



# Sussex Branch Newsletter



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## SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE – RENEWAL FORMS ENCLOSED

Please note subscriptions to both the Branch and the Main Guild were due on September 1st. Enclosed you will find a renewal form, which please complete and return with your cheque to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Those of you who pay the Main Guild sub. by bankers order send only the Branch portion of the subscription. You will note that the Branch subscription has been increased by £3, following several years of holding it static. This is necessary to maintain reserves and provide new equipment, cover increased costs of speakers, rent and so-on.

## PROGRAMME FOR 2002/3

Also enclosed with this newsletter is the Programme for both the tying courses and, on the reverse, speakers for the coming season. It is worth reminding everyone that the courses are not rigidly set in stone – if you want to sit in on a particular demo then feel free to do so. Similarly, the “free table” for the “masterclass” is for anyone to sit and tie, and to ask questions of and for assistance from others if required. Indeed, it is also for there for you show your own expertise and short-cuts for the benefit of others. Let's all have a go!!

## FLASH! PROGRAMME CHANGE CHARITY PAIRS AT BEWL

Due to the clash of date with the Countryside March on 22nd September, we have changed the date to **6th October.** All those already entered will be contacted, but more entries are wanted so please ring :

**Tim Albright on 01903 816393**

Tim will arrange boat partner if required and advise details of arrangements – including how to pay the entry fee of £29!

## GAVIN HUNTER – TOP ROD OF ENGLAND YOUTH TEAM



It's that man again! Gavin Hunter overcame difficult conditions (flat calm and hot and sunny with little or no wind) to head the victorious England team in the Youth International at Rutland on 7th August. Gavin won the Welsh Water Authority Trophy for the heaviest individual bag, as well as the team gold medal for winning the Tom Bilson International Rose Bowl. Scotland came second (mixed feelings for Eric, no doubt!) and Ireland third.

Two practice days were held before the event and team discussions on tactics were held, with fly-tying sessions to produce those winning patterns. (Maybe Gavin will share some of them with us on tying nights!).

Fishing for England is both time and money consuming – the last newsletter outlined some of the commitments involved, and adding to these World Qualifiers in April at Eyebrook (with a practice day before), team practice days at Rutland in July followed by a “Top Rod” competition between the Senior and Junior England teams, Gavin is grateful to his parents for all the back-up they have given. Whilst I am sure Eric enjoyed some fishing whilst transporting Gavin around, team sponsorship only goes so far!

Now Gavin is off to university to study Rural Affairs and Water Management and we all wish him well, and great future in the fishing world!

## ALBERT HORNE

Albert has sent a fine “thank you” letter to the Branch for his 80th birthday presents. Those who were at the Dinner saw him presented with a monogrammed fishing vest, and at the birthday lunch given by Sussex SATA he was given an engraved tumbler and a bottle of “pussers” rum from the Branch also. Together with the other gifts of rum and scotch, with another matching tumbler from SATA, Albert will no doubt develop a true “nautical roll” !!

## “TIGHTLINES 2002”

Due to an administrative cock-up we did not man a stand at the very successful show at Passies Pond. Whilst it was almost exclusively for coarse fishing, great interest is being shown in fly-fishing for coarse fish, and this is a possible area for recruitment of new members. We will be at the Tightlines 2002 at Ardingly on 21/22 September – volunteers to man the stand for half a day or more please contact Roy Gurney. Last year’s show was very good, although mainly coarse fishing, but there is likely to be a greater presence of fly-fishing this year.

## Find the missing letters – A?R?L?

A little bird tells me that a number of persons took advantage of some special offers of a certain brand of fly-line at the Game Fair. The dreaded “cork-screw” effect seems to have taken its toll, and most are now consigned to garden use, despite much stretching to straighten them! No doubt the auction will have a some unwanted clock-springs!

## Trout Fisherman European Open

Chris Nunn has provided a few more details of the result. On a very hard day, Alex Rainbow took 4 fish for 7lb 7oz, Chris Nunn 3 for 6lb 10oz. Aubrey Wooton and Joseph Holmes had 2 each and Martin Clark one. The team was placed 8th (by a whisker) out of 12, but well ahead of the four below them. A very creditable result bearing in mind the very high quality of the field (Bob Barden only managed two!). FDG London Branch came third to Meridian and Fulling Mill.

**DON'T FORGET TO LET PAUL OR ROY  
HAVE YOUR “BIG FISH” ENTRIES**

## DUNCTON – BBQ & Competition

The Branch outing to Duncton is on **29th September**. There are still some places available for this very enjoyable event at £35 for 4 fish ticket and barbecue included. There are trophies to be won for best bag, best fish and best brown, tiger or brook trout. Come and meet up with everyone by contacting Peter Winder at Lagoon Bait & Tackle (01273 415879) or at home – 01273 416766.

**LAST CHANCE —BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

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## FLY-BOXES and Dubbing Boxes

The Branch have obtained some Wheatley fly-boxes at a very advantageous price. Only limited numbers available at £7.50 each – great value, so please see Roy Gurney on tying nights, or ring 01273 506184.

In addition, in the near future we are obtaining a supply of Gordon Griffiths’ Synthetic Dubbing “Selection Boxes” at a “knock-out” price of £8.50. Each box contains a range of fifteen coloured synthetic dubbings, and normally retails at around £12. With luck, these will also be available from the first tying night – see Roy also.

## ROD RAFFLE 2002/3

**Jack Juppy** will be running this favourite this year, and is pleased to advise the main prize will be a **£450 Orvis rod**. This will be on display on the first tying night when Jack will be chasing all (paid up) members to stake their claims! Tickets are as usual £1 and secondary prizes will be of the same high standard as in previous years. The draw will be made at the Annual Dinner in April.

## John Watt Competition, Graffham

Peter Buss led our two teams in the Guild competition with very creditable placings in the top ten (possibly 4th and 6th). The weather couldn’t make up its mind whether to be sunny or cloudy, but the wind decided to blow – if you weren’t in a sheltered bay it was like fishing the North Sea – very uncomfortable. Ron Lusardi of London (a very well-known competition angler) has best bag of seven fish, so Peter’s four fish for 11 lb was a fine effort. Alex Rainbow had 3, and some other Sussex members 2 apiece. The rest blanked, in company with many others – some teams blanked entirely! London Branch were the winners, and full results will be published in the *Flydresser* in due course. Peter also relates an amusing incident in the pub the night before:

“The landlady had warned them that her new barmaid was (a.) very pretty, (b.) very French and (c.) very barmy. She added she was also a hypochondriac so on no account were we to tell her Alex was a doctor.

“When a woman tells a man he must NOT do something the inevitable happens, especially after the throat muscles have been well lubricated. I would not dream of telling tales or mentioning names but someone (IT WAS TIM) told the barmaid Alex was a doctor. She dropped what she was holding (I forget who it belonged to) and raced out from behind the bar like a rat from a drain pipe. She stood in front of Alex and raised her T-shirt to show him her rash. The rest of us could see no rash, and believe me we were looking VERY closely. Ever the professional, Alex told her she had.....and came out with some technical or Latin word.

“That barmaid was the happiest girl in the country – she DID have something wrong with her, and a DOCTOR had told her so!!

“As Alex sat down to breakfast the next morning the barmaid appeared and up came her T-shirt as she explained to him the rash was still there!”

(No wonder he only got three fish that day!!!)