



## **Pulborough Angling Society**

Winter Newsletter and Renewal information 2022

### **From the Chairman**

Well, where do I start. Another season is nearly over and at the time of writing, Covid appears to be taking over our lives yet again. I hope you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

It has been obvious the fishing is good all round, knowing what I catch, the reports I hear, the posts I see on social media and the 163lb match weight I witnessed at Goose Green, albeit because of our fish welfare rules, not all counted in the official result.

My thanks go to the Goose Green fishery Management Team for their commitment in ensuring the fishery is always looking spectacular and making it a pleasurable venue to fish. I would also thank our committee for the continuous unnoticed work undertaken behind the scenes.

We are hoping to hold an AGM this year, and if possible, hold a separate PAS Social and Presentation Evening, covid restrictions allowing, where we can meet informally, talk fishing, show off our fish photos and present the trophies for the past year.

**See details and dates later in the newsletter.**

Tight Lines

Paul

### **A new lease of life**

WOW, whoever knew the rivers hold such fish! I haven't fished the rivers much as I've never had much success. I had promised myself the year before, I would fish the rivers more, but just couldn't find the time (and effort). I was quite happy fishing matches on commercial fisheries with so much gear loaded on to my trolley, I couldn't bear the thought of pushing this down a muddy, bumpy riverbank.

I fished the evening series matches the prior year and then found myself fishing it again this year. This evening series included two matches on the river. One at Greatham Bridge and one at Stopham Bridge. I did well with a 1st and 2nd place, catching bream on both occasions. That was it, I was hooked on the rivers. There is something quite magical and relaxing about sitting on a riverbank on a beautiful summers evening.

I ditched the usual car full of gear at Goose Green and opted for a chair and a rod to sit in peace and quiet in gorgeous surroundings and wildlife. Travelling light and keeping it simple, using a ground bait cage feeder and worms, it has been fantastic. There aren't many sessions where I haven't had a decent bream or skimmer.

My two favourite locations are Greatham Bridge and Stopham Bridge, mainly because I'm lazy but also because I haven't managed to work them out yet. The water is always at different levels and flowing different ways. I've not yet managed to work out if the fishing is best at low tide, high tide, coming in or flowing out, it all appears the same for me.

I have never seen such quality fish. Every fish looks like it is the first time it has been caught and they really are magnificent,

even the skimmers and bream. I've had bream to 6.5lb at Greatham, Bream to 5lb at Stopham, and more 1lb plus perch than I can remember. These really are beautiful fish.

The best method I have found for these is large pieces of chopped worm in a cage feeder with a juicy whole worm on the hook. Throw in a few small Chubb, some quality roach and numerous eels, it really is a pick and mix as to what is on the hook, when that tip starts bouncing. I am by no means one of the River fishing experts, but I have had some superb sessions and the best stress reliever I know.

Next year's goal is to find some other stretches of river to fish. As a newbie to the rivers, I'm unsure where many of our stretches are and have got comfortable with Greatham and Stopham, but time to step out of the comfort zone gain.

Report from member Steve Byrnes

### **Match Scene**

This has been a difficult year because of covid and I've had to miss a few matches because of injuries and operations. I would like to thank those who have stepped in to help on those occasions.

The turnouts have been a bit disappointing this season, partially to do with covid I'm sure. The average match at Goose Green has been 7.3 per match and 7 for the river matches which is encouraging.

This years trophy winners are:

Arun Angling trophy, Steve Byrnes.

M.Gent Memorial, Nick Peters.

McFee Plate, Mark Tester.

Batchelor cup, Paul Capper.

Tropicana cup, Bruce Barnett.

Christmas cup, Barry Ginnaw.

Fred Puttick mem, Adam Tester.

Military cup Arthur Shepherd.

Mants cup Glenn Riley.

Evening Series, Steve Byrnes.

Tom Page Mem, Paul Chatfield.

Tom Barber mem, Adam Tester.

Barfoot cup, Glenn Riley.

Dennis cup, Adam Tester.

Riddel cup, Arthur Shepherd.

Thanks to everyone who supports the matches and I hope to see you in the new season.

Barry

### **Brinsbury Pond**

I know the parking situation seems a bit of a pain, but once you've got the App it's really very simple.

I've fished it on several occasions this season and had some brilliant days, mainly fishing small waggler and maggot fished over loose fed maggot.

They don't seem to like groundbait.

I've had silver fish nets of 10-12lb consisting of Roach, Rudd and Skimmers, with the odd Tench thrown in. Paul and Graham have been a few times and between us we've had good Tench to well over 4lb and Carp over 6lb. Well worth a visit.

Tight lines.

Gail

## Parking at Brinsbury College

New parking enforcement has been implemented on the campus at Brinsbury College using ANPR cameras which affects our access. We have to drive through their car parks to reach the pond and therefore need to pay for access. Please follow the below instructions in order to avoid being fined £100.00 for illegal parking.

- Download and read the [BRINSBURY COLLEGE PARKING TERMS AND CONDITIONS pdf file](#)
- Download the Justpark app from google/apple store. (This is a free app).
- Then using the app, **each time you visit**, you will then be asked to put in the **location ID** which is for a permit holder **809645**, put in your car registration and card details, and you **will be charged 50p for the day**, when fishing is allowed, **otherwise you will be fined £100.00**.
- Any issues/concerns please email [pulboroughsec@gmail.com](mailto:pulboroughsec@gmail.com) or phone 07551 820873

## Coaching update

As we approach then end of my first year as our clubs coach, it has been so nice to meet with new and existing members, who are wanting some advice and time spent on the bank to help improve and learn new skills.

I had the pleasure one summers evening walking round Goose Green with two new members, chatting about the various lakes and tactics to get the best catches possible and a morning session on peg 7 showing a member how to fish the method feeder.

During autumn I met with a family of new members, after the boys catching fish on my kit they soon went off to a tackle shop and came back 3 weeks later for another session this time using their new kit. We fished the waggler short and caught a few roach in a short session.

As we move forward into the New Year I would like to meet more members and pass on some advice. So if you would like to spend some time on the bank with me please send an email to [pasanglingcoaching@gmail.com](mailto:pasanglingcoaching@gmail.com)  
Remember all coaching sessions are FREE to members.

Tight lines  
Adam

## AGM

The AGM has been booked at **Thakeham Village Hall** on Friday **25 February** from 7.30pm starting at 8pm.

We will be provided with a door code nearer the time which will be advised on the website.

If you will be attending please can you notify either the Secretary or Membership Secretary to give us an idea of numbers beforehand.

## PAS Social and Presentation Evening

We are holding an end of season and trophy presentation night from 7.30pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022, at the Franklands Arms in Washington.

Come along and meet like minded fellow members, speak to members of the Committee, show off your fish photos, explain how that monster got away and you may get some great advice from our lake, river and specimen experts to improve your catches in the upcoming season.

You may need to be presented with the trophy you won this season after beating your competitors, the weather and the fish, or applaud those that succeeded.

If you wish to attend, please contact [pulboroughsec@gmail.com](mailto:pulboroughsec@gmail.com) or Gail on 07551 820873 to register your interest so the caterers can provide a suitable complimentary buffet and we do not exceed our 80 attendee limit.

## Membership Update

This year we continued to experience a sharp rise in members due to the ongoing pandemic. As a result we suspended all new memberships in June. This decision was taken to protect the fishing for our existing members. We are already seeing a major interest from prospective new members looking to join.

Last year a renewal membership application was included in your membership book for use if required.  
We will open up the membership for both renewal and new member applications in January via the Membership Secretary.

**Renewal memberships** will be available in the shops from **February**.

**New members** will only be able to apply via the Membership Secretary. These will **not be available in the shops until April**.

The Membership card will be posted out as usual and you will need this to commence fishing. This must be kept on you whilst on our fisheries to show the bailiffs etc.

From this year if you join via the Membership Secretary you will receive a digital version (PDF) of the membership book by email if details are provided.

**If you would prefer to receive the hard copy you just need to request this on the application form or by writing it on the form.** Please continue to complete the email section as normal. The maps on the digital version are in colour.

Please sign the application form as this allows us to comply with GDPR regulations to communicate with you. We cannot email/post memberships or individual newsletters etc if this section is not completed.

Please continue to support the local tackle shops in these challenging times as they support us.

## Future Newsletters and updates.

The newsletter from now on, will be published on our website together with regular updates from committee meetings where necessary.

In the future we will **only** email members with a newsletter if this has been requested on the application form and the form is signed. A postal version of the newsletter is available and will continue to be sent if requested.