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Newsletter of the Colchester Piscatorial Society

May 2018

AGM:

The Colchester Piscatorial Society's Annual General Meeting will be held at Colchester Rugby Club Mill Road CO4 5JF on Thursday 24th May 2018 starting at 7.30pm. All members are welcome to attend, food and drinks will be available during the break. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for the donated prizes from our local tackle shops.

Signing on night:

The club signing on evening will also be held in the **Rugby Club** starting at approximately **7.00 pm on the 24th May 2018** for those that wish to go along for a pint and a chat with colleagues, please do not drink and drive.

Bucbricks Complex & Langham Ponds:

A reminder for the 2018 season that these venues will be available to fish on both complex throughout the CPS traditional close season, In other words fish for 12 months, However there will be no matches planned for this period of time and the **use of Keepnets will be banned** to give the fish a rest from net damage they may suffer.

Working parties will still take place on these waters and will be listed as always on the fixture list as usual, any other work to be done on these waters will have a notice placed on the gates and will not be available for fishing. Please take note.

Club Secretary's Report:

Yet again it has been a very busy year for CPS, over the past 9 months a considerable number of Rudd up to 1lb have been introduced in the Langham complex.

Also the Environment Agency gave us 200 prime Crucian Carp in December averaging around 8 inch which also went into Langham 1 and in January £1000.00 of Tench approximately 1.5lb also went into Langham 1 via a donation.

Over the past 8 months the owners of the Bucbricks complex have carried out extensive work regarding the water levels being held at a more constant level. This consequently has meant a large amount of work to be carried out to ensure these waters were made safe for fishing with swims repaired / replaced. This work was carried out by 4 volunteers during the winter months and is still ongoing. The club is very much in their debt for their fantastic work.

Much work has also been carried out on the River stretch by 2 volunteers which has brought in several new members to the club.

Our relationship with the Environment Agency continues to be very good and their help over the past 12 months very much appreciated, in particular Ben Norrington, Andy Ward and Tom Howard.

The clubs Website has continued to be very successful over the past year with many 'hits'. Please contact me for any inclusions.

Overall it has been a very successful season with much work carried out all the year round, but as ever new volunteers are always much appreciated.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy and productive new season.

Peter Oliver

P.S. Please try to come to the AGM, where more information will be available.

Coarse Angling Report:

Once again we are at the end of another fishing season that has shown some very good weights from our waters which can only be a good thing for the future of fishing within C.P.S. Pondhouse has seen weights in excess of 100lb to match anglers, with the juniors that fished pushing close to 70lb of fish.

Bucbricks 2 continues to give up some good weights also for those that fish this water, the night match produced a weight of 70-5-0 Of bream, skimmers and roach and the matches on here regularly catch 20lb + to most anglers. Bream of 4lb + were still being caught during the month of January to different anglers.

The river at Black barn has also fished very well during the two memorial matches held there with weights of between 12 -14lb and some good backup weights also.

The evening matches on Bucbricks 3 are a good short session match if you would like to get involved with skimmers tench ,crucians and roach to be had. It is fair to say most if not all the waters have fished well and the extra fish in Langham ponds will no doubt help to raise the profile of this venue in the new season.

The **Coronation Bowl** this year has been booked on Ardleigh Reservoir Provisionally for 15 pegs along the yacht club bank, it will be held on the 22nd July at £6.00 per head, Could I ask that should you wish to attend you let Dave Pilsworth know as soon as possible to get the numbers finalised, this can be seriously good Bream and Roach fishing both on the tip and waggler / pole.

Sea Angling Report:

Another season over and the wind blew less and all the boat competitions were fished on the correct date and new faces appeared on the boats, let's have more.
Lots and lots of Thornbacks were caught with many double figure fish. The Tope proved to be elusive during the D Saunders Memorial match though two smashing Bass were landed alongside plenty of Smooth hounds.
So with great expectations we entered the Cod fishing season, we are still expecting. Only a few small Codling were landed however the seas were full of Whiting and the Thornbacks continued to give good sport.
As a conservation measure for the Beach match the length of caught fish were recorded before being released.
I must add a well done to Mark Sessions for landing a 47lb Stingray, it is good to see these fish returning to our shores.

Mark White

Estates Officer's Report:

Well once again it has been another hard year with work ongoing on all the clubs waters including the river stretch.

Bucbricks Complex.

As you may know work has been ongoing within Bucbricks 2 and 3 throughout the winter by a small contingent of match anglers within the club.

I as estates officer was asked to let these guy's take over the maintenance of the two lakes after the new pipe had been laid by the new owners of the sand quarry to divert water from BB2 direct into BB3 with a switch valve to top up 2 as and when required and so you will notice the water level is now at a more reasonable height and the majority of swims are now again more comfortable to fish from.

Could I ask that the pipe running along the roadside footpath within the complex is left well alone please.

Bucbricks 1 is now getting cleaner water into the lake as the new owners have created a new silt pond from the washings but is obviously too late for the early pegs 1- 5 which have been silting up for years and are now roped off, also the scaffold swims have been removed as they were getting dangerous but also too high from the water level and new swims have been put in place to allow anglers to fish.

Glebe Farm.

Not a lot to report on this fishery, no weed has been showing but straw bales were put around the edge of the lake as we had blue/green algae showing over the winter and this will hopefully help to get rid of it.

Pondhouse.

Work is still going on at this venue but mainly trying to make the path wider in places and keeping on top of the litter still being left behind.

Langham Ponds.

As you may know this complex is starting to fish well, pond 1 has seen an influx of Rudd, Tench and Crucian carp put in over the year.

Work is still ongoing throughout the year (never stops) but this year has seen Anti slip paint being used on both bridges making access a lot safer and has definitely worked over this winter.

River Stretch.

This year I have set up a team who are looking after the River stretch from behind Langham 3 down to Stratford Mill Pool, they are doing a very good job of the strimming on this stretch and we have total access all through the length.

Many thanks to Barry Took, Simon Meadows and Keith Nixon for looking after this.

General Items:

Could you all please try to remember when entering / leaving a water that you do not put the lock too tight on the chain as some people have found it hard to gain entry and also puts a strain on the padlock which do not come cheap to replace when damaged. Many thanks for all the help this last year and it would be good to see some new faces on a Sunday morning helping at the work parties. Please also remember to take your litter home thanks.

Tight Lines John Simpson.

P.S

Do you have contacts that would be able to give the club any old scaffold poles/boards, Decking boards or any other usefull material that could be used for swim / platform maintenance please. If so please contact me to get something arranged for collection or delivery to Langham ponds lockup. Thankyou.

COLCHESTER PISCATORIAL SOCIETY SPECIMEN FISH FORM

SPECIES:..... VENUE:..... WEIGHT:..... DATE:.....

MEMBERS NAME:.....

WITNESSED BY (Signature):.....

NAME AND ADDRESS OF WITNESS:.....

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Hon. Sec Mr Peter Oliver 87 New Farm Road Colchester CO7 6SJ.