

## **RULES & REGULATIONS OF THE PULBOROUGH ANGLING SOCIETY FOUNDED 1919**

### **NAME OF SOCIETY**

1. That the Society be called 'The Pulborough Angling Society'.

### **OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

2. That the Officers, Chairman and Secretary (who shall be entitled to vote), who with up to twelve elected members shall form a Committee, all of whom shall be elected annually and be eligible for re-election from time to time. Any member of the committee absenting him or herself for three consecutive Committee meetings shall forfeit their position on the committee. In the event of a vacancy arising among the Officers of the Society from any cause whatsoever, the Society at an Ordinary Meeting shall have the power to fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next AGM

- Committee members/Officers MUST be current members of the club.
- When a Committee member/Officer ceases their role for any reason, all club documents and club property must be returned within a mutually agreed time scale.

### **MEETING NIGHTS, ETC**

3. That the meetings be called and held at the discretion of the Secretary and start at 8pm. There will be a minimum of four meetings a year. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman will chair the meeting with five to form a quorum.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

4. The Committee shall have the right to expel any member who contravenes rules of the Pulborough Angling Society and shall have the right to reject any nominations for membership.

- All members are responsible for acquainting themselves with all club rules. Ignorance of a rule or rule update will not be accepted as a justification for a breach of rules. Breaking the rules risks losing your membership. (Rule updates can be found on the website)
- The use of inappropriate or bad language that is likely to cause offence to members, the general public and landowners, or any other action deemed likely to bring the club into disrepute is strictly forbidden.
- Possession of Alcohol or Recreational drugs at club fisheries is strictly forbidden.
- Audio/Visual equipment may be used only if earphones or headphones are used.

### **ACCOUNTS**

5. That the Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all monies received & payments made & prepare the Accounts to be presented at the AGM.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

6. As decided each year at the AGM. The Committee may increase the subscriptions by up to 20% without AGM approval. Subscriptions are due on the first day of April each year.

### **CLOSE SEASONS**

7. March 15<sup>th</sup> to June 15<sup>th</sup>, both dates inclusive, on all river fisheries, Brinsbury Pond & Storrington Mill Pond.

No close season at Goose Green.

The close season for Salmon and Migratory Trout, 30<sup>th</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> March, both dates inclusive. The close season for Non-Migratory Trout, 30<sup>th</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> March, both dates inclusive.

### **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION**

8. That the prizes be distributed at the AGM or date fixed for that purpose. Any member having won a prize and failing to attend on the night of the distribution to receive it without bona fide reasons for absence, to forfeit same.

### **SPECIMEN FISH**

9. Specimen fish may be weighed in, if caught from a Societies water only. A member wishing to register the weight of a specimen fish shall ensure that it is properly weighed & identified.

A medal will be presented for the heaviest specimen fish weighed in between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> December annually, above these weights.

ROACH 2lb, BREAM 6lb 15oz, PIKE 18lb, CARP 20lb, PERCH 3lb, SEA TROUT 6lb, CHUB 4lb,

DACE 10oz, TENCH 5lb, BARBEL 12lb 12oz, RUDD 1lb 0oz

If you catch a fish that qualifies please send the details, together with a photograph to - [pulboroughsec@gmail.com](mailto:pulboroughsec@gmail.com)

### **LITTER**

10. Any person finding litter in the swim they intend to fish, must clear it up prior to commencing fishing. Failure to do so will mean the loss of your membership. The committee will consider appeals for reinstatement of your membership.

### **COMMITTEE DECISIONS**

11 The committee reserves the right to alter any rules as they may see fit

### **ALTERATION OF RULES**

12. Alterations or additions may be made & agreed at normal committee meetings in the interests of fish welfare & to protect the society waters & membership. Any Constitutional changes must be approved at an AGM or Special General Meeting with advance notice to be given before such a meeting is called.

## **FISHERY RULES**

13 In addition to ALL sections under separate headings & individual waters in the fisheries book

### **All Waters**

- No Coarse fish or Eels may be removed from the Society's waters.
- No BBQ's or open fires on any of our waters.
- **NO** more than 2 rods to be used per angler.
- Camping is NOT ALLOWED on any P.A.S. fishery.

### **Goose Green**

- Fish caught at Goose Green must be returned to the same lake from which they were caught. Access to the house bank of Heron pond is strictly prohibited unless authorized by an officer of the Society.
- Fishing at Goose Green is permitted from prepared & numbered pegs ONLY. The cutting down of any tree, sapling or shrub, the cutting or removal of lilies, reeds or other aquatic fauna from any of our fisheries is strictly prohibited, unless under the direct authorization of the Fishery Manager or an Officer of the Society.
- Boilies are allowed as hook baits ONLY.
- Braided lines are banned at our Goose Green complex.
- **No** carp to be retained in keepnets, except in official matches or for the purposes of authorised fishery management.
- The use of Mallets/Hammers is banned at Goose Green.

**Storrington Mill Pond** - No floating baits at Storrington Mill Pond.

### **HOOKS AND UNHOOKING MATS**

14. The society recommends that barbless hooks and unhooking mats be used at all times on all of our fisheries

### **NETS**

15. All Nets must be dried prior to use to minimise the risk of spreading water-borne diseases.

- Fish may be kept in a keep net for a maximum of 5 hours.
- Separate keepnets are required for silver fish & carp when in official matches.
- Individual fish weighing more than 10lbs may be retained in a keepnet only if caught in a club match.
- Keepnets may be used at Goose Green for silver fish only, No Carp are to be retained in nets whatsoever unless in a bona fide club match
- 50lb max per net, In matches anything over 50lb will count as 50lb only
- If the weight in any one net exceeds 60lb the net will not count.

### **WATER CLOSURE**

16. The committee reserves the right to close any water at any time without prior notice.

## **DOGS**

17. Dogs are not permitted on any of our fisheries. Assistance Dogs at Goose Green only which must be kept on a lead at all times. Please notify the Fishery Manager prior to fishing for an authorisation letter.

## **NIGHT FISHING**

18. Night fishing is permitted at Goose Green, 24hr max.

Night fishing is also permitted on the river Arun at Stopham North bank and North Greatham, River Adur at Stretham and White bridge. MAX stay 48hr.

## **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ROD LICENCE AND MEMBERSHIP CARD**

19. As a condition of membership all members must have a current and appropriate Environment Agency Rod Licence. The Membership card and EA licence must be carried on person at all times. Report any signs of pollution or illegal fishing to the **Environment Agency 0800 807060** immediately and to a committee member

**NO CARD NO FISHING.** Members must show membership card and Licence when asked by an Official, Bailiff, committee member or the EA.

## **PIKE & PREDATORY FISH**

20. When Pike fishing a 30-inch **MINIMUM** landing net must be used & forceps must be carried. **All pike to be returned alive to the water.**

- No bait fishing for predatory fish before 1st of October

## **PARKING**

21. Parking is **ONLY** allowed in designated places. Failure to do this **WILL** lead to you losing your Membership, all parking on all fisheries is at the car owner's risk, the club is not liable for any damage or losses.

## **MATCHES**

22. All swims must be vacated at least one hour before the draw time at any advertised match venue. Venues, dates & times are in the fixture list

## **EXCHANGES**

Crawley AS, Worthing & District Piscatorial, Horsham & District AS, Petworth & Bognor AC, Henfield & District AS, Portsmouth & District AS.

**GUEST TICKETS – Charge £10**

**One member one ticket.** Available from Arun Angling, Prime Angling, Tackle Warehouse & Scotties Tackle. These may be issued for all of the Societies Waters. A full Member must accompany guests at all times.