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Still no editor so here we go again.

Please note the Club AGM is on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 and that the Agenda, Minutes of 23rd and 2008 Treasurers Report is at the end of this Newsletter.

Winter Cup

Fisherman	Fish No.	Total Weight	Largest	Position
Tony Harrison	4	13lb 14ozs	4lb 8ozs	2
Ted How	0			
Bill King	3	7lb 8ozs	2lb 14ozs	12
Martyn Burrows	4	16lb 1oz	8lb 5ozs	1
Bob Birchall	2	4lb 2ozs		16
Jeff Smith	3	7lb 4ozs	2lb 3ozs	13
Charles Beal	1	11lb 13ozs		18
Barrie Laker	1	(9lb 3ozs) *		
Barrie Fulbrook	4	12lb 5ozs	4lb 1oz	3
Jim Fulbrook	4	9lb 11ozs	2lb 8ozs	9
Bob Sanger	4	10lb 1oz	3lb 0oz	8
Jez Keating	4	11lb 5ozs	4lb 2ozs	4
Ian Sharp	4	9lb 10ozs	3lb 0oz	10
Frank Warburton	3	6lb 15ozs	2lb 10ozs	14
Derek Banks	4	9lb 8ozs	2lb 10ozs	6
Garry Saunders	4	10lb 8ozs	4lb 0oz	6
Brian Martyn	4	10lb 13ozs	2lb 10ozs	5
Dave Hatherway	4	9lb 1ozs	2lb 10ozs	11
Barry Hall	1	2lb 6ozs		17
Totals	58	162lb		

Thanks to Barrie Fulbrook for organising the day and for collecting the figures. Winner of the Biggest bag Was Martyn Burrows with 16lb 1oz and he also took the largest fish with 8lb 5ozs.

* re Barrie Laker's fish talk to Martyn Burrows or Jez Keating, and they will explain.

The day was wet and cold , sorry I missed the event but I was in the Chain Locker on Custom House Quay Falmouth with a pint of Sharps 'Doom Bar' and a Beef Sandwich sitting next to the fire.

Turkey Competition 2008

Hazel Copse Sunday 23rd November
Organiser on the day was Alan Purnell.

Fisherman	Total Fish	Total Weight	Best Fish	Position
Derek Banks	4	9lb 7ozs	-	9
Ken Batchelor	4	9lb 12ozs	-	7
Charles Beal	4	10lb 4ozs	-	5
Bob Birchall	4	9lb 2ozs	-	11
Martyn Burrows	4	9lb 8ozs	-	8
Mick Ellis	No	Show	No	Show
Dave Hathaway	4	10lb 0ozs	2lb 8ozs	6
Ted How	2	4lb 0ozs	2lb 8ozs	13
Jez Keating	No	Show	No	Show
Bill King	No	Show	No	Show
Jim Melbourne	2	4lb 0ozs	-	14
Neil Nice	4	15lb 8ozs	7lb 8ozs	1
Alan Purnell	4	10lb 8ozs	3lb 8ozs	3
Bob Sanger	4	9lb 4ozs	-	10
Ian Sharp	4	9lb 9ozs	3lb 0os	7
Jeff Smith	4	12lb 12ozs	3lb 8ozs	2
Bob Thomson	4	10lb 8ozs	3lb 4ozs	3
Frank Warburton	4	9lb 0os	-	12
Totals	56	143lb 8ozs		

This was the second time we have held the event at Hazel Copse and again we were well looked after by Wilf and his wife..

15 anglers braved the elements to fish the last event of the 2008 Season. Unfortunately 3 members who had their names down on the sheet failed to turn up!

Wilf did us proud, not only with the quality of fish stocked but with Bacon Roll + tea or coffee on arrival followed at lunch time by mug of hot vegetable soup, bread rolls, sausages which were rounded off by tea or coffee and a hot mince pie each.

Following draw for pegs anglers faced bitterly cold wind, hail, wet snow and persistent heavy rain for best part of 3hrs, however several anglers bagged up within the first hour. Due to weather conditions lunch was brought forward to 12 noon. The rain stopped and the afternoon session was much more enjoyable. Only 2 anglers failed to bag up. See attached result sheet.

Wilf kindly donated a prize of a £30 all Day 4 fish ticket - should this go to Neil Nice who had the heaviest bag and the Turkey Prize went to Jeff Smith who had the second heaviest bag?

Alan Purnell

Presentation Evening & Christmas Draw

This was held on Tuesday 16th December. The first part was the presentation of the cups which were as follows.

Spring Cup	Arlington	Bob Sanger
Summer Cup	Yew Tree	Jez Keating
Autumn Cup	Lakedown	Jim Fulbrook
Winter Cup	Chalk Springs	Martyn Burrows
John Clark Challenge	Boringwheel	Jez Keating
Loch Style Cup	AMFC Events	Baz Reece
Best Aggregate in Club Competitions		Martyn Burrows(by 8ozs from Jez Keating)
Best Rainbow in Club Competitions		Martyn Burrows 8lb 5ozs at Chalk Springs
Best Brown in Club Competitions		Jez Keating 2lb at Yew Tree
Best Rainbow out of Club Competitions		Derek Banks 11lb 7ozs at Hazel Copse
Best Brown out of Club Competitions		Barrie Fulbrook 6lb 7ozs at Deaver
Committee Cup		Barrie Laker for determination
Committee Shield		Tony Harrisson for his work as Treasurer

This was followed by the Christmas Draw run by Tony & Paulean Harrisson, at which most members won something.

Following the draw refreshments were served, thanks to Jim Fulbrook, Bill King and Sheila Kaatze for all the preparing.

AGM

The 24th AGM of the Crawley Fly Fishers will be held on **Tuesday 3rd February at 8.30pm** .

A copy of last years minutes are attached to this newsletter, this is to give members a chance to read them for approval and also to make any notes you may like to discuss.

This is your chance to have your say on the club, events and how it is run.

It is your club so be prepared to get involved.

Bring & Buy Auction

This annual event will be held on **Tuesday 10th March**, so start looking through all of your fishing gear and see if there is some that you do not use any more.

Casting Clinic

This is set for **Sunday 5th April from 10:00 to 13:00**. I know this is a bit later than normal but the Cricket Club have some events on the Sundays before and early March the weather is a bit risky.

This is a chance to test your casting with all the new rods and lines you have.

Sussex FDG v Crawley FF

After a discussion with the Fly Dresser it has been decided to hold this years event at

Coltsford Mill on Sunday 2nd August. The information I have from the Fly Dressers is that it will be £41.00 for Coffee on arrival , Buffet Lunch and 4 fish. List will be on the notice board for names, 12 fishermen per side, top 10 bags per side count.

Fishing Licence

I have just received a reminder that the Environment Agency will be taking the fee by direct debit on the 1st of March which for Non Migratory Trout & Coarse Full Licence 09/10 will be £26.00.

AMFC

At the moment I have not received any details of the AMFC AGM which is when the dates and locations are decided.

Crawley FF Fishing Events

The dates and locations of our events will be decided at the AGM. It will be your decision where we fish this year.

John Clark Memorial Cup

John's two sons decided that they wished him to be remembered by the club with a memorial cup presented annually to the winner of a suitable event. We have had a suggestion from a member of the committee that it could be for a pairs event, where pairs were drawn from a hat. I have tasked Ken Batchelor with looking into this and what rules need to be written.

Chalybeate Springs Fishery

News item on the Michael Evans web site states that they have now taken over the fishery, following an update of the facilities it will reopen but it looks like day ticket by advance booking. This is in addition to the news last November that they had taken over Weir Wood.

Sussex Otter Trust

Last year we had a talk on Otters in Sussex, total lack of, by Fran Southgate who has sent the following update.

“Hope all's well up there in Crawley? - we're completely flooded out here at Henfield today. Still, nice weather for fish!! Ref the otters we think we now have regular activity on the Arun and W Rother but its likely to be only one individual with the occasional one coming through. Other than that still no signs anywhere else in Sussex that I can confirm. In fact its gone sadly quiet since last year when it appeared we might have one resident - there have been no real signs of life since then despite some intense searching. There will soon be available on the Internet at www.sussexotters.org an advice sheet on otters and stillwater fisheries. At the moment we have a leaflet up there to download but its a bit of a beast so i have edited down to more of a bite size document and am just awaiting some more pictures before it goes up. There is also a document on mink control if its of interest (have a look in the advice, then landowners section). Best of luck with the club anyway. If any of the other local clubs want a talk let me know as I'd like to have the chance to speak to them. “

Annual General Meeting

**Notice of the 24th Annual General Meeting
To be held on Tuesday 3rd February 2009
At the Three Bridges Cricket Club at 8.00pm**

Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous AGM held on Tuesday 12th February 2008
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts for approval
6. Membership Fees
7. Election of Officers
8. Election of Committee
9. Elect two members as Auditors
10. Report on the Club Competitions and AMFC
11. Club Membership
12. Any Other Business

Tony Kaatze

Minutes of 23rd AGM

Minutes of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Crawley Fly Fishers Club Held on Tuesday 12th February 2008 at the Three Bridges Cricket Club.

- **Apologies**

Simon Young, Charles Hugill, Alan Hall, Ben Hall, Stefan Vuuren

Attendance 24 Members

- **Minutes of previous AGM held on Tuesday 6th February 2007**

Acceptance Proposed by Alan Purnell

Seconded by Ken Batchelor

- **Chairman's Report 2007**

Bob Sanger reported that we had another good fishing year and thanked all members for taking part, we had done a little better in the AMFC but we needed some more members to take part in both club and AMFC events. With the club events there were some low turn outs.

On a rather sad note Bob Sanger reported the loss to the club in 2007 of Ray Hall and John Clark both are sadly missed.

- **Secretary's Report 2007**

This year has been a mixed bag as far as the secretary was concerned. There has been some difficulty in getting both locations to fish and getting members to attend. There will be more emphasis on getting the members of the committee and others to run the outings. There were 4 events this year run by committee and club members and they were successful. One of the club cups has been replaced, Autumn Cup, because of damage and where and another may be replaced in the 2008 year.

- **Treasurer's Report 2006 and Presentation of Accounts for approval**

The treasurer Tony Harrison presented his accounts and stated that financially the club was in good condition. Some problems with late payment of AMFC fees from participants which means that although they have paid it will appear in the 2008 accounts. The club did pay for some entries that were not filled and we must try to stop this if possible.

Accounts approved Proposed- Alan Purnell

Seconded- Keith Bannerman

- **Membership Fees**

Tony Harrison had an item from last year's AGM where it was proposed to raise the membership fees from January the 1st 2008 to £20.00 but as the finances were in a good condition it was not necessary. The treasurer asked for a mandate to raise the club membership fees for the year 2009 to £20.00 if required.

Proposed by Tony Kaatze passed by a show of hands.

Objection by Bob Thomson that the fees should not be raised as we would lose members.

- **Election of Officers and Committee**

Chairman Bob Sanger. **Secretary** Tony Kaatze **Treasurer** Tony Harrison

Proposed Charles Beal Seconded Chris Halls

Assistant Secretary Bob Thomson has stood down and the post has been closed.

- **Committee**

Brian Martin stood down as a committee member after 15 years

Keith Bannerman, Ken Batchelor, Barrie Fulbrook, Alan Purnell, Baz Reece, Pete Simmons.

Proposed Bob Birchall Seconded Dave Hathaway

Bob Thomson stood for election as a committee member and was seconded by Bob Sanger.

- **Elect two members as Auditors**

Jim Fulbrook Mick Teague

Proposed Ted How Seconded W King

Thank you both for your work

- **Proposed affiliation to S&TA and or ACA**

This item was raised by Bob Thomson as editor of the newsletter where he thought we should look to joining one or both of the organisations. One of the advantages was thought to be public liability insurance, which the club does not have at the moment. It was discussed by the meeting and one thing was brought up was that the S&TA was in some form of disarray at the moment with problems with the management. It was then pointed out by Alan Purnel that he was looking into this for us and that there was not any form of insurance cover from being affiliated, there had been in the past, and that he was still getting information on this. Alan will report to the committee on his findings.

- **Any Other Business**

It was discussed that the club needs to advertise to get new members .

Tony Kaatze (Club Secretary) gave the club one years notice of his resignation . Reasons were many but he felt that he was not able to get the club to move forward and that it was best if he stood down. He would work as the secretary for the next year and then hand back.

Tony Kaatze

**Treasurers Report for the year 2008
1st January to 31 December 2008
Subject to Audit**

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SEASON 2008
1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 2008**

INCOME			EXPENSES		
	2008	2007		2008	2007
Opening Balance	1498.79	1659.93			
Membership Fees	870.00	780.00	Treasurers Expenses	10.69	
Bonus Ball	235.00	260.00	Trophy's/Engraving	110.00	280.00
Raffle receipts	71.00	31.77	Raffle Expenses	15.00	
Bring and Buy Auction	48.20	193.60	Casting Instructor	50.00	50.00
Club Clothing	24.10	101.00	Guest Speaker	50.00	
A.M.F.C.	684.50	301.10	A.M.F.C.	722.00	471.10
Donations	32.70	18.56	Donations	15.00	50.00
Bobs Penny Stall	46.80		T.B.C.C Fees	380.00	380.00
Tea and Coffee Profit	4.71	4.75	Web - Site	28.06	135.09
Game Fair	733.50		Game Fair	733.50	
Bowl Evening	180.00		Bowl Evening	180.00	
Bonus Ball (2007)	5.00		Presentation Food / Drinks	82.14	84.57
A.M.F.C. (2007)	69.00		A.M.F.C. Joining Fee	40.00	40.00
			Club Events - Prizes	20.96	30.00
Total Club Income	4503.30		Newsletter	8.20	380.00
			H.B.O.S. Shares	264.00	

			Total Club Expenses	2709.55	
Income	4503.30				
Less Expenses	2709.55				
Sub - Total	1793.75				
B/F Sub-Total	1793.75				
HBOS Shares 345 @ 69p	238.05	1594.95			
Club Assets	373.00				
Total Club Value	2404.80	(3492.78)			

Treasurer.....Tony Harrisson

Auditor.....Mike Teage

Auditor.....Jim Fulbrook

