled	£93.00
Special Disabled	£40.00
Junior	£50.00
Minor	£10.00
Night permit	£35.00
Third Rod	£35.00
Throop Game Ticket	£30.00

Thank you once again for your support in sending your subscriptions in on time and with the correct charges.

Membership numbers remain steady and have remained over the 2000 mark all year.

We have raised prices by a small amount this year with Adult membership rising by £5, OAP, Night Ticket and Third Rod all rising by £3. This mainly reflect rises in our rents.

Please remember that if paying by debit card I require your security number (last three numbers on the back of your card) please write this in the space provided on the renewal form.

I wish you all happy fishing in the coming year.

Regards

Jean Fairbanks

RIVER MANAGER REPORTS

LOWER STOUR and CHRISTCHURCH HARBOUR

As I pack away my barbel rods for the next three months I can look forward to fishing the harbour again soon. This last year has again been very successful for those anglers fishing below Tuckton from bank or boat. The number of anglers fishing for the roach, mullet and bass has grown and a lot of good fish were caught.

The number of game fish in the harbour was encouraging, by far the best for years. The only problem was due to low water levels, they were almost impossible to catch. Also the amount of bass was great news for those who were targetting them with great success.

The RDAA boat proved to be a big success and many anglers commented on how stable and roomy the boat was. The boat will be back on its mooring at the start of May after a clean up and service.

The cost of hiring the boat will rise from 1st May 2012 to £20 per day.

Above Tuckton the season started well and good catches of roach, dace, bream and mullet were caught until about the beginning of October and then it all went dead and never recovered. Usually, the roach and dace move out of the harbour around the end of October or early November and make this area one of the country's top places to bag up on roach and dace shoals but again the lack of water in the river messed it up.

Further up the river was also affected by low water levels and sport was patchy. The shoals of fish which usually make this area good, finally, arrived just before the season ended. The warmer months saw so much weed in the river extending half way down the Pony Fields it was very difficult to fish.

Above Iford was also very weedy this year and only a few swims were fishable until November, however, there were some good fish caught. The number of small barbel in this section is very encouraging with lots of fish in the 12oz - 1½lb bracket caught.

There were also lots of good size barbel and chub caught, with barbel over 16lb. It's a shame, that for whatever reason, the bream shoals didn't make an appearance this year but during the last week of the season the temperatures rose and the fish went on a feeding spell and anglers enjoyed some good sport.

Can I ask anglers fishing the tidal Stour to please be on the lookout for anything suspicious, like bits of string or heavy mono from the bank going into the river because it usually means there is a net or a pot attached to it, give me a call and I can move it. Also there has been a few cases of anglers being locked in the golf club, please check with them regarding closing times. I am trying to get them to put the times they close on the entrance gates but it is council owned and not easy to deal with.

I would like to thank all the Beat 3 and Lower Stour bailiffs for their help during the year to keep the fishery running smoothly. All the best for next season

Dave McGonigal

RDAA LAUNCH NEW WEB SITE

Our club web site has been given a major makeover and should be up and running by the time you receive this. Have a look, we hope you like it. Special thanks to John Sudworth for spending so much time getting it all sorted.

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THROOP

I would like to thank all my bailiffs for their hard work this past season, you all do a great job.

I have noticed that the older I get the faster the season seems to pass.

This year has been a struggle with not a lot of water in the river, well all over the country really, but some of you were lucky to catch some nice fish 5lb, 6lb and 7lb plus chub. Also some nice barbel came out. A lot of you boys got your pb's, you lucky people.

If anybody wants to come and do a bit of work in the close season please give me a call, you are not allowed on Throop in the closed season unless you have a fluff chucking ticket, don't get caught.

Well, all I can say is see you next season and thanks for being nice guys. Tight lines in the close season on the lakes. Regards
Chris Allport

UPPER STOUR

Well that's it for another year and not much water has flowed under the bridge! What's happening to our great English weather?

Despite the low river levels for most of the year I've received some favourable reports back from my much appreciated bailiffs.

Starting at Bounds farm, Bill Graham reported some excellent chub fishing with plenty of sixes and several over the magical seven pound mark. He also said that plenty of silvers came out up until the new year but little afterwards. Sadly the barbel fishing was very quiet with few being reported.

Moving on to Parley and Alan Wilcox (bailiff) also reported some good chub with several over 7lb. I know that Alan himself had five sevens throughout the season including a 7lb 3oz on the last day. Plenty of roach showed with the better fish to around 1½lb. Alan also mentioned that Longham waterworks produced roach to 2lb 14oz.

Hampreston bailiff John Rushton reported good chub caught to roving tactics using good old bread and mush! Also some decent pike taken from the higher end of the fishery.

Mike Cridge (Havelins) reported plenty of pike, mainly jacks with the odd decent one. Also lots of silvers to the few anglers who persevered on the venue. Perch to over 2lb are still there to be caught, and good bream from downstream of the footbridge.

I would like to thank all the bailiffs for doing a fantastic job.

Finally, I would like to remind all members to carry their permit book at all times and to close all gates behind them or leave as found.

Tight lines for the coming season.

Ian Davis

AVON MANAGER

Many thanks to the bailiffs for their assistance this season, they carry out a lot of work behind the scenes and are a credit to the club.

I also wish to thank the vast majority of our members for their help and patience this season. Unfortunately, we have had a few issues with members breaking rules, if you fish one of our waters please ensure that you have read the rules relating to that water. We are not prepared to put our leases at risk because a minority are not adhering to the rules, if you break the rules you may lose your book. I would encourage members to join the club forums, you do not have to post on there but it is a very

good source of up to date information as to what is happening.
I will be organising work parties on the rivers in May and June, these dates will be posted on the forums.
The work parties only last a few hours and are an opportunity to look at the river before the season opens, it would be to see you there.

BRAEMORE, FORDINGBRIDGE AND REDBROOK

These remain our underfished waters, if you enjoy a bit of peace while fishing give them a try, chub and barbell are caught along with the chance of some very good roach.
At Braemore we have created a car park for 3 cars in the farmyard, signposted on the left after entering.
If the farm gate is open when entering or leaving please leave open, if shut please shut.
We will be putting a small entrance gate as access to Brownseys during the close season, this is adjacent to the large gate at fordingbridge park.

IBSLEY

Once again some good catches of barbel and chub have come off this water. The chub are becoming larger which bodes well for the future.
Please note that spinning, artificial lures and fly fishing are NOT ALLOWED on this water.
There is a new gate by the roadside at Ibsley Bridge, a Ringwood lock and a Chrischurch angling club lock is on the gate. The gate has been put there by the Somerley Estate and we have negotiated an agreement with them for access, please ensure it is locked after entering and leaving.
No access to this water until 1st September.

SEVERALS

There will be a change to the rules on the upper part of this water next season. Spinning, artificial lures and fly fishing will be allowed from September 1st until January 15th. We have had issues brought to our attention this season by the owner regarding breaking of the no spinning rule that is presently in place. If anybody is caught outside the dates above next season they will lose their book – no excuses.
As you will be aware weedcutting by the Environment Agency has not been carried out for a couple of years, along with the dry summers and winters we have had, this has made areas of the fishery unfishable. We are in the process of applying to the Environment Agency and Natural England for permission to cut some swims. To enable us to do this we will be purchasing a boat, the weed will be cut by hand from the boat using a scythe. We aim to cut the weed on weekdays between 09-00 and 15-30, it will probably be one or two days a week. Please bear with us on this as we do not know how successful this will be, but we need to do something.
The Environment Agency will be carrying out work on the fishery late this year or early next. This will include placing trees into the water to produce areas of increased flow.

No access to Upper Severals until 16th June.

Please Note: An RDAA Parking Permit is now required at this water. It is supplied with this Newsletter.

ROYALTY

A few issues were reported from this water last season, remember that you have to adhere to the royalty rules not club rules when fishing. You are NOT allowed on the water without a fishing ticket, no walking the banks.
We have had reports of members obtaining tickets from the shop and not using them, this is not acceptable as you could be stopping another member fishing.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding our Avon waters please contact me on 07876204546 or email me at philnixon1@btinternet.com and I will do my best to assist you.

Good luck for next season.

Phil Nixon

TREASURER

For those of you reading my annual report for the first time, please be aware that the figures are draft only and have yet to be audited. Indeed I am unsure at this point as to the state of a cheque for just under £700 that bounced just before the end of the financial year. The bank will try to re-present it, but if that fails it is up to the auditors as to whether it is included in this year or next. The other caution I would urge is over the split between day tickets and permits as I have not got the final figures although the overall total should be correct.

At this stage, therefore, I am projecting a profit of some £28,700 for the financial year ending 31st March 2012 and, yes, it is down on the somewhat spectacular figure of £86,000 last year. I will go through in a little more detail the expenditure over the last year but would point out the single biggest factor affecting the profits this year was the building of the new junior/coaching lake at Northfield which has cost around £25,000 to date and with a budget of another £5,000 to go on the fishing lodge and landscaping. I include in the £25,000 the cost of the new palisade fence around the site.

Looking at income to start with, membership is broadly flat hovering around the 2,000 mark with a small, but noticeable, reduction in additional fees including night permits. The figures suggest a further small decrease in day tickets although it is possible that I have recorded a day ticket sales deposit as permit sales – I can confirm this when I get the permit secretary's final figures. Other income is primarily monies we get from various sources to fund junior coaching sessions and you will see a comparative figure under junior expenditure. Rent received is the agreement we have with Meadow Holiday Caravans to fish a limited section of our water.

Under expenditure you will note we purchased no fish for stocking in the previous financial year, but spent nearly £12,000 this year. Others will detail the fish and where stocked but some of this was for stocking of the junior/coaching water which I did not include in the estimate of building the water. Rent showed a modest rise and included the cost of a new water at Coking Farm, significant RPI increases and one important water which has just had a lease renewed and I have paid for effectively two years in advance.

One area that is less transparent than I would like is covered by Committee expenses and print, post and stationary. Committee expenses have not suddenly jumped and the combined figure is, I think, just £3,000 more this year. This includes the cost of our new website which should be running by the time you read this. I would like to be able to dissect the expenditure further to give more information but frankly with our turnover approaching £300K the increased workload is daunting.

At this point you need to sit down because no, it is not an error, the expenditure of £94 under match section does have a minus in front of it and, yes, the club made a profit from the match section- doesn't happen often so savour it.

Two more things I need to mention:

1) I have now taken early retirement from work and am actually writing this from my new home on Exmoor. Although I will attend the AGM and continue to act as Treasurer until then, it is necessary to start the search for a new person to continue the work. I have been in position for something like 15 years, and our turnover has increased five-fold in that time.

2) Personally I am not sure that I would wish RDAA to become much larger. However, I would strongly urge any successor to continue to make the ownership of waters a number one priority. In my time we have paid off the loans on Hightown and Northfield, purchased 440 yards we did not previously own at Parley, purchased the fishing rights at Blandford and purchased the access at Hightown. This has meant we no longer

pay rents on these properties which gives us a chance to look at other opportunities. As I write this we have just been informed of Cemex' decision to sell its water and clearly we are interested in Rockford and the Roach Pit although at this time we have no guide prices. At this point I need to be reticent with our actual financial firepower, but after limited discussions, Lloyds our bankers have given us access to a substantial loan which, together with our reserves, we hope will be enough to purchase one of the waters.

I hope to have positive news and more details of the finances involved in time for the AGM. I look forward to seeing you all there and answering any questions you may have.

Graham Lavender

**RINGWOOD & DISTRICT ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012**

2011		2012
£		£
247,518	Subscriptions	255,435
18,622	Day ticket	16,092
2,270	Other income	3,180
1	Interest on bank account	0
4,345	Rent received	5,261
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272,757		279,968
7,700	Honouraria	9,825
0	Fish purchase	11,856
124,490	Rent	142,439
704	Insurance	759
	Repairs	
15,136	General	16,711
3,101	Hightown	2,444
2,092	Northfield	27,426
8,980	Throop	11,442
16,487	Print, post & stationary	12,817
294	Advertising	300
495	AGM	500
110	Match section	-94
1,070	Subscriptions/donations	650
489	Trophies	278
894	Bank charges	1,034
1,997	Committee expenses	9,427
1,628	Juniors	3,133
250	Affiliations	289
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1846,602		251,236
<u>+86,155</u>	Profit	<u>+28,732</u>

LAKES MANAGER

Once again we have reached the Spring and for me it could not come soon enough, Although we had a mostly mild winter, February had a nasty sting in it and I'm glad to see the back of it. This is my first year as Lake manager and I hope I have and will make some changes for the better. I would like to say the Lakes would be no where near as good as they are without the Bailiffs. They do an amazing job for you and your club each year, removing rubbish and maintaining these lakes whilst most have full time jobs and do this in their spare time. I for one would like to take this chance to thank every one of them for their hard work throughout the year – well done guys. Below is a brief roundup from each of our Lakes.

WHITE LAKE

The fishing this year on White lake has been excellent once again and not just for carp and catfish there was an increasing number of people fishing for bream and roach this year and good bags were caught of both with bream coming out to over the 13lb mark. Carp have been caught up to 36lb and we have had our first 50lb plus catfish as well this year. As I type this I hear our very own Chris Holley has just landed a 12lb 1oz bream.

Tip - dont always throw to the rope, good spots short of it, amazing what you can see in the margins on White Lake.

Unfortunately, we are still having rubbish left at this venue. If you leave rubbish you will lose your permit.

LINBROOK LAKE (HALF PIT)

Fishing here is never easy but there are a few anglers who seem to do ok each year on there. There was some major bank clearance this year on one side of the lake which has made it a lot tidier. Some good tench caught in the summer this year and the stocked carp have been making an appearance onto the bank. Pleased to confirm we have just signed a new lease on this venue also. Please note this venue is closed from 22-24 June.

WASH PIT

Wash Pit has fished well again with good bags of bream and carp caught on the float, also some of the night anglers on the Wash Pit have really got stuck into them. It seems this lake really comes alive after dark. Crayfish still being a pain in this lake, something the club is continuing to monitor. 100 crucians were stocked into the lake this winter along with 200lb of roach. New fencing has been put up around half the lake with plans to continue this along the road bank in the future.

Tip - Pellet waggler close to the Island at shallow depth in summer can be good.

NEW JUNIOR COACHING LAKE

Those of you who have fished the Wash pit recently will have noticed we have dug out our old stock pond to a larger size and it will now be used as a small pleasure fishing/teaching pond, there will be no night fishing on this venue but open to all members to fish at any other time - except on the coaching days which will be throughout the year when it will be shut. These days will be on the website and signs will be put up in advance on the lake. We hope to be fishing on this lake very soon and I expect to see some good bags of fish to be caught, especially following our extensive stocking of tench, roach, bream and crucians..

HIGHTOWN

Hightown has fished excellently for carp this year, it's been an excellent winter on there for some of the carpers that stuck it out through the cold. We did suffer some serious swim damage along the stream bank this year. This has now been sorted and we look at options of improving the stream that runs along Hightown in the future. The stocked carp from a few years back have made more of an appearance this year with one fish I know of coming out over 20lb already. Unfortunately, the big Pink One has not been over the magic 50lb mark yet but as I type this there is still another month to enter fish for new club records so it could happen this year, Pink Ones best weight 49lb 5oz this year. Good bags of bream to be had still and more tench caught this year due to the previous years stocking.

Pike fishing excellent also this year with some huge pike being landed and I mean huge. One change this

year - Mainline braid will now be banned on this venue.

Tip - Loose feed boillies for the carp they love a big bed of boillies.

Fish three quarters of the way over to the Island for the bream on a feeder.

SOPLEY

Again another great season of fishing at Sopley, this venue seems to have more fish in it everytime I go there. Carp being caught to well over 20lb along with good bags of smaller carp, tench and bream. Seems to be a good all round venue whatever your style of fishing something for every type of course angler. May look in the future to improving the access down into the swims at Sopley.

Please bear with me on the Sopley track hoping it will be sorted very soon.

Tip - worth taking a stalking rod with you on hot days. Fish pva bags out to the bars in the middle.

EVERTON GRANGE LAKES

If you haven't been over to Everton yet and you like tench fishing on the float, this is the venue for you, excellent bags of tench caught from this water as well as some good carp. Some very pretty carp in Everton with fish coming out this year to over 25lb. An amazing stalking water, fish can be caught from the surface and the shallow depth can make it easy to spot and target specific fish. Quite a few eels here as well, although not sure how big they go.

Please make sure all gates are shut when entering this venue and all other venues.

Tip - Keep your eye on the entrance to the lake as I have seen one very clever cow get through the swinging gate. Fishing wise – maggots, soft pellet and worm very good on the float.

COKING FARM FISHERIES

Coking Farm is our new signing this year for those of you who haven't seen this venue I suggest you check our website or Coking Farm website. Reduced fees on 2 lakes and 3 lakes fishing with no fee. 2 specimen lakes with large carp to over 30lb. One lake for people who want the buzzers to be going all day with carp up to 20lb, also catfish in Long lake and Woodland lake. Plus 2 match lakes. (5 lakes in total).

The match lakes are stacked with fish crucians, tench, carp, bream, roach the lot. You will not blank on the match lakes and an excellent days sport can be had. We advise ringing Coking Farm for lake closures and booking-in before going, pre-booking swims is available on the Specimen lakes.

Tip - the Riverside Cafe on the way, 3 miles short of Coking Farm.

Fish the match lakes in the day then pop over to one of the specimen lakes for the night,

The local boillies can work well.

CRANBOURNE LAKE

Good bags of carp caught all year round at Cranbourne. This venue is very popular with some members and I know Dave the Bailiff over at Cranbourne is always keeping the lake tidy and the swims freshly stocked up with woodchip, good work Dave. The best method here seem to be the float although a feeder rod can be just as deadly.

HATCHET POND

Hatchet has once again thrown out some huge carp this year and can produce a few monster tench and bream. Method feeders are good for the bream and tench but these fish will also come out to the boillie and pva bags. May be worth taking a broolly to this venue as it does get very windy, make sure its a good one though, seen a few broollys blown inside out and anglers running after them. All good fun.

Tip - Persistence pays off at Hatchet - rap up warm in winter, plenty of sun cream in summer and be prepared for a windy day.

LONGHAM RESERVOIR

Longham reservoir has produced carp to just under 38lbs and bream to double figures, plus some excellent pike.

Please Note: An RDAA Parking Permit is required at this water. It is supplied with this Newsletter.

RDAA CAR PARKING PERMIT

A PARKING PERMIT IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. IT IS REQUIRED AT SEVERALS AND LONGHAM RESERVOIR. PLEASE DISPLAY INSIDE YOU WINDSCREEN. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A FINE.

PARLEY LAKE

Good bags of fish caught from Parley again this year, excellent venue for fishing right under your rod tip or close to the bank, I know the algae was quite bad on Parley last year, we are going to try some methods to reduce it this year, not sure how effective it will be as I think the turf fields that surround Parley may have something to do with the algae. Carp, tench and crucians stocked into Parley this year also.

Tip - fish the float as close to the bank as you can get it.

WITHERINGTON FARM

All lakes fishing well and all year round, for carp, bream and tench.

WHITEMOOR LAKES

The fishing this past year at Whitemoor has been excellent. This venue is well established now as a good match and pleasure venue with some surprisingly big carp out last year. Good fishing here all year round.

WHINWHISTLE FISHERY

There is now another lake at this venue for Ringwood members making it 5 lakes in total now.

Good bags of fish caught on all lakes. A float rod is all that is needed at Whinwhistle, you don't even need to take any food as the onsite cafe does some superb fishing snacks. No guest tickets on this venue, however, day tickets can be obtained.

AVON TYRELL LAKE

Avon Tyrell is the perfect lake if you have been struggling of late, you should not struggle for a bite here, it has fished very well this year and I am pleased to say you can now exchange your Ringwood permit for a pass at Avon Tyrell instead of going to Ringwood Tackle to swap. Members must book in at Reception before fishing. A must fish venue for the float angler that wants to be busy all day and with some cracking old double figure carp as well as plentiful bream and roach.

Please check your new permits for rule changes on the lakes this year. We are still having trouble with rubbish and the level of noise at night over on Northfield complex - I will remind you if you leave rubbish at any of our venues you will lose your permit, no excuse. Please try and keep noise down to minimum at night. We will be holding work parties throughout the year on our lakes, please check our website for details.

If anyone ever hears of lakes around to rent or buy please do not hesitate to contact me or for any other lake issues. Email and phone number is in this years permit and on website.

So good luck to everyone in the next season I hope you all get new personal bests and have keep nets full of fish to weigh in

Ben Hutchinson

LINBROOK LAKE (HALF PIT) CLOSED FOR WEEKEND

Linbrook Lake will be closed from 12pm Friday 22nd June until 12pm Sunday 24th June. The Wessex Region of the Tenchfishers are to hold a group fish-in for the weekend. This is one of the quieter periods on this lake and we hope it does not cause any inconvenience.

MATCH SECRETARY

Well, after 41 years, I am hanging up my boots! Pegging and fishing through the winter is just not for me anymore. I shall certainly try and fish as many matches as I can but I'm delighted to welcome Ian Samson as your new match Secretary for next season although I will be continuing to help with the results. Ian's number is 077 398 99954.

We will be re-instating the Stour Championships next season - open to all and fixed for post Christmas fun on December 29th on Iford, Pony Fields and Meridians.

The Evening series will now start earlier in the year on May 10th - then consecutive Thursday evenings up until July 28th.

As to this past season - sincere congratulations to Kevin Bennet in winning the club championship and summer Evening series in only his second season in the match section. On the former, 100 points gave him the tight margin over regulars Nigel Groom (98) and Nick King (91).

Nick though did have the highlight of absolutely walking the PH & GH Hutchinson weight competition with a huge margin of 68lbs (total 249lbs) over runner up Ian Samson (181lbs) no doubt helped by his huge winning weight, the highlight of the season, from our first match on Coking Farm in late October with 103lbs 8oz of carp caught on the feeder. Out of interest this new venue produced a total match weight by 21 anglers of 535lbs !

Nick also had a superb weight in the Whinwhistle match with 66lbs 8oz. Other good winning weights included Barry James's 98lbs 8oz at Hightown, Ian Samson's 56lbs 12oz at Cranborne, Mick Donohoe's 48lbs 13oz at Sopley and Nigel Groom's 43lbs 5oz at Whitemoor. Also, on the not so brighter side, a low winning weight on Hightown for Kevin Bennet of 11bs 9oz !

The rivers have, of course, suffered from lack of rain this winter with just two highlights, Ian Samson's 60lbs 3oz, winning the Throop Open and Alan Prangnell's 30lbs 8oz in the Ibsley match. Other than that, weights were not too brilliant, let's hope we get some rain before next winter!

The Knock Out saw a close finish, Mick Hurst (4lbs 13oz) beating Simon Rixon (3lbs 6oz) after a total entry of 48 initial competitors.

2012 / 2013 Fixture lists are now available - for these and any other match section information please contact Ian Samson. Full results for this season on the web site. List of trophy winners overleaf. **Peter Hutchinson**

SPECIMEN REPORT

The catfish in White Lake continue to grow and the club record has risen to 47lb 10oz this year. Captured by Robby Ellis it earns him both the Mark Vials Trophy and the Premier Cup (plus free membership book for next season), well done.

We are pleased that the Mort Chant Trophy has been won this year by A Wyatt with 3 Avon specimens from Severals and Ibsley (barbel, chub and perch). Andy will also receive a years' free membership for his efforts.

It has been a while since the Eel Cup has been awarded but this year it is taken with a magnificent fish of 6lb 7oz by Steve Lane from Hightown Lake. Only one other fish was reported that is not on the trophy list which was a carp of 47lb 0oz by Andrew Sherman from Hightown, hard luck Andy, better luck next time.

Lets hope for a few more bigger fish next year. See next page for trophy winners.

Dave Cable

MATCH TROPHY WINNERS 2011-2012

G. PONCHAUD CUP	I. Samson	56.12.01bs	Cranborne
C. BROWN CUP	N. Groom	22.1.0lbs	Hightown
SEVERALS CUP	N. King	48.13.0lbs	Coking
C. COLLIER CUP	M. Donohoe	48.13.0lbs	Sopley
B. BRENNAN CUP	I. Samson/E. Goodride	5.14.0lbs	Pony Fields
CARNIVAL CUP	K. Bennet	18.12.0lbs	White Lake
E. LEAH CUP	I. Samson	60.3.0lbs	Throop 2
HANDICAP CUP	N. Groom	12.12.0lbs	Parley
2nd. HANDICAP CUP	K. Bennet	12.10.0lbs	Parley
T. RICHARDSON CUP	B. James	98.8.0lbs	Hightown
OPEN CUP	S. Rixon	21.12.0lbs	Throop 2
B. WHITE CUP	N. King	103.8.0bs	Coking
STOUR CUP	I. Samson	60.3.0lbs	Throop 2
LADIES CUP	C. Groom		
COOPERS SHIELD	K. Bennett	1.9.0bs	Hightown
KEEVIL SHIELD	N. King	66.8.0lbs	Whinwhistle
STURMINSTER SHIELD	I. Samson	9.0.0lbs	Parley
S. MARTIN 'ROVER'	K. Bennett	5.10.0lbs	Parley
CUSTOM WORLD TROPHY	A. Pragnell	30.8.0lbs	lbsley
PH & GH HUTCHINSON CUP	N. King	249 lbs	
MATCHMAN CUP	K. Bennett	100pts	
C.YOUNG CUP	N. Groom	98pts	
B&S PAIRS CUP	N. Groom/K. Baker	199pts	
EVENING SERIES LAMP	K. Bennett	26pts	
M.LINDNER CUP	K. Baker	27pts	
C.BULLPITT CUP	M. Hurst		
SUPERBLANK SHIELD	t.b.a.		

SPECIMEN TROPHY WINNERS 2011-2012

PREMIER CUP	R Ellis	Catfish	47b 10oz	White Lake
MORT CHANT	A Wyatt	Barbel	15lb 3oz	Severals
		Chub	6b 13oz	lbsley
		Perch	3b 1oz	lbsley
GOULDING CUP	A Wyatt	Barbel	15lb 3oz	Severals
HALL & HAM	B Hutchinson	Carp	48lb 0oz	Hightown
HARD LUCK SHIELD	J Dare	Catfish	42b 0oz	White Lake
T WATERMAN	A Wyatt	Perch	2lb 15oz	lbsley
MARK VIALS	R Ellis	Catfish	47lb 10oz	White Lake
BARBEL CUP	R Brooke	Barbel	16lb 7oz	Royalty
CARP CUP	B Hutchinson	Carp	48lb 0oz	Hightown
CHUB CUP	K Grozier	Chub	7lb 3oz	lbsley
EEL CUP	S Lane	Eel	6lb 7oz	Hightown
PERCH CUP	A Wyatt	Perch	3lb 1oz	lbsley
TENCH CUP	P Wilson	Tench	10lb 3oz	Hatchet Pond

E TURNER, Rt Hon VISCOUNT FITZHARRIS THROOP BARBEL, BREAM, CRUCIAN CARP, DACE, GRAYLING, PIKE, ROACH and TROUT CUPS not won this year.

OPEN MATCHES 2012/13

SUMMER OPEN - WASH PIT

Sunday August 26th 2012

Draw: 11.30am Fish: 1.00pm - 6.00pm

Limited to first 30 applicants

DORSET OPEN

Parley and Bounds

Wednesday November 21st 2012

Draw: 8.30am Fish: 10.00am - 3.00pm

STOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Iford, Pony Fields, Meridians

Sunday December 29th 2012

Draw 8.00am Fish 10.00am - 3.00pm

Throop OPEN

Beat 2

Sunday February 24th 2013

Draw 9.30am Fish 11.00am - 4.00pm

Open to non-members

Tickets for all of above £15 each inc. pools
from Match Secretary

WATER BOOKINGS 2012/2013

Waters will be closed to members all day as per below except:
am = closed 1am - 3pm; pm = closed 12 noon - 10.30pm

HIGHTOWN	Thursday Sunday	MAY 31 JUNE 24 AUGUST 12	pm pm pm
SOPLEY	Thursday Thursday Sunday	MAY 24 JUNE 21 JULY 8	pm pm pm
NORTHFIELD (Wash)	Thursday Sunday Sunday Thursday Sunday Sunday	MAY 20 JUNE 7 JUNE 10 JULY 28 AUGUST 26 DECEMBER 16 MARCH 17 2013	pm pm pm pm pm pm
NORTHFIELD (White Lake)	Sunday	JULY 22	pm
CRANBORNE	Sunday Sunday Thursday	MAY 10 JUNE 10 JUNE 14	pm pm pm
PARLEY LAKES	Thursday	MAY 17	pm
COKIN FARM (Match Lake)	Sunday	SEPTEMBER 2	pm
SEVERALS & AVON CASTLE	Sunday	OCTOBER 28	
IBSLEY & BREAMORE	Sunday	FEBRUARY 17 2013	
HAVELINS	Sunday	OCTOBER 7	
HAMPRESTON	Sunday	JANUARY 6 2013	
Throop (Beat 2)	Sunday	DECEMBER 2	
(Beat 3)	Sunday	FEBRUARY 24 2013	
BOUNDS & WEST PARLEY	Wednesday	NOVEMBER 21	
	Sunday	FEBRUARY 3 2013	
LOWER STOUR	Sunday	NOVEMBER 18	
Pony Fields/Meridians	Sunday	DECEMBER 29	
Pony Fields/Iford	Sunday	JANUARY 20 2013	

COKING FARM FISHERY

West Stour, Dorset

A complex of five lakes (see conditions below).

All parking lakeside.

Members must book in with their permits at office on site.

Rush & Meadow Lakes: Carp, tench, bream, roach, crucians, rudd and perch.

Fishing 24/7.

Occasionally one or both lakes may be closed for competitions on weekends, please telephone to check (numbers below).

Long Lake: Carp and catfish to mid 20's.

Fishing 24hrs Sunday to Thursday.

Friday and Saturday nights 6 permit limit or if further space available £15 for 24 hour ticket.

42" landing net and unhooking mat required.

Oak Lake: Carp to high 20's: £15 per 24 hour ticket.

42" landing net and unhooking mat required.

Woodland Lake: Carp and catfish to high 30's.

Sunday - Thursday £15 for 24 hour ticket.

Friday - Saturday £20 for 24 hour ticket.

42" landing net and unhooking mat required.

Check swim availability on 07789 003044 or 07759 090881.

Individual swims may be reserved but must be paid for when booking in.

Fish from designated pegs only.

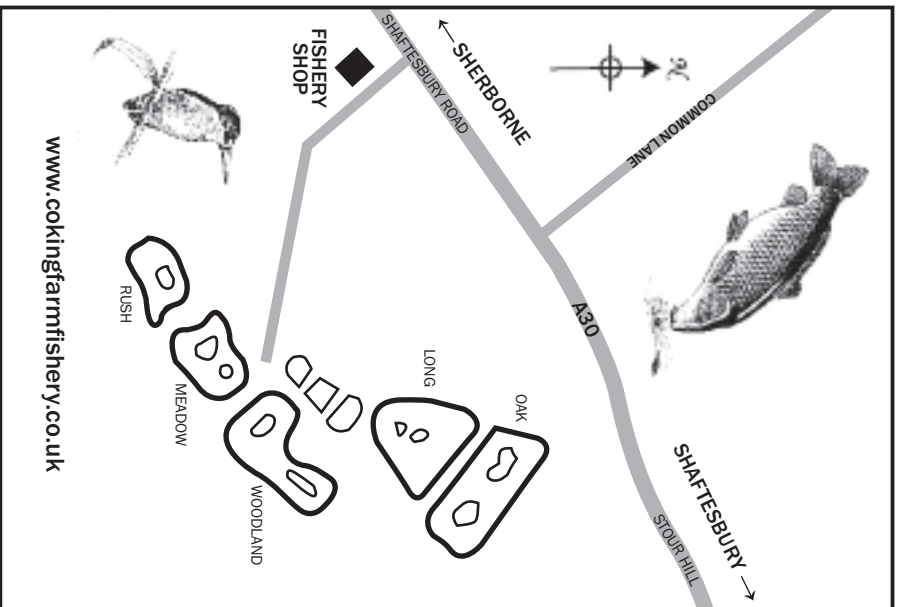
Barbless hooks must be used.

No particle baits, nuts or pulses.

No keepnets except in official competitions.

Juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

COKING FARM FISHERY



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NORTHFIELD JUNIOR LAKE

Northfield Complex, Ringwood

A small lake which has been dug as a training lake and disabled access water, all members may fish this venue but it will be closed for tuition/training days on occasion, notices will be displayed at the entrance and on our website.

Species: Bream, roach, carp, crucian carp, tench.

Fishing all year round.

Fishing times: Sunrise - 2hrs after Sunset.

No night fishing.

1 rod only allowed.

No guest tickets March 15 to June 15.

Club key required, please keep gates locked at all times.

Please refrain from unnecessary noise.

Bite alarms are allowed but must not be audible outside the lake complex.

Toilets are available at this venue.

The use of braided main line is not permitted on this water.

LEAVING LITTER WILL LOSE YOU YOUR PERMIT

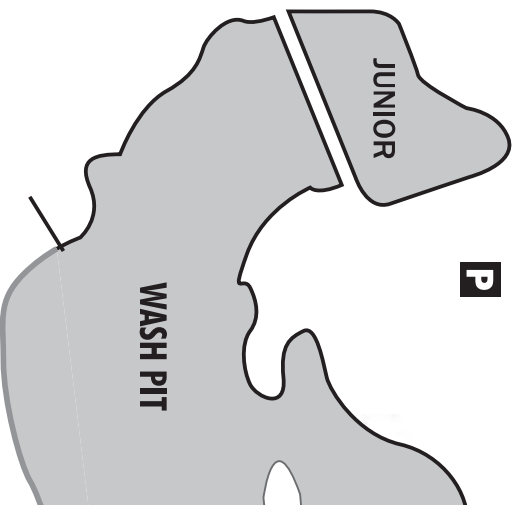
PLEASE NOTE:

The **ONLY** access point for RDAA members to any of the lakes on this complex is via the main entrance in North Poulner Road.

JUNIOR LAKE



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INVASIVE PLANTS

Members will be aware that the Hampshire Avon and also the Dorset Stour are relatively free of non-native invasive plants at the moment, but the dreaded Himalayan Balsam in particular threatens to take over unless we all pull together to do something about it.

The other two main invasives are Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed, which are not such a threat to river banks, but a menace we should all take seriously as well.

Members of both RDAA and CAC have been helping out in the last three years in keeping the Balsam at bay in the Ringwood area, and we have had some really successful work parties at Lifelands and the Upper Severals, where big outbreaks have almost been stamped out completely.

Outbreaks at Bickton, Gorley and Sopley have also been dealt with, but eradication depends on continued vigilance and action, and I hope that members will carry on with their efforts to rid the banks of our rivers of Balsam in particular.

Hampshire Wildlife Trust have been attacking the stuff in the New Forest streams, and around Fordingbridge and Winkton, and the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have made great strides in the Upper Avon and tributaries, especially the Nadder.

Dorset Wildlife Trust is joining forces with them, and along with the EA have managed to get funding amounting to over three million pounds to pay for a long-term project, Source to Sea, which aims to get rid of several non-native invasive plants from the Avon Valley.

Anglers can play a really important role in this project, and are recognised as key contributors.

The Wessex Chalk Stream and Rivers Trust is going to be involved as well, and for a start we will continue with the usual Balsam removal events in July of this year.

Those that attend continue to spread the word, and remove the plants whenever they see them. It is important that the sites are revisited regularly, and any surviving plants removed as they rear their pretty heads, right on into September.

Reports of Balsam spotted on the river or elsewhere are useful too, as we can keep a record and arrange for a small group to deal with any outbreaks.

If you would like to help, come to the work parties, and also attend any events and meetings for anglers that are arranged in the near future. We can play a very important, in fact, crucial role in both dealing with these plants and reporting them to the project leaders.

Protecting our river banks from these invaders is vital; if you see Balsam, pull it up or report it, and if you spot the other nasties, let somebody know about it!

Contact me at pete.reading@lineone.net or on 01202 733110 for more information.

Work parties are as follows;

Ringwood Weir, Lifelands car park; Monday July 9th 5.00pm

Upper Severals Car Park, Tuesday 10th July 5.00 pm.

Bring gloves and waders if you can.

Pete Reading, Wessex Chalk Stream and Rivers Trust.



Himalayan Balsam

