



Sussex Branch Newsletter



April 2015

Annual Dinner – or not ?

Now that referendums (or is it referenda?) are in fashion, your committee are asking you to let us know your views on whether we should revive our Annual Dinner.

In the past, we held this event, latterly in April, at a suitable venue where we could entertain our “other halves”, have a good meal, enjoy a speaker and present the trophies, etc. Sadly over the past few years attendances fell to a level where it was not viable, and the “End of Season” gathering and the Hog-Roast came into being.

However, a number of our members have enquired if we could reinstate the dinner, perhaps at a different time – November, possibly, to avoid clashing with the other events. Seana has been working hard looking into suitable venues, and to be viable we would ideally require a minimum of 50-60 attending.

Let us know your views on this as soon as possible either by e-mail to

fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com

or by phone to 01273 581519 (or a hand-written note on Thursday evenings to Roy Gurney)

Our Spring Auction

Our spring auction will be on Thursday 16th April 2015, at our usual venue of Patcham Community Centre, Ladies Mile Road, Patcham, Brighton.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AUCTION WILL START AT 7.30pm, WITH VIEWING FROM 6.45pm – 7.30pm (and not at the time shown in last month’s newsletter).

This year Tea & coffee will be available during the viewing period (6.45 – 7.30pm), but not during the auction itself.

Once again this auction has a combination of both fishing tackle & fly tying materials. We have restricted our spring auction to 281 auction lots, as we aim to finish the auction by 10pm, and for everybody to have paid and collected their goods by 10.30pm, as we are conscious that many people have a long journey and indeed many are working the following day.

As always, there are two ways you can show your support for this key club event, - BY COMING ALONG AND BY ENCOURAGING AS MANY OF YOUR FISHING AND FLY TYING FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU, BEARING IN

MIND OUR AUCTION IS OPEN TO ALL, WITH EVERYBODY IS WELCOME.

I can promise you an enjoyable evening, and a great chance to top up on your fishing tackle and fly tying material, much of which will be at bargain prices.

See you on the night

Tony Harrison

Trophies

A last reminder – if you are holding a trophy (other than the Jonathan Glover or Albert Memorial) please return it urgently to Roy Gurney so it can be engraved in time for presentation to the new recipient on 23rd April. There are still one or two lurking around ready to be polished up !

Attached is the list of winners for 2014 – presentation will be made on 23rd April

IVAN EVEREST

It is with great regret we have to advise that Ivan, one of long standing members, died on 22nd February. A number of our older members will remember him, although in recent years had only attended speakers’ evenings and the occasional function.

A donation to the RNLI (Shoreham) has been made in his memory.

2015 Programme

The full programme for 2015 is now virtually complete and is enclosed (or attached), so you know what you are missing if you don’t book up with organisers right away!

The exception is a suggested “best dates” for bass fishing – Brian Hendry is drawing one up and it will be circulated shortly, but he will not be organising any fixed dates this season – it is left to individuals to make their own arrangements.

Carp on the Fly

Dates have now been finalised for the outings which were “TBA” on the entry forms and programme. They are:

Saturday 4th July 2015

Passie’s Pond, Lancing (note the change of venue)

Cost - £18 – cheques made out to “FDG Sussex Branch” post-dated 20th June 2015 to Paul Davis

Saturday 15th August 2015

Jenny’ Lake, Newdigate

Cost - £13 (provided minimum 10 fishing) – cheques made out to “FDG Sussex Branch” post-dated 20th July 2015 to Paul Davis.

Fishing Programme

If anyone has not been able to download the entry forms for the various outings arranged, please phone Roy Gurney on 01273 581519 or e-mail fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com to get a hard copy.

Having done this – **fill it in** and get your entries in to the organisers in good time –they have to confirm bookings etc with the fisheries so need to know numbers ASAP.

We realise some of the later events may be difficult to firmly commit to, but if you book now and have to cancel later, your post-dated cheque or deposit will not be cashed, provided you cancel no less than two weeks before the event.

Bass Fishing 2015

Brian Hendry has been hard at work preparing the following:

2015 dates for bass fishing at the hot pipe at Shoreham if the power station is working.

Fish from two hours before low tide down to the turn of the tide, wading both sides of the outlet. Fishing is good any spring tide over 6 metres – listed below:

June	3 rd through to 7 th 14 th → 20 th
July	1 st → 7 th 16 th → 19 th 29 th → 31 st
August	1 st → 6 th 14 th → 18 th 28 th → 31 st
September	1 st → 4 th 12 th → 17 th 26 th → 30 th
October	1 st → 3 rd 11 th → 17 th 25 th → 31 st

PS - make sure your tide table is corrected for Summer time.

Tight lines! - **BAH**

John Plowman

Our speaker on 5th March was our own ex-chairman John Plowman, who treated us to an alternative aspect of our sport. It is hard to say whether it was physics, mechanics or even just plain common sense, but suffice to say it was both entertaining and instructive.

John covered what could easily have been a “heavy” subject in a light-hearted and most constructive way and it was indicative that no-one disappeared at half-time as has been known for some of our “professional” speakers!

Maybe we should have him give a talk on bee-keeping sometime?

Entries for Outings

Please try to get your entries for outings in by the End of Season Bash on **Thursday 23rd April** especially for those in May as it helps organisers to get their event properly set up.

We look forward to seeing you for the last night at Patcham before resuming with a speaker on 3rd September.

Chairman’s Chat

The Chairman’s Day (CD) is an invitation fishing event for those who have supported the Club throughout the year. In practice this means the members of the Committee, Instructors and Demonstrators at the shows.

The vibes for the CD were not good, the weather forecast was for winds of 50 mph and frequent showers; add to this the change to summer time. As a result there were lots of mumbles about the choice of day and my parent’s marriage, or lack of.

Tackling up I drew attention to the benefits of the Leader Lock (see previous Newsletters) and how I would not suffer with line back runs. To say that the response was muted was an understatement, with growls about “not hearing the last of it”. I don’t think the early hour improved member’s view of the world at that time.

The day started in the best possible way, i.e. lashings of coffee and bacon butties; regretfully we were eventually driven out of the Lodge and expected to go and catch fish.

Despite the forecast, the weather was not too bad and fishing commenced without undue difficulty. My first cast was met with a smash take breaking my leader, the second cast resulted in a further smash take which nearly took me off balance; I could have ended in the drink. If so, knowing the mood of my colleagues, I would still be there ! So how can a smash take have such an affect ?

Considering a say 2.0 lb fish; this would have a fork length of about 17 inches i.e. 1.47 ft.

Burst speed 10 body lengths per second i.e. 14.7 feet per second - about 10 mph.

A fish can "pull" about three times its body weight in water, i.e. 6 lb.

My trout rod is 10 ft long and I hold the handle about 1.0 ft from the butt, therefore assuming the line is at 45 degrees to the rod (and it should be), the trout can apply a turning motion (moment) on my wrist of $9 \times 6 = 54$ lbft, moving at 10 mph. So a smash take could have easily have put me off balance !!

The next event was the appearance of Paul Davis cursing his radio operated alarm clock, which did not change to summer time.

Alan Chambers turned up at a gentlemen's hour as befits a retired bank manager.

It was fortunate (for us) that Wayne Duerden was celebrating his birthday and he very generously supplied us with cake and beer. I shall have to record the date and make sure next year's CD is on the same date.

Despite the weather conditions, fish were taken throughout the day with the majority catching and a good time was had by all.

Moorhen contains very high quality fish, is set in picturesque valley, the Lodge and tackle shop are excellent all of which is only exceeded by the staff who are both friendly and efficient. So you see why I consider Moorhen to be the best trout fishery I have visited.

Tony W

Book Fair

From my involvement with our auctions, it is clear that many of our members (including me) have books on fishing and fly tying, that they would like to sell, perhaps for a pound or two. To make this happen, it is planned to run a book fair on one of the tying nights in the autumn, when we have both rooms 1 & 2.

The idea that members wishing to sell their books on fishing or fly tying bring them in on the designated night and sell them from one of the tables set up around the room. There would be no charge for members selling their books.

The hope and intention is that members are able to de-clutter at home, whilst giving other members the opportunity to buy fishing and fly tying books at a reasonable price.

Tony Harrison



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SPRING AUCTION

16th April 2015 at 7.30 pm

(viewing from 6.45)

The catalogue is now available online at www.sussexflydressers.org.uk. If you have a problem we can either e-mail a copy to you or failing that send you a hard copy – contact fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com or phone Roy at 01273 581519.

Bring your friends – all are welcome! A flyer is attached if you want to display it.

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Trophies 2014

Peter West Trophy - Biggest Rainbow from Sussex water

Ian Dunk Duncton Mill 10 lb 5 oz

Jack Jupp Memorial Trophy - Best bag at Ashbourne outing

Bill Black & Barry Markham 5 lb 11 oz

Brown Trout Cup - Biggest Brown from Sussex water

Tony Harrison Duncton Mill 5 lb (tiger)

Ray Burt Chalk Springs 4 lb 13 oz

Members' Reservoir Plate - Best Fish from Sussex Reservoir (including Bewl Water)

Ray Love Arlington 6 lb 2 oz

John Leitch Brown Trout Cup - Biggest Brown from Sussex Reservoir or River

Chris Croucher Bewl Water 3 lb 8 oz

Frank Darrah Memorial Trophy - Bewl Pairs

Ray Love & Dave Painter 7 fish 12 lb 2 oz

Charity Pairs

Dave Painter & Ray Love 12 fish 28lb 8oz

Branch Trophy Day

Jimmy James Memorial Trophies – Best bag

Tony Harrison 10 lb 12 oz Ken Pearce
9 lb 1 oz

Plowman Trophy – Best fish

John Lindley 3 lb 7 oz

Best Brown, Tiger or Brook trout

Tony Harrison 2 lb 15 oz

Gemma Winder Trophy – 4 Lake Challenge

Tony Harrison 10 lb 12 oz

Stillwater Challenge – Chalk Springs

Jim White Pairs

Ray Love & Ken Pearce 14 lb 8 oz

Best fish

Paul Davies 7 lb 2 oz

Best bag

Paul Davies 17 lb 8 oz