



Sussex Branch Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2008

EDITOR'S NOTE

This edition is brief, mainly to remind you all of early forthcoming events and produced in a bit of a hurry as I will be away from 10th to 17th September, trying to find some sun!! See you all on the 18th and 25th when the tying season starts.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Lawrence Talks 18th September 2008

We welcome Lawrence Talks of the Environment Agency on the first night of the new "season", when he will give us the low-down on the Fisheries Strategy and answer your questions on this subject (and possibly others you may raise!!)

***Fly tying recommences
on Thursday 25th September
at Patcham Community Centre at 8 pm.
We look forward to seeing you again and
welcoming new members!***

A word of warning – the school is having an open evening, and parking will be very tight – you may have to park outside the grounds and walk in – it is hoped the open evening will be over by 8 pm, but there may still be a lot of cars remaining after that time.

BRANCH TROPHY DAY

Hurry up! Let Peter Winder have your entry **now** for this outing to:

Lakedown Fishery

Swife Lane, Broad Oak, West Sussex TN21 8UX

Sunday 21st September

Trophies for best bag, best fish, best brown etc. The cost is £42 for a 4 fish ticket and includes a first class buffet lunch. Remember, this is THE branch day when all the trophies are up for grabs! Give him a call on **01273 245201** to book your place.

John Watt Trophy

This report is from the organizer, Dave Bartle, to whom we pass our thanks for his organisation:-
"Well it's over until next year.

I think its safe to say everybody had a good day, (I certainly did), particularly as nobody blanked. Is this a new record? The weather was good, a mixture of sunshine in the morning, cloudy and overcast for most of the afternoon, turning to sunshine just before the finish with a nice ripple all day. As usual every method you can think of was used - boobies plus nymphs to d. backs (*sic*) both red and green, slime lines and crunchers and, in my case, pulled hoppers when the fish were showing on the top. There was the usual chaos around G Buoy with 21 boats jockeying for places at one time. The only problem was when someone went off in one of our boats. Luckily John Mees had another for me so I got out for about 4 hours. Did you hear the one about the team which for an incentive decided the member who caught the least number of fish would have to take the trophy home. If I say Clive Collier has got it because he only caught 3 fish I'm sure you can guess the rest. Apparently Ron was under very strict orders not to take the trophy home as the Lusardis seem to be running out of space.

John Watts was on hand to present the trophies and we wrapped it up at 7.30."

		No. of Fish	Total Weight
			lb oz
1 st	London A	34	70 10
2 nd	North Kent	31	64 9
3 rd	Luggiebank B	30	63 13
4 th	Sussex A	22	47 9
5 th	Luggiebank A	20	41 6
6 th	Congleton	19	40 12
7 th	Sussex B	18	39 5
8 th	London B	17	37 8
9 th	Chiltern	16	33 0
10 th	Swale A	16	32 1
11 th	Surrey	13	29 2
12 th	South Cumbria	13	28 8
13 th	Ringwood	13	26 14
14 th	Swale B	9	19 0

Suffice to say, our teams acquitted themselves with honour – 4th and 7th is no mean feat. Our top gun was Alex Rainbow of the "A" team with 11 fish and Paul Davis, captain of the "B" team, took 7. He also ran the best fish very close with one of 3lb 9oz, only 6oz adrift. Our teams were:

"A" – Chris Nunn (capt) "B" – Paul Davis (capt)
 Alex Rainbow Bill King
 Ian Dunk Neil Batchelor
 Chris Croucher Ted How

The full results are on the Flydressers' Guild website – www.the-fdg.org.

ROMSEY TACKLE FAIR

21st September 2008

Steve Draper advises the above event will take place at Romsey Community School, Great Bridge Road, Romsey **SO51 8ZB** (for those with SatNav!) Doors open 9 am, entrance £2. A great day for you tackle tarts, especially vintage. Free valuations for any vintage tackle you bring along.

Shame it clashes with Lakedown – however it does give an alternative excuse to avoid gardening!

South of England Autumn Show and Game Fair

4/5th October 2008

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

Grayling Society

Open Meeting

Wednesday 8th October 2008

The Grayling Society are holding an open meeting at the Raven Hotel in Hook, Hampshire – 7.30 for 8 pm, with a finger buffet prior to a talk and slide show by Peter Cockwill which will start about 9 pm. Cost is £7 for members and £10 for non-members.

Advance booking with **David Martin (01262 851397)** or dave@goflyfishinguk.com).

Payment will be taken at time of booking by credit/debit card.

Hook is some distance away and anyone wanting to share a car can call **Phillip Ellis** who will organize accordingly. Anyone interested should give Phillip a call on **01903 504317**.

Charity Pairs Competition – Bewl - Sunday 12th October

Ray Love is still taking entries for this event – please contact him urgently if you want to join in. If you haven't got a partner, he will arrange one for you. Contact him on **01323 639122** or e-mail raylove100@tiscali.co.uk Cost is £39.00

ANNUAL AUCTION

23rd October 2008

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 Gurney 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!

For Sale

**10ft Leeda “True-Spin” 20-50 gram
(suitable for trout, salmon, bass etc)**

Albert Horne has this new spinning rod, still in its packaging for transport, for sale, price £50. If you are interested, give him a call on **01903 765237**

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Now that autumn is here if you are like me then you think of this time as start of a new season. We can expect the lower water temperatures to increase dissolved oxygen levels and bring more activity from the fish

For the fishing prospects I move away from “standard” size flies i.e. sizes 10, 12, 14 and move to the extremes. I have caught fry feeding trout that were chasing and eating 3-4 inch rudd while last week I spooned a trout from Bewl to find it full of buzzers that would need a size 20 hook to copy them.

As well as more active fishing our fly tying activities increase. Thursday evening brings fly tying so welcome to all new members and I look forward meeting you and I hope that you will soon experience the thrill of catching your first fish on a fly you have tied yourself.

Tight lines

John Plowman.

Big Fish Competitions

Just another reminder for you to submit your entries. 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 2008 for browns and 31st December for other categories.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just a reminder that these are now due and if you haven't yet paid, Roy Gurney would be grateful for your early renewal. Many thanks to all of you who have done so – it makes things a lot easier if he doesn't have to chase you.

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THE FLYDRESSERS' GUILD - SUSSEX BRANCH

Programme 2008/9

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

ALL ARE WELCOME TO SPEAKERS' EVENINGS AND AUCTION

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE & DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ORGANISER</u>
<u>September</u>	18 th (Thursday)	Lawrence Talks of the Environment Agency will give an illustrated talk on the Fisheries Strategy for our region.	
	21 st (Sunday)	Branch Trophy Day & BBQ – Lakedown	
	25 th (Thursday)	Fly Tying commences	Peter Winder
<u>October</u>	4/5 th (Sat/Sun)	South of England Autumn Show and Game Fair – Ardingly - Demonstrating	Roy Gurney
	12 th (Sunday)	Charity Pairs Competition, Bewl Water, Kent	Ray Love
	19 th (Sunday)	Grayling Fishing – River Test, Timsbury, Hants	Paul Davis
	23 rd (Thursday)	Annual <u>AUCTION</u> of tackle and fly-tying tools and materials	Roy Gurney
	30 th (Thursday)	A welcome return of Johan Klingberg with his brand new presentation of tying and fishing experiences. Not to be missed!	
<u>November</u>	16 th (Sunday)	<i>Branch outing – Coltsford Mill, Oxted, Surrey</i>	Paul Davis
	27 th (Thursday)	Steve Cooper will demonstrate tying some of his flies and bring a selection of his materials for you to buy	
<u>December 2009</u>	18 th (Thursday)	AGM and quiz with mince pies	
<u>January</u>	8 th (Thursday)	Fly tying recommences	
	15 th (Thursday)	Cyril Bennett of the Riverfly Partnership will talk about the aims and achievements of the organisation	
<u>February</u>	5 th (Thursday)	Paul Proctor will be our speaker – details to follow	
	22 nd (Sunday)	Brass Monkey Fishing Challenge (Provisional date)	
<u>March</u>	5 th (Thursday)	Denise Ashton of the Wild Trout Trust will give us an insight into the good work of this organisation	
	15 th (Sunday)	Branch Outing (Provisional date)	
<u>April</u>	29 th (Sunday)	Committee Day Fishing Outing (Provisional date)	
	4 th (Saturday)	Annual Dinner (Provisional date)	
	16 th (Thursday)	End of season gathering with prizegiving	
	19 th (Sunday)	Frank Darrah Pairs - Bewl Water, Kent (Provisional date)	