



Sussex Branch Newsletter



OCTOBER 2005

ANNUAL DINNER – 12th NOVEMBER 2006

The Annual Dinner will be held at the Dyke Golf Club on Saturday 12th November, 7.30 pm for 8 pm. The timing of this has been changed to enable new members to meet old as well as celebrate the end of the fishing and the start of the tying!

There will be a few trophy presentations, mainly for the fish caught over this season, and of course Jim White's famous raffle with some spectacular prizes. Dress is informal.

Tickets are £18.50 per head, available from John Burt or any committee member – John's address is Old School House, South Street, Falmer, East Sussex, BN1 9PQ, and 'phone 01273 695164

APPLICATION FORM FOR TICKETS ENCLOSED/ATTACHED

Big Fish Competitions

Last chance to submit your entries. Please confirm any already made are on record!! Get your new ones in as soon as possible.

To remind you, the categories are:

Best fish from Sussex water

Best fish from Sussex reservoir (including Bewl)

Best brown from Sussex water

Best brown from Sussex reservoir or river.

The closing date is 31st October 2005 and trophies will be presented at the Dinner.

Game Fair 2006 – Broadlands

Enclosed or attached is a booking form for the coach trip organized by Paul Bond. Please get yours completed and back to him URGENTLY as demand is heavy, and seats limited!

This is a great day out for the other half too, so let's hope we see you there.

Tackle Fair – 16th October

Brian Hendry, Phillip Ellis and Roy Gurney duly did their stuff demonstrating at this show, Brian in particular attracting much attention with his salt water flies. Several of our members came to view and chat but it was a good opportunity to meet with others to share views on fly fishing and tying – who knows we may have some converts!

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This promises to be one of best ever – already we have nearly 200 lots with some quality items, so get your items listed and entered as soon as possible. The sooner you get them in, the easier it is for me to compile the catalogue.

There are some great items already in for those wanting to build up their tying kit, as well as some first class fishing tackle, etc.

Charity Pairs Competition

Sunday 9th October dawned misty, still with the promise of a hot day. There was not a breath of wind as the competitors assembled at the fishing lodge. In all nineteen boats were sent off at 9.00am in the search for the elusive rainbow trout of Bewl Water. The water was so low there was no need for Hi D lines and top of the water was the order of the day. By lunchtime when we assembled in the mud which was once The Nose, each boat had only managed a couple of fish. The afternoon proved to be just as difficult with clouds scurrying past in the freshening breeze. By 4.30 everyone was ready to give the award to the reservoir, but some good fish had been caught.

The results were as follows:

1. N. Govett/T Bourne - 9 fish to 16lb 15 oz
2. R. Mills/R Shaw - 7 fish to 15lb 11oz

The winning Sussex team was Chris Croucher and Ian Dunk with 7 fish to 13lb 11oz.

Our thanks go to the staff of Southern Water for all their hard work. Nigel Govett reports that there was just under £130 in the envelope so his Branch will make it up to £150 and send it to British Heart Foundation.

All in all an enjoyable day for all.



Branch Outing – Duncton

Once again a good day was had by all, and many thanks due to Peter Winder for organising, especially to Diana who provided the excellent lunch, and not forgetting Bill Smith who also aided and abetted! Fishing was not easy, and most success was to be had on the new lake, where the fish had depth available to keep cool. The weather was fine and sunny, becoming very warm.

Heaviest bag went to Peter Winder with 23lb 10oz, with Ian Dunk runner-up with 17lb 4oz. Bill Smith managed 15lb 10oz. Bill took the best fish with an 8lb rainbow (although Peter had a 10lb one in his best bag!) Best brown trout went to Ray Love with 2lb 1oz, and Peter Buss had one of 1lb 12oz on a dry daddy.

Most successful method was an intermediate or sinking line with a countdown of 60 – the water was very clear allowing targeting of big fish which were very deep.

South of England Autumn Show

Sadly we were forced to withdraw from this due to a back injury to our stalwart, Brian Hendry, and lack of other volunteers to man the stand, albeit at short notice.

It seems to fall on the shoulders of the same few willing horses to cover these events, though on this occasion there were difficulties due to the late notice. Demonstrating is not taxing and you don't have to be a star tyer – the public are always fascinated and it is a great opportunity to recruit new members. The shows are generally great fun and at least you get in free! Don't be afraid to volunteer next time!

Jonathon Glover Trophy

Over the next few weeks you will be pestered to vote for your choice for this year's recipient of the above cup – awarded to the member who has given outstanding service to the Branch. The last three winners are not eligible, and they are Brian Hendry (2004), Jack Jupp (2003) and Roy Gurney (2002). Your nominations, please, to the Chairman, Alan Middleton, the Secretary, Paul Bond or to the Editor as soon as possible – voting slips will be issued later with the short list. The trophy will be presented at the AGM on 15th December.

Tony Herbert

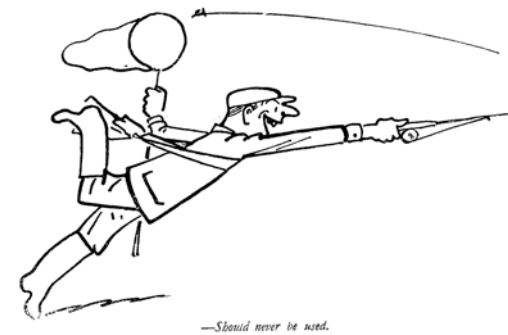
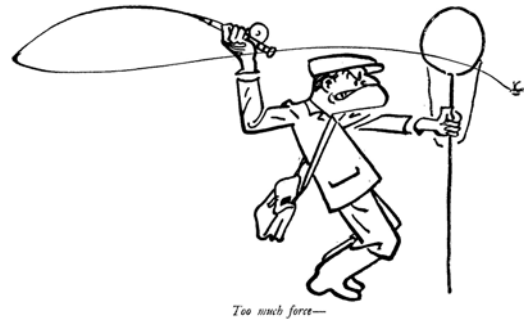
It is with great sadness we have to advise the death of Tony following a long illness which he characteristically bore bravely and with great humour. He will be remembered especially for his expertise in operating the video and projection equipment at fly-tying demonstrations, and he will be greatly missed.

Articles Wanted

No, this is not a plea for items for the auction or a jumble sale. You must have noticed the last couple of editions of this Newsletter have been rather thin – your Editor has run into a writer's block, and we are desperate to have YOUR interesting articles for publication. The subject can be anything vaguely to do with fishing or fly-tying – be it your favourite fly, misadventure on the river bank, or whatever. Let me have your contributions and keep the interest of the Newsletter high. We have had some excellent pieces from a few regulars and whilst more from them is welcomed, even more welcome would be new faces!

Congratulations!

...to **Phillip Ellis** who passed the casting examination this week-end and is now a qualified Game Angling Coach.



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