

The Low Road Angling Club

"Strong in the arm – weak in the Head"



July-August 2008 Newsletter

NEXT MATCH HAMPTON'S CUP 13th September 08@00-13@00
07:45 Draw Gravel or Car Park



Club Newsletter

Can I please point out, that this club newsletter is a collated reflection of all activities and stories with regards to our club, gained from our fellow committee and club members! These are NOT a personal reflection from the near dyslexic author of the newsletter as to others use of the lake or club. This letter is intended to offer up to date news on the clubs activities, matches, catches, etc and then some light hearted news of tales from around the pond.....don't take it personally!



Committee News

The committee met early this month in what was a bumper turn out, all but one of the committee attended, with an array of non committee club members present. PN...all members are invited to attend the monthly meetings, and are given a forum at the end of proceedings.

Next Meeting Tuesday 2nd September 19:00 The George

Items' covered on the evening:-

- Lilly/Weed Cull
 - Progressing well, most swims fully fishable now
- Platform Re-building
 - Ongoing, but again most swims are now safe, 3 or 4 to be finished before winter draws in
- Sandbank Levelling
 - Kevin has offered to flatten the pit end of gravel bank (3-4m)
 - Ali to agreed the works with Steve
 - Need to gain an understanding of any costs to the club funds
- Gate
 - Continued complaints of the gate being left open
 - Please DO NOT leave the gate unlocked, even if your fishing buddy is only just filling his face in MacDonald's
- Guests
 - Contrary to the report in the last newsletter, it has agreed that we will allow guests, but will expect members to respect that this is a private club and to treat the privilege with respect. Payment should be made to any committee member either on the day, or next time you see one down there. We all just need to be honest with this, or the privilege will be withdrawn.

- New Boat
 - It has become apparent, that the old punt is about to meet it's maker, and in that that we need to start to look to source a new boat/punt to service the lake. Steve said he had found a second hand boat for sale on Graffham Water, so we may have an option there for the new season. (no steaming up and down The Ouse In it either)



Middle Side Gate

It was noted that the middle side gate opposite the nurseries, has a gap bigger than the current UK import/export differential on both sides, giving the locally 3 stone Polish community the chance to belly dance sideways in for a bit of netting for a nice Sunday Carp lunch. Suggestion was that we either renew each side with wire meshing, or use big Ali charge of "board the fozte up" Maybe we should opt for the first route?



Lake Materials

Big Ali, has stated that we need to use him to purchase building materials for the lake, as he gets such a huge discount on these. However, there are times when we need certain materials in a hurry, so we will have to play this one by ear, to an as and when scenario.



Shed (hmmmm....Fishing Lodge)

I ain't kidding either.....Again, Big Ali (having taken over the meeting by now) was in full flow, and is suggesting we install a "Fisherman's Lodge" at the lake. Now, knowing Ali, this isn't going to be one these 6-8' B&Q efforts, but will be something the size of South Folk, with Balconies and hanging baskets, pictures and large armchairs for the lads to sit and use when the weather hits hard. The suggestion as to where to plot this thing is roughly where the hankie was last year using the gravel that Kevin is digging out as a base nearby. Steve needs to agree, but worst case, it would make good firewood for the bonfire in November, or house a few Slovaks in the meantime?



Gudgeon Match

Apparently, only 4 anglers made it to Dead Man's Bend for the annual Gudgeon Match on what looked like a lovely day for it. I couldn't make it, but on all accounts Jon and James started like trains with an armful of pinkey's and a bag of crumb, and proceeded to bag up. Ali and Vinny trailed in behind with a bag full of everything but (Perch, Roach, Chub etc) but were never going to catch the intrepid pair.....well not with lobworms anyway!

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| 1 st Jon | 42 (club record) |
| 2 nd James | 21 |
| 3 rd Ali | 8 |
| 4 th Vinny | 1 |

So for the second year running and with a new record Jon gets his name on the lovely little cup....come on chaps these guys need a decent challenge next year, there's only two different names on the cup in bloody five years



Club Matches

You really have to think if Baz is pissing in the wind organising matches for no one to attend, we have an array of historic cups (somewhere in the village) that we can have all sorts of matches to take place (Rudd, Tench, Pike, etc) so not only the Carp heads win every time? So, we need to know if we need to carry on the club matches. Daniel suggests a new format in a poker and fishing match (probably in the new shed?) Poker though the evening, which will determine your swim, and then a morning match for whatever? Hmmmm