

Crawley Fly Fishers

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July 2009 Newsletter

Well its July and half way through the year so time to write another newsletter to keep you up to date.

AGM

Back on 3rd February we had the Club AGM and this year I sent out a copy of the previous AGM Minutes and the 2008 Treasurers Report to give members a chance to read them before the meeting. We had about the same number turn up as last year. The main change was that Tony Harrisson resigned his post as treasurer and luckily Ron Mott volunteered to take on the role.

Bring and Buy Sale

Slightly lower amount this year was brought to the sale , must be part of the credit crunch with less new kit so less to sell.

Casting Clinic

This was held on 5th April and this year there was no snow. Quite a good turn out with some new faces. Thanks to Alan Purnell and Brian Smart as instructors who sorted out some of our dreadful casting habits. Brian also brought along a selection of Grays rods and reels to try.

Fly Tying

Over the winter months and into the spring we did try to get the fly tying going again with limited success. There was a time when you would not get a seat at the long table for people tying and many had to use the smaller tables. Several weeks we tried flicking open the 'Fly-Tying Bible' pages at random and tying that fly the next week, think the Mudeye Nymph frightened some off, but some managed to tie quite a good version .

Come October I will be looking to try it again, so get ready with those kits and throw out those old flies and tie some new ones, and for those of you that want tuition there are several in the club who can help.

AMFC

Back on the 1st February Bob Sanger and myself attended the AMFC AGM . Main item was to sort out the various dates and locations for the events. This year there are 4 Groups of 4 teams, this has come about with the addition of Tunbridge Wells FF and the return of East Midlands TFA, GWFFA and Invicta have also put up 'B' teams all in group 4.

We have now fished the first 2 rounds and the remaining are as follws

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Round 3	Wednesday 15th July	Grafham
Round 4	Sunday 9th August	Rutland
Round 5	Wednesday 23rd September	Draycote (CFF organising)
Autumn Asso. Match	Saturday 3rd October	Chew Valley.
Fun Day	Sunday 11th October	Pitsford

If you want to fish in any of these events please contact **Jim Fulbrook** who is always looking for more people to take part. Do not worry if you have not any experience in loch style fishing this is where you learn.

Spring Cup Spring Hill Trout Fishery, Matfield, Kent Sunday 19th April.

Fisherman	Fish No.	Total Weight	Largest	Position
Steff van Vuuren	4	8lb 13ozs		1
Brian Martin	4	8lb 9ozs		2
Bill King	4	8lb 4ozs		3
Alan Hall	4	6lb 15ozs		4
Charles Beal	4	6lb 3ozs		5
Alan Purnell	3	6lb 1oz		6
Jeff Smith	3	6lb 0ozs		7
Martyn Burrows	4	5lb 12ozs		8
Ted How	2	3lb 11ozs		9
Dave Hathaway	1	2lb 13ozs		10
Bob Sanger	1	2lb 12ozs		11
Bob Birchall	1	1lb 13ozs		12
Tony Kaatze	1	1lb 0ozs		13
Mick Ellis	1	8lb 8ozs		*
Totals	37	77lb 2ozs		

Largest Bag	Steff van Vuuren	8lb 13ozs
Largest Rainbow		
Largest Brown		
Total Catch	37	77lb 2ozs
Average per rod	2.64	5lb 8ozs

* Charles had finished fishing and he went to help Mick who was having problems with his casting and playing fish. Charles took his rod to show him how and promptly hooked a fish, he handed the rod back to Mick who then under Charles instruction landed an 8lb 8ozs trout, which was the largest on the day.

This was the first time for many years that we have used this fishery, and we had heard that it was in poor condition until taken over by the present owners. The expected weather did not materialise and it was cold with a north wind in the morning but improved later.

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The BBQ lunch was excellent with lager for those who wanted it and soft drinks for others, the tea and coffee with fresh baked cake when we finished was a bonus. This is a definite location for next year.

Summer Cup Arlington Reservoir, East Sussex.

Sunday 10th May

Fisherman	Total Fish	Total Weight	Best Fish	Position
Martyn Burrows	6	9lb 11ozs		1
Bob Sanger	3	8lb 12ozs	5lb 6ozs	2
Bob Thomson	5	8lb 8ozs		3
Tony Kaatze	2	2lb 9ozs		4
Ted How	1	1lb 14ozs		5
Jim Fulbrook	0			6
Ron Mott	0			6
Charles Beal	0			6
Bob Birchall	0			6
Ken Batchelor	0			6
Barrie Laker	0			6
Totals	17	31lb 6ozs		

Weather was good but with a cold wind which started the morning as an easterly but ended the day from the south. Very few rising fish. All of the fish were caught from the boats but Arlington Club which fished from the bank in the morning caught several. Best fish of the day was 5lb 6ozs caught by Bob Sanger which took the fly on a long cast and then went off taking Bob down to the backing.

John Clark Challenge Boringwheel, Cackle Street, Nutley

Saturday 6th June Organiser Barrie Fulbrook.

Fisherman	Total Fish	Total Weight	Best Fish	Position
Alan Purnell	4	15lb 10ozs		1
Ian Sharp	4	10lb 12ozs		2
Barrie Fulbrook	4	10lb 11ozs		3
Martyn Burrows	4	10lb 5ozs		4
Ted How	4	10lb 4ozs		5
Tony Kaatze	4	9lb 6ozs		6
Clive Sparke	4	9lb 4ozs		7
Barrie Laker	2	8lb 8ozs	7lb 0ozs	8
Jeff Smith	3	8lb 5ozs		9
Bob Sanger	2	7lb 3ozs		10
Charles Beal	4	6lb 2ozs		11
Jim Fulbrook	2	5lb 8ozs		12
Totals	41	111lb 14ozs		

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Average Bag 3.4 fish
2lb11.5oz

Average Bag Weight 9lb 5ozs

Average Fish Weight

Although weather reports were for rain it stayed dry for most of the day. Everbody caught fish but the surprise of the day was Barrie Laker on a 2 fish ticket caught a Rainbow of 7lb 0ozs. Turnout was low on 12 and some people had to leave early on 2 or 3 fish tickets.

Evening Rise Bewl Water

Saturday 20th June

This is the second year that we have tried this event and as the turnout was less than last year then I will not be looking to book it again. It is not a competition but an evening event on a Saturday as near as possible to the longest day. This means that we can take a boat out from 3pm until 9pm and hopefully catch the evening rise. Although we did not catch many fish they were there and rising, just hard to catch. One of the best parts of this is when the sailors go in at about 5pm and from then on it is quiet.

Bill King 2 Bob Sanger 1 Tony Kaatze 1
Martyn Burrows 0

John Clark Pairs Hazel Copse

Sunday 5th July Organiser Ken Batchelor

Fisherman	No.	Weight	Fisherman	No.	Weight	Pair Total	Weight Total	Pos
Martyn Burrows	0		Keith Bannerman	1	3lb 4ozs	1	3lb 4ozs	
Barrie Fulbrook	4	8lb 13ozs	Ted How	0		4	8lb 13ozs	
Bob Sanger	3	6lb 0ozs	Bob Thomson	2	4lb 8ozs	5	10lb 8ozs	
Jim Fulbrook	4	9lb 13ozs	Bob Birchall	2	5lb 5ozs	6	15lb 2ozs	
Tony Kaatze	0		Barrie Laker	4	7lb 11ozs	4	7lb 11ozs	
Jeff Smith	1	3lb 12ozs	Ken Batchelor	0		1	3lb 12ozs	
Tony Harrisson	2	7lb 2ozs	Clive Sparke	1	2lb 4ozs	2	9lb 6ozs	
Ian Sharp	2	5lb 2ozs	Mick Teague	1	2lb 0ozs	3	7lb 4ozs	
Totals						26	65lb 12ozs	

This was a new event in memory of John Clark for which there in a new cup that was given to the club by his sons. It was not the best of days to try out the pairs match, weather was warm and so was the water. Wilf had been out early and got 4 pumps going to try to cool the water and get some oxygen in it. On the day the winning pair was Jim Fulbrook and Bob Birchall with Tony Harrisson

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getting the largest fish. Wilf donated £30 prize money which was shared between Jim, Bob and Tony.

Barrie Laker was not able to fish all day due to a shoulder problem and with Wilf's permission Jim and Barrie Fulbrook caught fish for him, as you can see they are not counted in the ranking.

Sussex FDG v Crawley FF

It was decided earlier this year to hold this annual event at

Coltsford Mill on Sunday 2nd August But !!!!!

The guild who were making the booking forgot to confirm with a deposit, two people involved each thought the other had done it. Since then the venue has been booked for a wedding so we are now having our fishing event on **Sunday 9th 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 is on the notice board for names, 12 fishermen per side, top 10 bags per side count. This now clashes with AMFC Rutland so there are some spaces. If you are down for AMFC Rutland please fish with that team.

GOLD by Baz

Lets not banter around! Baz proudly holds the World championship team Gold.

After being selected last year Baz joined the lads to get up to Scotland to get to know the venues. A lot of preparation was done as the venues couldn't be fished for 60 days prior to the event.

Twenty seven teams competed in the event centred in Drymen. The venues were four lakes, Leven, Menteith, Carron and Loch Awe. The river section was on the Tay.

No practice on the venues meant fishing on other Lochs but we could fish non competition stretches of the river.

The competition was held over five sessions and after the first England lay in sixth place. Over three sessions the French were putting a big gap between themselves and the chasing pack which included England, Czech republic, Norway, Canada and others. The Welsh were pushing too but where was Scotland!

Loch Awe being 22 miles long was proving a mare for all teams as finding a fish was a bonus and also Leven was proving hard. Lots of blanks and this became a key in the fortunes.

By the last day the French were still ahead by about 40 points and the England team were in silver position with a few teams snapping close behind and the Scots had also come into the frame.

Nerves were jangling into the last session. The England had one blank and some fair results. The French had two so had heavy points but what was the score.

When the results were announced England had overturned the French advantage and taken the prized Gold! Scotland had edged into third place. Iain Barr had taken the Individual crown.

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What a performance!! The team were of course elated as this was the first team Gold since 1995! For Baz it was the final addition to his collection now having the Gold to add to Silvers and Bronzes.

Baz Reece

Flotation from Neil Nice

Trawling the web and found a website called www.justfish.co.uk who sell flotation jackets made by Fladen which caters for the fisherman. There are 2, one is £39.59 and the other is £41.73. Thought it might interest anyone who fishes from a boat.

Neil.

Club Sweatshirts

At the moment we have a number of Green and Light Grey embroidered sweatshirts in stock in M, Large and ExLarge as well as some caps. I will bring them along on Tuesdays.

Books

Bob Sanger is on the move and is turning out some high quality books on Fly Fishing , these are at the club on a Tuesday , proceeds to the club funds.

Fliers **Barrie Fulbrook**

We are in the process of producing a colour flier on the club. These are for distribution to Fisheries, Angling Shops, Libraries etc. and also for members to distribute to fishing friends, to see if we can increase our profile and membership.

Barrie

Angling Trust.

At the AGM an outstanding item from the 2008 AGM was discussed, this was that we did not have 'Public Liability Insurance'. This meant that if for some reason damages were sought from the club then the Officers of the club could be liable, also coverage is needed when we have events such as Casting Clinic on the Three Bridges Cricket Club ground which is owned by Crawley Council.

I had looked into the cost of this with an insurance broker who quoted £500 plus and suggested we got the club associated with a governing body.

I approached Salmon and Trout Association to see if it was possible to get the club as a whole associated and thereby covered, this was not possible. I also looked at Fish Legal but this was more for riparian owners.

Earlier this year a new body the Angling Trust was formed to represent all fishermen, sea, coarse and game. I found that if we joined as a club then we could get insurance through them at a very reduced rate. **Crawley Fly Fishers Club is now a member of Angling Trust.** Look it up on the Web, the site is new as is the trust but it is growing.

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Public Liability Insurance

We now have insurance via Angling Trust and broker Perkins Slade with Royal and Sun Alliance Insurance plc.

This cost the club £74. Plus the £90 membership of the Angling Trust.

Club Constitution

The Angling Trust and the Public Liability Insurance have asked to ensure our club constitution is written in line with the constitution issued by Sport England. I will be re writing our constitution in line with their requirements and then putting it to the Officers and Committee for their consent. I do not think there will be much change.

DATA Protection Act

As with many clubs we hold information on members i.e. Address, Telephone No., E-mail id etc. and this is covered under the act. I have obtained a copy of a document from Baz Reece which is used by the South Eastern Federation of Flyfishers(SEFF). This will state that we are exempt from the act but will abide by the principles. This will also be brought to the club officers and committee for their approval.

Events

The remaining club events this year are as follows

Sunday 9th August	CFF v Sussex FDG at Coltsford Mill
Sunday 6th September	Floating Line Day at Bewl Water
Sunday 27th September	Autumn Cup at Yew Tree Fishery
Sunday 25th October	Winter Cup at Chalk Springs
Sunday 15th November	Turkey Competition at Hazel Copse
Tuesday 15th December	Club Presentation and Christmas Draw.

Tony Kaatze

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