

The Low Road Angling Club

“Strong in the arm – weak in the Head”



Night Match 2008 Newsletter



Committee News

Having failed very miserably to cancel the month's committee meeting as it was so close to this year's night match, I was settling down to watch Eastenders (yeah right!) when the mobile started to bounce off the kitchen top, with 8 committee members sitting in The George getting on the hit and miss, without the Treasurer present, whatever next!!!

After a huge amount of round table conversations, the format of the night match was finally agreed, and blimey you have to think how the hell did we ever win the Falklands?? But, other items for general information are that the club's liability insurance, pit rent and affiliations have all been settled.

Please note, that in order to comply for liability insurance, you have to be a fully paid up member of the pit, or a direct accompanied guest!

Whilst at the meeting, I had my arsch severely chewed, for apparently swearing too much in the club's newsletter? Personally, I think this is völlige Eier!!! However, I do bow to pressure, and therefore, all future expletives will be written in German. Please do not forward the letter over to the local Kindergarten or we'll be in serious Scheiße!!!

URGENT NOTE:.... The lock code for all three gates will be changed on Monday 30th June, the new number is shown on the top of this page, please make a note of the code and destroy/remove it from this page...(not shown in the PDF)....Old Dave will be changing the codes, if you have any problems getting in please contact Dave or Les on 07716 835401 / 07917 020363. In addition, the lock to the club's huge metal container will be changed, new keys will be cut and provided to all committee members.....

I have to sadly report, that someone has been pilfering Mr Booth's asparagus tips from the allotment recently placed in the club car park? Now, not being a budding Monty Don, I have little knowledge to bear about this strange English vegetable, but I am reliably informed, that these can be extremely poisonous eaten within at least two years of initial growth....so, seeing that these little fichers were only 6 months old, I hope you enjoy the possibility of catching MRSA whilst being holed up in the lovely Addington hospital, you thieving schlumper!!!

All committee members were present, apart from Steve, Ali, Billy and Syd the Clown..



Night Match

The first scheduled event of the season was held on Friday 6th June in the form of the annual night match...Around 20 intrepid Isaac Walton looking creatures crawled down to pit around tea time to sample some of Chef Ali's a la carte BBQ burgers and sausages, and to get very quietly refreshed on the ample abundance of beer and wine which resembled a Boxing Day stock take at the local Threshers, but come 8am last Saturday morning, all the stock had been severely taken...

Unfortunately, the weather had been trying to hammer down all day, and with the gathering of clouds, and majority of us already there, we made an executive decision, well Old Dave did, to bring the draw and the match forward.....by an hour or so (ish). Young Leon, who had actually been at the pit since last December was first on the draw list, and somehow picked out number 1.....although no one was looking? So we all headed off in our various directions and the decision to change the times was vindicated, as the heavens opened within seconds of reaching our chosen swims for the evenings forthcoming events.....

Well, when I say events, this wasn't the feast of angling we had expected after three months of ironing and washing our hair, but then again the night match rarely produces bags of fish due to noise created around the pit (more of that later), added to the excitement of it all, or is that any thing to do with some strangely smelling Jamaican Woodbines?

The first major fish to fall was in a matter of minutes, 16lbs common to Kevin, two other carp were caught in the night hours, Old Dave hitting a 16lbs thing, although it is still unclear if this was caught and kept in a net week beforehand, and with Peter the Pike killer, bagging a 12lbs mirror late morning, and Kevin hit another 15lbs common earlier on. Someone else caught a 13lbs effort, but I don't have the details of that to date!

However, the best fish of the night (well, morning) fell to Reece, who had wandered round and around the pit all night with his head light on trying to impersonate a tube train on the Circle line! He weighed in with a beautiful fully scaled 20lbs common!....

(actually the same one that fell to a fly last summer, a pound larger this term, but was classed, somewhat wrongly then as only a mid double effort!!)

All other fish caught were small bits and bobs and even Willy was struggling to gain any real purchase on the pole, and as said many times before, if Willy struggles, we all do!!

The event results - Kevin Flack (new member) with 2 very decent Carp. Results as thus

1. Kevin (2x Carp)	29lbs	£70 (Der Kerl, der das Holz bekommt)
2. Reece	20lbs	£50 (unterirdischer Zug)
3. Dead Dave	16.2lbs	£30 (jammy glücklich)
4. Peter the Pike Killer	12lbs	£0 (Hecht-Mörder)
5. Les	4.8lbs	£0 (Herr-Schatzmeister)

On a Slightly sour note, I have to report (AGAIN) a number of complaints of un-necessary noise levels around the pit on Friday/Saturday morning. Understandably there was a lot of excitement at the start of the season, however, this doesn't excuse the volume level of some members entertaining themselves and pretty much no one else!! Some have been warned more than a few times through last season, so on behalf of the committee, this is the last chance! Enjoy, have fun, and don't take the pisse!

In addition to the ridiculous noise levels, it was also reported that friends of members (i.e. non paying members) were seen to be drinking and eating the clubs provided refreshments, this is a fishing club, not a charity!

In view of this continued behaviour at our private lake, the committee will decide at the next meeting of what action is to be taken, which will be up to and including memberships being revoked.

This is NOT just from the committee, we have had numerous complaints from many members over the past 18 months, some of who have decided not to renew their memberships in protest. This is a very disappointing start to this season, following on from 4 or 5 warnings written in this letter over the past year!



Leon and a 20lbs Mirror 07/06



Dave with a 14lbs Mirror 07/08

Both caught Saturday afternoon, Dave's fell to a float fished old bit of sweet corn he found at the bottom of his bag!.....We really need a whip round to get him some bollies!!!



2008-2009 Memberships

All memberships have now been fully taken this season, with a total of 44 main members plus 6 guest tickets. I have had a number of requests for additional memberships to be made available, but we only have 32 fishable swims and although the likelihood of getting all members there on a single occasion (of which we have more chance of pissing diesel at 1.30p a litre) we need to keep a ratio of available swims to fishermen!



Local tackle shop discount

Following the loss of Trevor's angling emporium in St Ives, the club (i.e. Steve) has negotiated with a new member (Alan) to use his bait shop in Willingham! All Club Members will gain a 10% discount on goods purchased. All you need to do is to produce your club membership card to receive your discount.

Alan's shop is located at:

"THE BAIT BOX"

Unit 2b Highgate farm (over road)
Willingham.

Please use Alan's offer rather than knocking your pipe out and spending 3 hours trying to find a package of 16 hooks to nylon (which, by the way, are situated by the Pike lures...obviously!) at Stan's in Godmanchester.....

BTW....can someone let me know where Willingham is?

Apparently, our match secretary Baz uses this shop regularly, but please don't be put off because he never catches anything, it really hasn't got anything to do with the tackle on offer there, just that useless ficker on the other end of the pole!!!

Please Note, the next Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st July @19.00 in The George, it is important that ALL committee members attend. If you cannot attend, please let Dave or Les know prior to the night.