



Sussex Branch Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2007

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Tony Hern

20th September 2007

Our speaker on the first night of the new "season" will be Tony Hern from Albury Estates Fisheries. He will be giving us an insight into fishery management, and then tie some flies for us to copy – maybe they will work for yours truly next time he visits Albury!!

Charity Pairs Competition – Bowl - Sunday 7th October

John Plowman is still looking for entries for this event – you still have time to enter so contact him urgently. If you haven't got a partner, he will arrange one for you. Contact him on **01825 762975** or e-mail beehives@btinternet.com
Cost is £37.00

Lakedown Outing – Sunday 16th September

The next Branch outing is on Sunday 16th September – get your booking in to Peter Winder at as there are still some places left at the time of going to press.

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY!!!!

ANNUAL AUCTION

25th October 2007

Entry forms for this event of the year were sent with the August newsletter – if you have mislaid yours or require additional ones let Roy know. Get your completed forms to Roy as soon as possible as it takes a lot of time and effort to produce the catalogue in advance. This is your opportunity to get that bargain, or alternatively unload your surplus gear – or even both!

JOHN COOPER

Yet more success for Sussex! Due to lack of entries for some categories, the Guild has widened the open competitions to allow for greater recognition of entrants. As a result, in addition to Jim Harris's efforts, John has achieved runner-up awards in the Junior(!) and also in the Trout and Salmon classes of the Guild competition. No doubt there will be further clarification in due course. Seems we must be doing something right in our tying classes!

South of England Autumn Show and Game Fair

6/7th October 2007

We will be manning a stand at this event at Ardingly – any volunteers to help please contact Roy Gurney on 01273 506184 ASAP.

Tackle Fair – 16th October

Whilst on the subject of demonstrations, we will also be demonstrating at the above which is held at the Charmandean Centre, Worthing.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Please note that due to travelling arrangements the date for guest for November has been brought forward one week to **Thursday 1st November**, when we welcome Johan Klingberg from Sweden, prior to his appearance at the British International Fly Fair..

Johan will give us an illustrated talk on Scandinavian fishing, demonstrate tying some flies and then show us how to fish them.

Steve Cooper will accompany him and no doubt will bring along his goodies for you to buy!

POWDERMILL RESERVOIR

Eric Hunter recently had a fine day's fishing on this lovely water, and thoroughly recommends others to sample it.



We realise it is located well to the East of the county, but should be well worth the journey. Visit their website www.hastingsflyfishers.co.uk to get full details – for those not so technologically advanced, a flyer is enclosed. The record of catches shows that there is ample opportunity to match Bowl and Arlington for our Members' Plate trophy.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

September is here again and the thoughts of your committee turn to the events of this year's tying evenings. The planning and organisation is considerable as is the effort put in by the instructors. I am sure all current members will extend their usual warm welcome to our new and novice tyers. Please give the beginners every encouragement to continue for without this new blood every year we would soon fail.

On a different note I have recently bought a new pair of breathable waders and was pleasurably surprised that each manufacturer has a different range of leg length and boot size. Being "Vertically Challenged" but with normal feet I usually find that a pair of chest waders that fit my feet leave me needing a periscope to see over the top! This time I discovered that Greys market waders that suit the shorter angler but with an inner sock size that is average. Moral: look at the small print in the specifications - they are not all the same!

Tight lines

John Plowman.

DEEP THOUGHTS BY MEN WHILE FISHING

Two men are out ice fishing at their favourite fishing hole, just fishing quietly and drinking beer.

Almost silently, so as not to scare the fish, Bob says, "I think I'm going to divorce my wife - she hasn't spoken to me in over 2 months."



Earl continues slowly sipping his beer, then thoughtfully says, "You better think it over- women like that are hard to find."

Big Fish Competitions

Yet another reminder for you to submit your entries. I cannot believe so few big-uns have been caught this year!

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 2007 for browns and 31st December for other categories. Trophies will be presented at the Dinner.

HAMBROOK FISHERY

Some news from Phillip Ellis:-

So we all thought Hambrook had closed – wrong, it's still going. Now only one lake, as the second is now for carp fishing.

The new owners are very keen to establish this fishery after being in the slow lane for a couple of years.

For those of you that remember it from the past, it is still very shallow and will suffer from weed in the summer but come the winter it'll be a different story. Worth a trip at end of summer.

The lake is spring fed from the South Downs, and is located west of Chichester off the A259 at Nutbourne, over the railway line, about a mile on the left into Priorsleaze Lane.

Day tickets from £25.00

Catch and release from £15.00

To make a booking, contact Terry - 07979 310091

or Kevin - 07917 567603

MATCH v. CRAWLEY F.F.

The fishing proved quite hard as seven anglers blanked out of the 24 who fished; the best 10 bags from each side counted. With fifteen minutes to go Sussex were behind. Ian Dunk with two and Tony Harrison with one fish in the last fifteen minutes put us in front to the tune of 21lb 5oz.

Paul Davies got out of his sick bed to land the biggest bag, 14lb 6oz (4 fish), and who got the biggest fish? - Chris Croucher, of course, with a 5lb 9oz brown.

Thanks to Tony Kaatze and his team for a pleasant day with the correct result after 3 years of trying!

Bill



Bill Smith receives the cup from Tony Kaatze



Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil!
A scene captured by Paul Davis at Chalk Springs

John Watt Trophy

Thanks to the sterling efforts of our team organizer and captain, Chris Nunn, we entered two teams this year for this flagship event at Grafham Water.

Fishing was difficult but we acquitted ourselves well, gaining 10th and 14th spots. The full results are on the Flydressers' Guild website – www.the-flydressers.org.

Chris had a bit of a run-around getting the second team – with nigh on a hundred members, we should be able to get plenty of entries. If you are put off by the term “competition”, don't be! It is really an opportunity to meet up with our friends from other branches and take the opportunity to learn from your boat colleague – after all he might be an international, and believe me they are keen to pass on their knowledge and skills.

Mark your diary now – it is normally held on the last Saturday in August. And just to tempt you, the Branch pays the entry fee – all you have to do is get there and perhaps pay the overnight B&B if you want to get there early.

	No. of Fish	Total Weight lb oz
1 st London A	20	42 4
2 nd Luggiebank	12	22 7
3 rd South Cumbria B	11	28 0
4 th North Kent Rainbows	11	21 2
5 th London B	10	23 0
6 th South Cumbria A	9	20 15
7 th Chiltern	9	17 9
8 th Congleton	9	16 15
9 th Swale A	8	18 7
10 th Sussex B	8	15 10
11 th North Kent Browns	7	16 10
12 th Edinburgh	7	12 5
13 th Swale B	6	14 9
14 th Sussex A	6	14 4
15 th Lakeland A	6	11 0
16 th Wilts Chalk Stream	5	11 15
17 th Lakeland B	4	9 15

PROGRAMME

An updated programme up to the end of the tying season is on the last page of this newsletter as there are a few alterations and additions.

A full programme will be published towards the end of the year when next season's events have been agreed.

Grayling Fishing

Saturday 27th October.

Phillip Ellis has booked Wherwell fishery on the river Test for the day for up to 10 rods to fish for Grayling at a cost of £30.00, fishing from 9am to dusk.. Wherwell is north of Winchester, just off the A303.

Also fishing on the lake for rainbows is available at additional cost.

This can be a very productive day with fish from small (150mm long) to 400mm long using nymphs and dries.

No special EA licence required.

No wading but bring wet gear.

Anyone interested should give Phillip a call on **01903 504317**.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (or just helpers) WANTED

Although the AGM is still some time off, it is not too early to consider your opportunity to help run this successful Branch. New blood is always wanted to progress, so please give some thought to helping the willing horses who are in harness now.

Even if you are not “committee minded” you could always help by taking on a specific task outside of the committee – such as coordinator/organiser of stands at shows such as the South of England, which would relieve some of the load on current officers. Have a word with one of the committee officers below to see where you can help.

Finally:

**Fly tying recommences on
Thursday 27th September at
Patcham Community Centre
at 8 pm – we look forward to
seeing you again and
welcoming new members!**

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The Flydressers' Guild - Sussex Branch

Programme 2007/8

<u>Sept.</u>	15 ^h (Saturday) 16 th (Sunday) 20 th (Thursday)	Patcham Community Association Open Day - Demonstrating Lakedown Fishery - Branch Outing and buffet Speaker – Tony Hern from Albury Estate Fisheries will talk about fishery management, followed by tying a dozen or so flies	Roy Gurney Peter Winder
	27 th (Thursday)	Fly tying recommences	
<u>October</u>	6/7 th (Sat/Sun)	South of England Autumn Show and Game Fair - Ardingly - Demonstrating	Roy Gurney
	7 th (Sunday)	Bewl Water – Charity Pairs Competition	John Plowman
	21 st (Sunday)	Tackle Fair, Woodlands Centre, Rustington - Demonstrating	Roy Gurney
	25 th (Thursday)	AUCTION	Roy Gurney
<u>November</u>	1 st (Thursday) Note change of date	Speaker – Prior to his appearance at the International Fly Fair. Swedish fly-tier Johan Klingberg will demonstrate some flies and how to fish them. Steve Cooper will accompany him, no doubt with his range of goodies for you to purchase.	
<u>December</u>	13 th (Thursday) 20/27 th	AGM followed by Quiz and mince pies and mulled wine No meeting – Christmas break	
<u>Jan. 2008</u>	3 rd (Thursday) 17 th (Thursday)	Fly tying recommences Speaker – Peter Cockwill will “Broaden your Horizons” – something for everyone.	
<u>February</u>	14 th (Thursday)	Speaker – Bob Barden makes a welcome return to tell us how to fish Bewl and the flies to use	
<u>March</u>	13 th (Thursday)	Speaker -- Dr Richard Osmond will give presentation on entomology with particular regard to fishing.	
<u>April</u>	10 th (Thursday)	End of season gathering with prizegiving	
<u>May</u>			
<u>June</u>			
<u>July</u>	17 th (Thursday)	South of England Show, Ardingly – Schools Day - Demonstrating	John Plowman

Please note that fly-tying and speakers' evenings are held every Thursday evening starting at 8 pm at the

Patcham Community Centre
Ladies Mile Road, Brighton, BN1 8TA