



Sussex Branch Newsletter



March 2016

March Speaker

Our speaker on 3rd of March will be Sam Wadman, who was one of the finalists on the BBC 'Big Fish' reality programme. He will be discussing his experiences on the show and fishing in general. The evening starts at 7.45pm and entry is £3 including free raffle. All welcome for this entertaining evening.

AGM

The Branch AGM was held on 7th January 2016 and was attended by 27 members. Following reports from the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer the Branch is in a good position with a good membership level, financially secure following auctions run by Tony Harrison and iFISH Fly Fair 2014 / 2015. The recordable items discussed on the evening were car parking at Patcham – which continues to cause issues but will hopefully be resolved one way or other soon – a memorial trophy to Peter Neave, iFISH 2015 and beyond and the re-opening of Barcombe reservoir. The committee changed with Ian Dunk and Nigel Duckworth stepping down. John Marchant was duly elected on the evening to join the retained committee of Tony Woolnough (Chair), Paul Bond (Secretary), Roy Gurney (Treasurer and membership), Bill Black, Seana Clougher-Hopper, Paul Davis, John Cooper, Tony Harrison, David Painter, Bill Smith and Nathan Winter. The AGM was followed by a lively quiz provided by John Plowman.

Simon Jefferies

For our February speaker we welcomed Simon Jefferies, marketing director of the very long established fly-tying materials supplier, H Turrall & Co.

Simon entertained us fully with a most interesting illustrated talk on the history of the company and its products – suffice to say that there was still a full house right to the end, despite the long trek to some of the parked cars!

We (and in particular Jim Harris) were very grateful for the generous gift of a Metz cape as first prize in the raffle. Thank you Simon – we look forward to a return visit now that you have got over your first venture into “visiting speaking”!

IRON MAN FLY-TYING CHALLENGE

Simon Cooper has sent the following message – anyone interested should contact him direct (see below):

I am delighted to announce that the Iron Man Fly Tying Challenge is back for 2016. The inaugural battle of the tyers held last year was a great success and there are a few places left for anyone up to the challenge. Here is how Orvis' Richard Banbury, the man behind the competition, describes the event:

“This competition challenges all-comers to create the perfect fly within 15 minutes, but with a twist. The contestants are given no prior knowledge of the fly-tying materials. At the sound of the bell each is given an identical bag of fur, feathers, dubbing, flashy materials and hooks. What and how they tie is up to them, the outcome only limited by their skill, imagination and the ticking down of the clock. Just to spice up the challenge even more, a mystery material is given to each contestant half way through the first round. This must be included somewhere in the finished fly! When time is up luminaries from the fly tying industry will judge the flies, eliminating all but three of the contestants who go forward to compete in a winner-takes-all tie-off the same evening.”

If you or any of your members would be interested in entering please email me simon@fishingbreaks.co.uk. It takes place at the Orvis store in Stockbridge on Thursday April 21st 6-7pm. All tying materials will be provided but bring your own vice and tools. Spectators are very welcome and the Fly Fishing Film Tour show starts immediately afterwards. Full details in the attached flyer or at <http://www.fishingbreaks.co.uk/onefly.htm>

I hope you can make it.

Best wishes,

Simon Cooper - Founder & Managing Director

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Spring Auction

31st March 2016

A final reminder that our Spring Auction of Tackle, fly-tying materials and tools and other related items will be held at Patcham community Centre on Thursday 31st March with viewing from 6.45 pm and the auction starting promptly at 7.30.

Lots for entry must be submitted by 3rd March latest (unless oversubscribed before then).

Catalogues will be available from 17th March and can be downloaded from our website www.sussexflydressers.org.uk or from fdgsussex@capel29.plus.com. Hard copies for those without internet access will also be available on request from Roy Gurney on 01273 581519 or 07766 177718.

Chairman's Chat

A confession; I am a *Luke Warmer*, that is I believe that, from personal experience the climate is gradually warming but I am unconvinced by the scientists that this is due to the actions of man. The scientists, who are making a living out of global warming are part of a profession which prophesied:

Some year ago that we are going into a mini Ice Age – now the climate is warming – they say. Evidence is that we are still in a little ice age.

Our computers would be devastated by the Millennium Bug – mine was not.

We would run out of oil and gas – it is overflowing.

It has been announced that the sea level has risen 287 mm since 1900; where, was not stated. By co-incidence I was commissioned to make a study of the sea level change in Sussex, as part of a comprehensive scheme to determine what sea defences needed improving. For a start, I know of no site where sea levels have been accurately monitored for over 100 years. The sea is not level (high tide at Selsey is 2.0 m lower than high tide at Pevensy) and there are numerous natural events which impact on sea levels, namely:

Up to 1920 the UK datum was Liverpool this changed to Newlyn, was this taken into account. ?

Secular variation – the sinking of the South of England following the melting of the ice from the last Ice Age in Scotland.

Tidal variations.

Air Pressure – low air pressure causes the sea level to raise, high air pressure to fall.

Surge caused by metrological conditions.

Even with a stilling well and continuous monitoring, the results are difficult to analysis.

Swell ie wind driven waves; what wind speed and duration ?

So let's see what develops.

What is your view ? Write to Newsletter and let us know.

Tight lines,

Tony W

2016 Tying Competition

A reminder for your entries – get them in ASAP!

Beginners	Grey Goose Buzzer
Intermediate	Ginger Quill
Open	Klinkhamer
Salmon	Beltra Badger
Saltwater	(Brian Hendry's Favourite) Sar Mul Mac

3 of each pattern to be provided with name and membership number in safe container for posting. Our closing date will have to be Thursday 3rd March 2016 which is a speaker night – if you can't make this, talk to Paul Bond.

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****ONLY UK SHOWING****

Thursday April 21st

Evening screening: Doors open 7pm. Show starts 7.30pm.

Tickets £15.

The Hatch Room, Grosvenor Hotel, High Street, Stockbridge, SO20 6EU

Tickets and information www.fishingbreaks.co.uk 01264 781988

IRON MAN FLY TYING CHALLENGE

Thursday April 21st



12 fly tyers battle it out for glory in a speed tying challenge with an element of surprise. Join in the event with drinks and nibbles in the Orvis Stockbridge store. Entry is free with a special discount on store purchases. **Orvis Store, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6HB** from 6-7pm.