



# Sussex Branch Newsletter



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## Happy New Year

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and prosperous New Year. I hope it is full of tight lines for you all.

## Branch Christmas outing and lunch Brick Farm

Peter Winder organised the annual fishing event at Brick Farm. The weather was mild, but a little breezy from the south west.

After an icy cold Saturday, the fish were really on the feed. The dam end of Brick Lake was the place to be, with Ray Burt and Tony Woolnough bagging up on the first session. Casting into the wind was trying, but the fish were very close, right under the rod tip at times.

It was good to see Branch newcomers Nathan and Charlie Winter at a Branch event, and with a little help, they both caught 3 fish. Let's all try and get a new member this year.

As always Sophie laid on a good spread, enjoyed by all. It will be her last, as she told me they had sold on the Friday. She will be around until January the 5<sup>th</sup> for those who want to say goodbye and hello to the new owners.

The ladies enjoyed the log fire, the chatter and food; maybe more partners will come to future events.

### Results:

- Heaviest bag                      Cliff Brown
- Biggest Fish                        Dave Walker
- Biggest Brown                     Peter Winder

Most fish were caught on lures, Montana's, Cats Whisker's, Viva's, also Damsel's a lure on a size 10.

Peter Winder

## Chairman's Chat

Not only do I work but I also fish.

When I fish one thing that bugs me is the fly line running back through the rod rings because the weight of the line in the

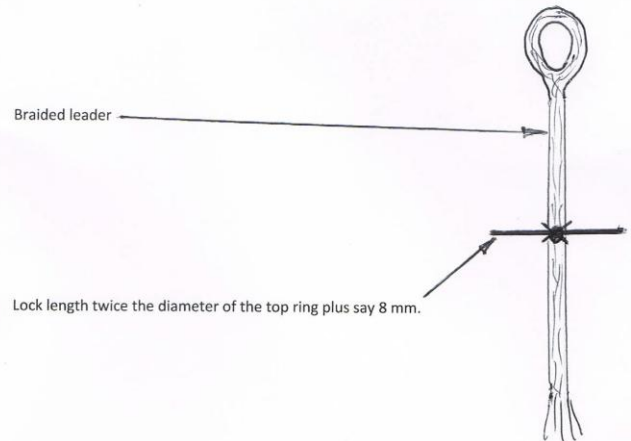
rings is more than the weight of the line out of the top ring. This can also happen when a leader is attached.

So what is the "solution"? A mechanism which is larger than the diameter of the top ring and does not hamper the action of the fly line seems obvious. If rigid this could cause problems with long leaders which could not be wound onto the reel to land a fish. So a device which could be wound down to the reel and would also go out through the rings before a cast is made is required. There must be a simple solution to this problem of back running.

My suggestion is the **Leader Lock** a short length of nylon, longer than twice the diameter of the top ring locked into the braided leader. This would stop "back runs", would be flexible enough to be wound down to the reel, would not affect casting action and could be pulled up through the top ring for the next cast.

So this is my prototype – see below.

### LEADER LOCK



My effort is a 20 BST cut from the butt of a tapered leader. A simple knot is tied in the centre and pulled very tight with two sets of pliers. The Lock is threaded through the braid and the braid compressed to allow the knot to enter the centre of the braid. A bodkin (or headless nail) is set in the vice and the leader threaded onto it up to the Lock. Figure of eight lashing set in varnish or super glue completes the job.

I am field testing the device, have a go yourselves and let me know what you think of it (politely).

I am in the process of registering the design in case some unscrupulous tackle manufacturer decides to copy it, if it works!

*Tony W*



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## STILLWATER CHALLENGE 2014

**HELP!!!** During my move, I inadvertently destroyed my copy (indeed the only copy) of the results of the Stillwater Challenge held at Chalk Springs on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

In order that I can get the trophies engraved I need to know the results (winners and runners-up, preferably with weights) of the following:

Pairs (for the Jim White Trophy)

Best fish

Best bag

Your responses, either by telephone to Roy Gurney at 01273 581519 or by e-mail to [fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com](mailto:fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com) will be grate-fully received!

*Roy Gurney*

PS, I have full images of the illustrations if anyone wants them

## Trophies

It is nearly time for all trophy holders to get polishing and consider returning their hard-earned trophies to Wayne Duerden or Roy Gurney in order that they can be engraved ready for presentation to the new winners at the end of season gathering on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

I know there seems to be a lot of time before then, but it has a habit of disappearing all too quickly!

The deadline is the end of March (before Easter) so this is really a warning shot across the bows!

*RHG*

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