



Sussex Branch Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2009

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Lawrence Talks 17th September 2009

We welcome renowned taxidermist **Chris Elliot** for a return visit on our first night of the new "season", when he will regale us with some fascinating stories and insight into his craft.

No doubt he will bring along some specimens of his skills – a number of our members have immortalised their big achievements (piscatorial, that is) and may bring them along too for all to see.

***Fly tying recommences
on Thursday 24th September
at Patcham Community Centre at 8 pm.
We look forward to seeing you again and
welcoming new members!***

WARNING! Due to a school event this evening, parking will be very limited on site. Be prepared to park in the roads.

BRANCH TROPHY DAY

Don't forget – let Peter Winder have your entry form **now** for our return to:

Duncton Mill
on
Sunday 18th October

Trophies for best bag, best fish, best brown etc. The cost is £40 for a 4 fish ticket and includes a buffet lunch. Remember, this is THE branch day when all the trophies are up for grabs!

South of England Autumn Show and Game Fair 3/4th October 2009

We will be manning a stand at this event at Ardingly – any volunteers to help please contact John Plowman on 01825 762965 ASAP.

Charity Pairs Competition – Bowl - Sunday 11th 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 £38.00

ANNUAL AUCTION

Get your entry details in as soon as possible to Roy Gurney – it takes a lot of preparation to produce the catalogue and the earlier he gets details in, the better.

Carp on the Fly

Mike Guest reports:

As you probably know by now, the Carp on the fly outing was a great success and enjoyed by all present I believe. I had a go at tying a few 'Bonio' flies from pictures on the Internet and managed to bag my first Carp on them too, so I was very pleased with the outcome. Some of the others were pulling fish out as if we had been asked to empty the lake before leaving! Lovely location, great company and the sun shone on us, what more could you ask for?

Check out the photo gallery I have put together on the website:

<http://www.sussexflydressers.org.uk/photo-archive/15-08-2009/>

Match v. Hastings F F Powdermill

As promised we can divulge the results:

"We turned up with 10 fishermen so it was agreed to fish 10 a side although Hastings had 12 waiting. The morning on the bank was the opposite of last year with Brian Raw only one to catch. Boats fared better; Peter Buss and partner Don had 10 fish, winning best boat catch.

The afternoon was a similar story, with Peter Buss catching one fish on the bank, whilst all boats mainly caught fish.

The prize tally was:

Brian Raw	Biggest fish	3lb 3oz.
Peter buss/Don[H]	Best boat	19lb 14oz.
Jim Austin[H]	2nd Biggest fish	3lb.
Martin Brignall[H]	Smallest fish	1lb 3oz.

**The final result of the day: H.F.F.C 29lb 9oz.
Sussex Branch 30lb 1oz.**

- our first win of this cup.

Hastings in the evening entertained us with a really pleasant B.B.Q + Beers.

Many thanks to Vic and all members of H.F.F.C and special thanks to my team for winning the cup."

Bill Smith

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.

Match v. Crawley F F Coltsford Mill

Bill Smith sends this brief report:

Eleven members arrived at Coltsford Mill Fishery to find Crawley had only six fishermen because of a clash with another match. It was therefore decided to fish 6-a-side.

The main lake proved difficult with few takes, but Willow Lake and the Cascades showed plenty of fish thus providing good sport.

At lunchtime we were treated to a superb buffet – many thanks to all involved.

Results:

Best bag: Tony Harrison / Paul Davis 9lb 8oz

Best fish: Paul Davis 3lb 14oz

Winning Team: Sussex F.D.G.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

As we start our new season of fly dressing let me welcome all members-old and new- to the Guild. Your secretary, Paul Bond, has produced a varied and comprehensive programme of speakers and instruction for our Thursday evenings. I hope you will take every opportunity to enjoy and be involved.

There are still events planned earlier in the year for you to participate in so contact the organiser as soon as you can.

You may have noticed that this summer the responsibility for organising the shows and demonstrations has passed to me and I am still looking for volunteers for the South of England Autumn Show in October (3rd and 4th). To participate in these shows we need to provide just forty eight man-days and with a membership of almost one hundred this ought to be easy. However, when I look through my records, I find that all of the shows for this year have been manned by just twelve volunteers. I know that many of you do sterling work for the Guild in other ways, or have done your share in the past, but if the rest of you could just give one day it would make your committee's life so much easier.

I look forward to meeting you all again on Thursday 17th. September.

Tight lines

John Plowman.

EDITOR'S NOTE

This edition is brief, mainly to remind you all of early forthcoming events and produced in a bit of a hurry See you all on the 17th and 24th when the tying season starts

GET YOUR ENTRIES IN FOR THE "BIG FISH TROPHIES"

Where are they? Have none of you caught any fish this year? We have a few entries, but it would be tragic if you missed out by default.



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 of catching is 31st October 2009 for browns and 31st December for other categories. Trophies will be presented at the Dinner.

COMMITTEE NEWS

As you know, we have had a pretty stable Committee now for some years. However, your long-serving Chairman and even longer serving Secretary have both indicated that (subject of course to re-election at the 2009 A.G.M.) they wish to stand down at the 2010 A.G.M.

We are giving this notice in order that you might like to search your conscience (or knowledge of suitable alternatives) to consider replacements for these vital posts.

It should also be remembered that your Treasurer is also getting a bit long in the tooth, and might also depart in the foreseeable future (voluntarily I hope), so if anyone would like to put themselves or know of a willing volunteer, please talk to John Plowman or Paul Bond.

Quite apart from this, it is always advantageous to have new blood and new ideas in order to progress.

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