



Sussex Branch Newsletter



March 2015

Spring Auction

The Spring auction is on Thursday 16th April. Viewing is from 7pm and bidding starts 7.45 sharp. Further details on our website. Contact me if you wish to receive a catalogue

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Paul Bond

Brass Monkey's 2015

It started well with a 05:00 alarm call with a 06:30 pick up for the trip to Hazelcapse, with the prospect of a bacon butty from Wilf. The trip lived up to it's name again with a rather chilly and frosty morning.

The fishing was rather slow to start with until the ice melted on the lakes, not long after this Nigel Duckworth bagged the first fish of the day. A few struggled throughout the day to catch their limit with 5 of us blanking myself included. My brother Andy managed to catch this year which is a rarity, along with the usual banter flying round the lakes. With the ice melting the wind started to pick up where a few struggled to put a line out, for those who succeeded there was a nice selection of rainbows and brownies landed. Come lunch time the cloud started to build and the temperature dropped. With the decision to call it quits around 1:30 was a wise one as it started to spit with rain so majority of us packed up not long after this the heavens opened. It wasn't the rain that determined our decision to call it a day but the biting wind. Overall was a typical brass monkey's trip with some cracking fish on the bank along with some nice size fish landed. On that note would like to thank Bill Smith and Wayne Duerden for organizing the annual event along with their wives Phyllis and Yvonne for the selection of goodies they treated us with.

Steve Steer

Brass Monkeys 2015

Results

Name	1 st fish	2 nd fish	Total Weight	Prize
Nathan	1 lb 8 oz brown	-	1 lb 8 oz	(14)
Ray Bond	1 lb 6 oz	2 lb 8 oz	3 lb 14 oz	(5)
Bill Smith	-	-	-	Blanker (17=)
Wayne Duerden	1 lb 8 oz brown	1 lb 3 oz	2 lb 11 oz	(8)
Ted How	-	-	-	Blanker (17=)
Chris Croucher	-	-	-	Blanker (17=)
Nigel Duckworth	1 lb 0 oz	2 lb 2 oz	3 lb 2 oz	First fish (3)
Paul Davis	2 lb 3 oz	2 lb 0 oz	4 lb 3 oz	(4)
Tony Harrison	1 lb 2 oz	-	1 lb 2 oz	(15)
Brian Raw	1 lb 13 oz	-	1 lb 13 oz	(11)
Steve Mustchin	2 lb 10oz	-	2 lb 10 oz	(9)
Ian Dunk	1 lb 6 oz	6 lb 5 oz	7 lb 11 oz	Best Bag (1)
Bill Black	1 lb 9 oz	2 lb 0 oz	3 lb 9	(6)

		brown	oz	
Dave Walker	3 lb 6 oz	1 lb 13 oz	5 lb 3 oz	Best fish (as Ian Dunk cannot take both trophies - WD/BS local rules!) (2)
Andy Steer	2 lb 7 oz	-	2 lb 7 oz	(10)
Steve Steer	-	-	-	Blanker (17=)
Gerry Newland	1 lb 11 oz	-	1 lb 11 oz	(12)
Paul Bond	-	-	-	Blanker (17=)
Peter Naisbit	1 lb 10 oz brown	-	1 lb 10 oz	(13)
John Cooper	1 lb 1 oz	2 lb 11 oz	3 lb 12 oz	Smallest fish (16)
Ray Fisher	1 lb 6 oz	1 lb 7 oz	2 lb 13 oz	(7)

The problems were a spate river with a simple concrete ramp as a “fish pass”. As you may be aware a “spate river” is only entered by migratory salmonids during spates (floods) there is almost no base flow from ground water such as springs. Obviously this is due to catchment geology.

Needless to say the Client was reluctant to demolish the existing “fish pass” which would cause an uproar in the Angling Club who were financing the project. It must be said that at that time (during the “troubles”) I was not keen to upset them myself !!

So how to convert the existing concrete ramp to a hydraulically efficient fish pass ?

We cut into the ramp and built a concrete channel one bottom baffle width; at the end of the maximum length of bottom baffle run, we extended the side walls at full structure width to form a pool and weir pass.

Yes I know it is not rocket science but I was not asked to design a rocket.

Tony W

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Chairman's Chat



There is not always a straight forward solution to fish facility problems. You could say that unusual problems usually requires and unusual solution. This occurred at Barbour's Weir in Northern Ireland a few years ago.

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