



Sussex Branch Newsletter



JULY 2013

Sussex Piscatorial Society

The Society's trout section has vacancies for the new season and welcomes interest from potential members who are committed to a predominantly catch and release approach to trout fishing. It has lakes in East and West Sussex with additional opportunities for trout and grayling fishing in Hampshire. Contact the membership secretary at terriscragg@btinternet.com or 01243 551473

Game Fair 2013 – Ragley Hall. Cancelled.

Due to a significant number of drop outs prior to the deadline for coach payment I have had to cancel the trip. Thank you to those who supported the trip and be assured that we will try and arrange again for 2014 as its rumoured to be back at Blenheim Palace next year, thus later start time. It may be that the trip has become so popular that people are making a weekend of it rather than a day trip.

Those who paid by cheque can have theirs returned otherwise they will be destroyed. Those who have paid cash will have it returned when our paths next cross if you would drop me an email if you are doing any competitions over the summer. Any queries contact me direct. Paul Bond, Secretary.

Paul Bond

The Quality of Arlington Reservoir Trout.

The continuing cool and unseasonable weather has had some advantages: the fishing at Arlington which often becomes dour by the end of June is now at its best. Stocking has finished so all the trout are in various stages of "wildness".

Steve Mustchin and I had a long but satisfying day sharing a boat when between us we caught fourteen fish all on floating lines with dry or just sub-surface flies. This one was caught by me on a claret hopper.

Ignoring the glass filleting sheet, look at the tail and then compare it to the shoulders of the fish. This trout had probably

been in the reservoir since January or even earlier and had completely mended its tail and lost all its body fat. A natural athlete that needed most of my fly line and its ten pound leader to bring it to the net – the weight of the fish was just one pound and four ounces.

Now you know why reservoir anglers enjoy their sport so much.

Tight Lines, John Plowman.



Arlington Trout

Michelham Priory

Saturday started off as per normal, WET and no bacon butty from the Salmon and Trout Association, as they weren't there, not the best start to the day.

We got to the show and opened up, and we readied ourselves for the hordes of people to come and pay me and my brother a visit. We waited and waited and waited. No one came to pay us a visit, not one person all day, except the Falconry people next door to us.

Although the day was not a total wash out, as I got to hold one of my favourite birds of prey. An Eagle Owl. Photo courtesy of Steve Steer.



Me and my new best friend, the Eagle Owl

Apparently Sunday was no better, with very little interest in becoming a fly tyer.

A. Steer

Chairman's Chat

Climate Change

Our Scientist friends are the same ones who predicted a further ice age starting a few years ago; which did not happen. They also predicted problems with the millennium bug which also turned out to be no problem. They pointed out that we would have a vast energy gap with oil and gas running out but we have all the gas we will require for the next 40 years plus. So you can see why I tend to be sceptical.

Temperature

They say global temperatures have risen 0.6 degrees over the last ten years but I contend that you cannot measure temperatures throughout the world with that accuracy. There must be confidence limits on temperature measurement. After all, houses have been built in the last ten years, crop changes have occurred, vast areas of forest have been burned – do these not have an impact on temperature, given that this is a sum and difference calculation, i.e. comparing previous values with the present to identify changes. We are also told that recent weather patterns “are not due to global warming” how can they separate different types of temperature change? Are they also acting God?

Sea level rise

Yes they have identified an impact on sea level caused by global warming. By co-incidence I carried out the first investigation of sea levels throughout the Sussex Coast in order to identify the impact (if any) on the design of sea defences. First you have to identify what the sea level is and examine records to remove the various natural impacts such as: secular variation (the tilting of the land mass following removal of the ice load in Scotland) barometric pressure (low pressure causes the sea level to rise – obviously) swell, surge,

spring tides and there are more. All to identify the *static water level*, you might also say where – after all the high tide level at Selsey is 2.0 m higher than the same tide at Pevensy, then you compare the records which are never as long as would be required for reliable analysis. To cut a long story short I identified an increase in the highest sea level of from 2mm to 4mm pa – without a global warming affect. So you see why I am sceptical – but what do you think ? – *polite* letters to the Newsletter.

By now you will be asleep – wake up and plan your next fishing trip before global warming fries your quarry.

Tony W

Ashbourne 2013

Our annual visit to this lovely fishery was marred only by the fickle weather, which decided to rain at lunchtime. Fortunately our host had foreseen this and had prepared a delicious casserole instead of the usual barbecue.



Lunch in the marquee

The fishing was not too easy – though Ray Burt might disagree, having bagged up in less than an hour! His proved to be one of only three “full houses” and was narrowly beaten by Peter Buss for the Jack Jupp Memorial Trophy, thanks to Peter’s fine 4lb rainbow in a total bag of 9lb 6oz.

Sadly the far lake, Meadow, was heavily weeded, necessitating dry fly only, but a few fish were taken by intrepid members there, though many were lost in the weed. Due to the conditions, we limited the number of rods this year but next year we hope to be back to a full house – hopefully the date will be 22nd or 29th June 2014 - to be confirmed.



Peter receives the trophy from Doug

Many thanks to Doug Chalmers , our host, and to his able helpers for providing us with a great day.

RHG

Go West, Young Man.....

Following an article in the last newsletter asking for early items for the auction, we were pleased to hear from John Perry:

I got the newsletter, I look forward to reading them !
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For you and your members' interest, I have been fishing twice this year to Clatworthy Reservoir in North West Somerset.

The first time I went was for a week, Satur-day to Saturday, so I fished on the Saturday and got 4 fish. On the Sunday I had 5 fish to over 17lb (one a seven pounder).

The second time was not so good but I found out that it is stocked for the weekend fisherman.

There are 6 boats, all rowing, but you can take your own electric outboard.

The Reservoir is devoted to fishing - no sailing or other watersports, and it has its own fish farm. It is stocked every week.

They charge £20 for a 5 fish ticket (£17 for concessions), or you can buy 6 tickets for £100 (£85 for concessions, which is £14.17 per visit!).

If you do buy the 6 ticket book, they may be used at both Hawkridge and Sutton Bingham Reservoirs which also belong to Wessex Water.

If anybody is interested I have a couple of booklets I can send.

Take care.....JP

PSI can recommend a B&B £30 a night (with a great breakfast but no shower, just a bath etc)

On asking him for permission to include this article, John replied:

I have just been reading that E L James has made £10m+ for her 50 Shades, has also given £1m to Charity and is expecting £3-5m for the film rights I have spent the weekend pondering how I could make an article on Fly Fishing sexy, and I have given up !!!!

I think you should edit the info and if anyone is interested they can phone me for anything further they would like to know, I would be pleased to help. My phone is 01342 715944 or e-mail joalpe@talktalk.net

Match v. Sussex Salmon & Trout – Duncton Mill

Another tight contest, with SATA coming out on top at last! Duncton was at its finest, with all lakes in great condition and anglers from both teams were soon into fish.

Mark Brown, fishing for the Branch, took best fish, a rainbow of 8 lb 8 oz, but despite this we only managed 35 fish total for 71 lb 10 oz against the SATA total of 37 fish for 73 lb 12 oz. Next year we must make sure the Sussex Cup returns to us for safe keeping – make a note of the date – **Saturday 10th May 2014.**

This is one of the most attractive dates in our calendar – great venue, fine fishing and congenial company. Our host, Martin Fleet-wood, always does us proud and lunch a most enjoyable interlude.

 An advertisement for Flytyingshop.co.uk. It features a close-up of a fly fishing lure and two large, colorful feathers (one orange and black, the other white and black). The text includes:

- FLYTYINGSHOP.CO.UK** for all your fly tying needs
- 10% off all web orders
- Enter the code FDG10%2012 at check out.
- Don't have a computer? Can't find the product you want online? Then call us on 01273 252504 to receive the same offer.
- A pink starburst graphic says: **OVER 5000 ITEMS IN STOCK**
- The website www.flytyingshop.co.uk is listed at the bottom.

Angling Trust

Media Release

July 9th 2013

Freshwater Forum Heads for Hampshire

The third meeting of the Angling Trust South East Freshwater Forum will be held on:

25th July 2013
at
The Cart & Horses
London Road, Kings Worthy
Winchester,
Hampshire,
SO23 7QN

Tea and Coffee will be served from 6.30pm and the meeting will begin at 7.00pm

Speakers will include Former MP and Current Angling Trust National Campaigns Co-ordinator.

The Environment Agency will also be represented at the meeting.

The meeting will cover topics relevant to **both Coarse and Game Angling.**

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear the latest news about the work of the Angling Trust and the Environment Agency and also your chance to ask key questions about the subjects that effect fishing and fisheries in the South East.

The meeting is free to attend and all are invited so please tell your fishing friends and colleagues to come along.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please let our Regions Co-ordinator, John Cheyne know, by emailing him on john.cheyne@anglingtrust.net

If there are any key topics you would like discussed at the meeting please drop John an email.

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