

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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9lb Bream
Adam Harvey



Breaking News

Well sort of breaking news!!! - To Cod and Back....very quickly, well sort off!

After months, maybe even years, of waiting, it was time to head to wonderful picturesque town of Southwold in Suffolk, in the pursuit of the lovely Cod. Having sailed these waters before, we had bagged up 2 years ago, when on a horrific day, we were thinking of heading out at the end of June the weather maybe a little different.....dream on!!!

What can only be described as a dreadful morning, eight angler's headed off at sparrow fart (that's early) in absolutely torrential rain. There were ducks paddling around the clock tower in souwe'ster, it was that awful! On arrival at the harbour, a good two hours from setting out, the car was very clean, but on entering Southwold, the omens didn't look good! We perched ourselves on the boat, which was strangely bobbing up and down on the mooring, and lookout to sea.....not good!

Nigel, the skipper, looks very apprehensive and just kept shaking his head. So, a decision had to be made. It was deemed reasonable enough to take a chance and head out to sea, but on doing so, we slammed into a 20' swell 2 yards off the harbour entrance with Nigel was still shaking his head. After about 15 minutes, and seeing as we were heading to around 30 miles off of Amsterdam, the skipper called it quits and headed back, and it was the only sensible move of the day!

So, at 6.45, we retired back to the cars, are fishing dreams in tatters, and headed back towards Fenstanton. In the back of my car, I had a London black cab driver, a Policeman and complete looney!

All of them fast asleep.....when one (the copper) opened his eyes, I asked if we go straight on or bear left, "straight on" was the reply and he promptly went back to sleep.

The next turn off was Stansted.....

How I got there, I have no clue! Bottom line here was, it was my diesel so I can go where I like.....

Gudgeon Match

The annual Gudgeon match took place last month, on a fairly chilly summer's morning, but, after the flooded water last year, the Ouse looked spot on. In all, six were present to fish for the wily Gudgeon, and James, as normal moved into pole position, Steve and Jon did their level best to keep up and match him, it was very close to the wire. Whether the introduction of bacon rolls, served up by David Mead had any influence on the outcome, God only knows. Adam 'Pie's' Harvey decided to join the mayhem, but his choice of tackle, probably didn't help that much, he was disqualified about 8 times during the event.

Now, if you are going Gudgeon fishing, unlike Pie's, don't take a 7' shark rod, 90 braid and a size 2 hook. After spending an age, and choring fishing equipment, he did eventually catch a fish, well, we think it was a fish, but in general they are born bigger than that!!!

The Gudgeon were some unknown reason proving very difficult, and the match was closed down at 09.30, and won by James.

Now, currently, after 7 years, there are two only names engraved on the cup, James and Jon, and a non event (last year's flood).... So we need some more competition next year! After the match, all retired to the Tap Room, only because it the only place open at 09.30, and then onto the Ollie, where the local Hunt came through, which was lovely to see, the fact that I got lost for two hours following them, is neither here or there!! (there seems to be a pattern emerging here?)

2011 Gudgeon Match Result

James 3

Jon and Steve 2 apiece

Les 1

Henry, Pie's and Chris 0 apiece

Hampton's Cup Reminder

The Clubs Annual Hampton's Cup match will take place on Saturday 27th August starting: 07.30 through to around 12.00.

As club members, please make an effort to attend, this is normally a lovely morning's fishing and you can fish for anything! There's a big cup up for grabs, and a small one for junior's.

There will be a small levy just for interest, and a retreat to some local hostel for a beer....strange that!

Guests and Guest Tickets

With regards to the above, we have a suspected problem.....

As the owner has restricted any huge increase in the membership charge over the last few years, we now have a big issue with the size of fish available in our fairly lake. If word gets out that there are this level of fish available to be caught, we will be swamped by carp and cat heads from all over the parish and beyond.

To fish any off the St Ives lakes would take you back the thick end of £500, so if these boys and girls get wind, we will have a problem. If they want to join, fine, we can accommodate that, but what we can't do, is to constantly take friends there.

So, decision is, if you have a friend coming down or up for the weekend, or a young lad who wants to try his hand at fishing, that fine, as long as they offer a small levy to the club.

However, if we have some constantly fishing as a guest, that is not expectable.

Committee Meeting

Next Meeting will be held in The George, 19.30 Tuesday 6nd September

All are welcome to attend..



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

Don't you just love Fly fishing.....



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 many, 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

AWAITING FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS ON BEST DESTINATIONS TO FISH!

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 whats 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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