

LES MONTHLY



A monthly newsletter composed for Hamptons - LRAC Club Members Attempting to contain News & views on Fishing, Politics, Society, Culture and some other irrelevant Bollocks! - from our resident fishing Guru - Les Millross

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CONGRATULATIONS - JAMES WOODROFF



Congratulations to James!!!!!!

Taken from the Angling Times October 25th 2011

The 33lb specimen is one of the reservoirs biggest!

James Woodroff was finally rewarded for more than a decade of exploring the depths of Cambridgeshire's Grafham Water with a stunning 33lb pike! The new personal best was the pick of a trio of big fish taken by the 42 year old during a brilliant morning's fishing on the 1,600-acre Anglian Water-owned reservoir, with pike of 20lb 5oz and 21lb 8oz also falling to the St Ives, Cambs-based angler.



Strong in the Arm...
.....Weak in te head.....

LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS



Hamptons Cup

Well, if last year's turnout was slightly on the low side, this year's scheduled annual event was even lower than a snakes arse! In normal Ryder Cup terms, if no one beats last year's winner, then in my opinion, the holder should therefore retain the cup? But, I suppose I would say thateven though I won by a country mile!!

Still, I bow to pressure, and a new date will be arranged for the last competition of the year. This will now be held on March 17th and 18th. Please check the website for any changes or contact me directly.

Fur and Feather

After missing two years fishing, through stupidity and weather, we have given ourselves a sporting chance of fishing and shooting, by pulling the event in by 4 weeks, in the hope that we can avoid the pit looking like a scene from 71 Degrees North.

OK, it will still be cold but should be fish-able, and were arranging with The Black Bank shoot, the guns and clays for what is expected to be a lovely day.

We have two proposed dates to be confirmed, Saturday 3rd or Saturday 10th December again check the website once posted for date and times.

The will give all our members a chance to sample the wonderful new lodge on the banks off the pit and motions are in place to provide food and drink. There will be a fairly small charge to cover the clays, traps, etc. This event is open to all and guests.

Pike Match

It has been suggested that we hold a PIKE match at the pit. This was mainly due to the fact that Parker spotted a rather large pike lurking at an unnamed swim just a few weeks back. Now, if, and probably when, this is confirmed a tree trunk you have been warned. In typical Parker style, this tree, sorry Pike, was said be anything from a Jack to a zoo creature. There is a small head of Pike in the pit, and it should be an interesting morning. This will take place on **Saturday 19th November at 08.00.**

Poles and Lures

I am sorry to report, that one of our intrepid committee members, who is always on the lookout, following his 49 years military training as a masked assassin, spotted something very disturbing last month at the pit.

As normal, this guy is always extra vigilant, and should never be approached without adequate protection, as he can kill at a ease, if asked for a spare chocolate biscuit (you have been warned!!) So, Basildon Bond (he has letters after his name) produced a 2' length of wire trace, which he had found attached to a tree, via a braided line.

This contraption, had around 4-5 treble hooks, a spoon spinner and a plastic lure at the end. Worse was to come, as BB retrieved this for the lake, hooked onto this was a 6-8lbs Catfish, barely alive so much so, that this fish had to be destroyed.

It can only be assumed; that the trebles were baited up, as it's is very doubtful a Catfish would take a static spoon. This is not unusual in our area, but is fairly unusual in our lake.

So, bottom line here is, if you are fishing at the lake, please just keep an eye out for anything suspicious, and report anything back to the committee, in order to keep our fish healthy and in a safe environment.

However, this does NOT include anyone turning into 'Two Can Van Dam' and confronting every Eastern European or Pikey between Fen Drayton and Wisbeach!!!

Can if you want, but on your own.....



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Guest Interview

I had the dubious pleasure of interviewing Chris Geeson, who is an excellent angler and club secretary of St Ives Fishing club. During this task, I have also asked if any of our Members could fish a couple their waters, which doesn't seem to be a problem.

Interview with Chris Geeson St Ives Angling Club Secretary

Age - Post Dinosaur pre computer

Weight - doesn't matter big enough to remove anyone's head who mentions it

Feet - Two and I can still touch them if someone cuts them off and gives them to me

Occupation - Serial coffee drinker and verbal abuser of Les and his work ethic, has anyone EVER seen this man working????

Car - because I love it, a brand spanking new Nissan GTI, so fast it can perform face lifts without surgery

House - plenty big enough and yes I have turned into a housewife (I think it's a Bivvy?)

How long a member of St Ives angling Club - Unbelievably due to boyish good looks, 40 plus years, joined from the womb obviously, now club Secretary, why, because I was the last one to the previous club secretary's funeral

First fishing experience - Dad took me to the local pond in Sawtry when I was about 5 I had a few Perch, Roach and Rudd and that was that hooked for life

Best Fish ever - A toss up between a 2lb 12oz Roach a 3lb 14oz Perch and a 1lb 1oz Dace Oh and a fat bloke who stood behind me on the Homes Meadow when I was about 17 who I hooked up the nose

Worse fish ever - This was not me but a bloke called Senior Sicknote, Mick Andrews, one of the match anglers at St Ives, fishing in Jones boatyard senior lip hooked a dead 2lb Tench and wondered why the fight was not so great, this set off a great deal of piss taking as this is the anglers position usually on such things.

Most important fishing tip ever given - Lots really as a match angler, always fish to the end of the match you never know, learn how to read the water, seek advice from those who have fished areas before that you have not, copy good habits from other anglers, concentrate.

One thing never to forget to take fishing - Your brain

Best days fishing - A long while ago in the Sailing lake at St Ives 26 Roach over 1lb, 6 over 2lb with the biggest weighing 2lb 6oz and later the same day when the Roach went a dozen quality Perch between 2 and 3lb, A local angler called Bernard Adams witnessed my catch and came the next day and had 81 fish all over 1lb mainly Roach. I haven't seen any off those types of fish since. 1 15lb in a match on the Big Meadow opposite Nobles Field the river was in flood and our river when flooded is full of Bream. Suffice to say we need a flood urgently

Worst days fishing - God where do I start, broken Rods broken Poles missed my keep net with a 6lb plus Tench in a match and yes people did laugh, falling in the river down Meadow Lane and not going home as father wanted to fish the match and said the sun was out I would be alright shame about the -3 degrees of frost still all character building.

Things to do when fishing - concentrate on what you are doing not what others are doing, think, take 10 minutes before the match starts to read the water and plan accordingly, be confident, prepare well, practice if possible.

Guest Interview - Cont:

Things not to do - St Ives anglers have a history of forgetting stuff ranging from bait to keep nets, landing nets etc to date no one has forgotten their rods but it wouldn't surprise me. Add then the opposite to the "things to do" column and you should be completely useless by then

Have you ever been caught short on the bank - A good angler always carries a toilet roll however the previous Secretary of the St Ives club often had to "go" mid match and one day on the Dolphin Meadow with a nice low fog about 4 feet off the ground thought this would give him perfect cover for his dump, unfortunately the wind got up just as he was mid action so to speak to reveal him in all his glory.

If you could fish anywhere in the world where and why - For the experience probably somewhere off Florida for deep sea Sailfish, Marlin etc just to say I have had one on even if it took me waterskiing rather than me landing the thing.

Biggest fish - Not that big really as I am not a specimen man, probably a Pike about 18lb

Smallest fish - Took the family away for a holiday on the Welsh borders on a river full of minnows, 4 whips 4 kids with no idea how to take a fish off or bait a hook, 400 minnows between them in two hours and one completely knackered father who never wants to see a minnow again

Overall experience of Hampton's lake - Very pretty and extremely well kept, five of the St Ives guys fished it as match anglers and we caught around 40-50lb of silver fish between us including a few Perch.

Committee

Next Meeting will be held in The Lake Lodge, 19.30 Tuesday 6th December All are welcome to attend..

FREE ADS?

Got anything you want to sell?
Old fishing tackle not being used?
sell it online at Hamptons website or let us stick it in the newsletter for you?

Places to fish? Destinations?

Know of any, please give us the feedback to help others in the club...?
We can then put places, locations maps etc and even what has been caught at these places online or in the news!!

What about even talking to members seeing where you want to go and go as a club??

LRAC Merchandise

New club merchandise now available!
Mush sold already, but please contact us with your requirements..

They incorporate this years coloured logo.

Don't hesitate to contact the committee.

Prices - Hoodies £21
Polo's - £16
TShirts - £12.50

**WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE
THE NEXT GUEST INTERVIEW WITH NEXT?
WHAT QUESTIONS WOULD YOU PUT TO THEM?**

Get in touch and let us know..

Polite notice - As a committee trying to get club members involved seems a little tricky at times so we have come up with the idea of this new newsletter/magazine to inform you of what's going on, when and where. But we would love your thoughts and possible input...This is supposed to be light hearted banter, so if you don't like it...you know what you can do....

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