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Ifor Jones takes over the Eyebrook.

Eyebrook Trout Fishery has joined the group of fisheries which includes Draycote Water, Foremark Reservoir and Thornton Reservoir under the management of Fishery Management(UK)Ltd.

Ifor Jones who oversees the running of all the fisheries in the group has over 35 years experience running Stillwater trout fisheries in the mid-lands and is himself a keen fly angler having fished all over the UK and abroad. Fish stocking will start with an initial stocking of 5000 fish, in time for opening day Thursday 23rd March.

For all further information visit <http://www.flyfishtheyebrook.co.uk> or Please contact the lodge with any questions or enquiries.

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Committee meetings

If any member has any comments on the running of the club or a suggestion for a speaker for the winter evening meetings please contact our Secretary Paul Stevens at least 1 week before the meeting to ensure that it can be considered for adding to the meeting agenda.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 29th June 2017

Winter Evening Reports

Reports (written by David Jones) on all the Winter evening speakers can be found at:

<http://invictaffc.org.uk/news/winter-meeting-reports/>

SUMMER PROGRAMME

Carr Cup Round 1:

Tuesday 4th April at Pitsford Reservoir

Invicta/Snowbee Interclub match

Saturday 22nd April at Grafham

Carr Cup Round 2:

Saturday 6th May at Rutland Water

Carr Cup Round 3:

Saturday 3th June at Eyebrook

Carr Cup Round 4:

Sunday 9th July at Grafham Water

This is also our **President's Cup** match which will incorporate an inter-club match with GWFFA. We fish the day with our own club members, come in for a BBQ lunch and a chat, back out to fish the afternoon then come in for the weigh-in at the lodge for results.

Carr Cup Round 5:

Saturday 12th August at Draycote Water.

It's also the **Carl Hunter Bowl**

Disclaimer: Statements, opinions and claims expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Invicta FFC or of the Committee.

Any questions or suggestions on the running of our Club or ideas for subjects or speakers for our Winter Meetings should be sent to Paul Stevens for inclusion in a future Committee meeting. It should be noted that the programme needs to be finalised several months ahead.

Carr Cup Round 6:

Sunday 10th September at Ravensthorpe

Carr Cup Round 7:

Tuesday 3rd October at Grafham Water

Arthur Sexton Trophy Bank Match

Saturday 4th November at Elinor

This is also the annual Fur & Feather match.

If you would like to fish any or all of these friendly competitions please contact Mark Searle **at least 1 week in advance** so that he knows how many boats to book.



Invicta Tuesday Evening Club 2017

Our Summer Evening Fishing at Grafham will start on Tuesday May 16th and then every Tuesday, finishing on August 15th.

Format is similar to last year. Anglian Water once again have agreed to give a free evening's fishing to those who have done a course with Peter Hartley.

The Tuesday Evening League will run again, but participation is not obligatory. Scoring will be on numbers caught, no weigh in, best 10 results to count.

Many anglers arrive in good time so we are bringing the start time forward this year to 5.30pm., but there will be someone around until 6pm to organise boat pairings etc for those who cannot make it by 5.30. Boats will return at sunset, except the 3 longest evenings which would be 9.45 or possibly 10pm.

The Lodge Shop will be open until 5.30 pm.

An Anglian Water Season Ticket or day ticket will be required, also an Environment Agency Rod Licence. Evening boat cost is £6.50 per person.

Anglian Water have kindly agreed to provide a free boat ticket on any evening that 10 or more anglers are fishing. We will draw for this in the pub after fishing.

We go to the Wheatsheaf in Perry after fishing for a drink and sandwiches and chips. Please pay for sandwiches when you book in with the Wardens on arrival. Cost of sandwiches is £5.00.

The aim of the series is to have some pleasant summer evenings fishing at Grafham (weather permitting!), rather than a serious competitive event, also to give those who have done a fly fishing course the opportunity to gain some experience. We all had to start somewhere.

Further information from Paul Stevens.

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Message from Simon Kidd of Snowbee

It's worth reminding anybody too that a good fish of a decent weight may also be entered into the Total Fly Fisher monthly competition. There's no fee and no limit and metal badges are issued for fish over a certain sizes and all entries are considered for the best fish of the month. Snowbee have been sponsoring this event for years and it has been a very popular feature of the magazine. It would be good to see the club and a few more members on the press pages.

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**2017 ANNUAL DINNER PHOTOS
& TROPHY PRESENTATIONS**



Table 1



Table 4



Table 2



Table 5



Table 3



Our Lady Anglers



2016 TROPHY WINNERS



The Carr Cup – Gary How



The Tuesday Evening League – Keith Gilchrist



The President's Cup – Mark Searle



The Invicta Trophy – Paul Heavens



The Carl Hunter Bowl – Mark Searle



The Beecroft Shield – Andy Newman





Arthur Sexton Trophy – Mark Searle

**Elinor-Early Spring Trip- Norman Shippey
Memorial Trophy March 19th 2017**

After last year's cancelled visit to Elinor because of murky water conditions, today the water was clear and after a mild winter not too cold. Recent reports were promising, but strong winds can often change the response from the fish. And so it proved. The wind blew strongly from the south-west without much respite all day. Temperature hovered about 13 degrees with only short breaks in the cloud.

The day proved challenging for a good turnout of eleven Invicta members, plus a welcome visit from Paul Stevens, there to encourage the troops. We look forward to seeing him back with a rod in his hands in the not too distant future.

Reports that the fish were well spread out meant that anglers started along both north and south shores. The strong cross wind was causing more serious problems to those trying to row their boat back to base. Three of these ended up being hauled up on the downwind bank. It was not clear to us why their crews had decided it was necessary to set the anchors thirty yards inland over the fence. Were they expecting Noah's flood?

Fish proved hard to find along the north bank, but across the other side Chris McLeod, Andy Newman and Alan Briggs found some fish. Andy had a lovely fish near 5 lbs and a few more of these larger fish turned up amongst the healthy fighting stockies. The larger fish seemed less in-

terested in chasing a faster retrieved fly than engulfing a nymph.

Gary How persevered in the windiest corner, determined that this ever reliable fish holding spot would give up its fish eventually. It didn't.

David Moore worked his way round the lake anti-clockwise to the western end of this bank and there also found fish. Again lures found little response. Better were buzzers or nymphs cast well out and fished slowly off a floating or nymph tip line. Alan led the field by lunchtime. By this time Chris, having caught a brisk 4 fish had retired hurt with his knee, not yet fully recovered from its abuse in the tropics.

After a companionable lunch in the shelterless car park, we set out again, buoyed by the story that afternoons have proved more productive in recent days. But the fish remained hard to find. What success we had was again more along the southern shore. Steve Harding's practice sessions in his local park bore fruit with an impressive display of casting in such breezy conditions, rewarded by a number of offers and several fish landed. Sue Potts made her way to the Pylon Point at the top of the wind where she hooked a fish and, with no one in range, successfully landed, unhooked and released it. Well done!

Graham Bodsworth finally admitted defeat on the north bank, after insisting he would not move. The relief when he finally broke his blank was audible, and we did hear him planning an early return to the banks of Pitsford.

Only a few fish were added to the totals in the afternoon and Alan remained ahead of David to claim the Memorial Trophy with 11 rainbows.

Happily there were no blanks on this enjoyable, if distinctly difficult day. Let's hope for more temperate conditions for the next outing to Pitsford on 4th April.

Alan Briggs

Editor – I did hear that there were a couple of un-intentional swimmers on the day but their identities will remain private to spare their blushes☺. It wasn't the first time this year for one of them!! Albeit the first time was in much warmer climes.





Graham Bodsworth



Paul Heavens

Round 1, Pitsford Water, Tuesday 4th April 2017

After a long winter but nothing too severe temperature-wise, Pitsford had begun the season in cracking form. Plenty of fish coming out to bank and boat with North Farm Bay, Stone Barn, The Gorse and the Cliffs all producing good quantities of fish. After 1st April, the Small half restrictions were lifted and Browns were in season, so no excuses as the whole reservoir opened up.



Keith Gilchrist – 20 by lunchtime!

This time last year 29 of us caught 138 fish at a rod average of 4.76. This year there were only 20 anglers but the rod average was 6.25 with 125 being caught in total. But this is only half the

story as these statistics don't count any fish caught after an angler's bag of eight, and many members caught considerably more than 8! The method was buzzers, buzzers, buzzers, with the occasional nymph, on floating lines and midge tips, and fished very slowly.

The weather had turned which seemed to bunch the shoals up so pods were quite tight and sometimes difficult to locate. The bay east of the Gorse fished exceptionally and Stone Barn did well. There were also a few around Duffers, and other odd places, but it was very easy to be just off them, though with 14 limits and no blanks it wasn't too difficult and a great start to the season.

Next outing is to Rutland on 6th May. Let's hope the buzzers are still coming off.

UNWANTED TACKLE

Do you have any items of fishing tackle which you no longer use? If so why not advertise it for sale in this newsletter? Send details to Graham Williams gj.williams1@ntlworld.com for inclusion in the next available newsletter.

We send out approximately 100 newsletters to fly fishers. The newsletters are also available on our website, which gets quite a high number of hits from fly fishermen all around the country.

The club will not get involved in any sales or offer any guarantees on items being sold, or be involved in any disputes. All negotiations are to be between Seller and Buyer.

This advertising service is free to club members but in return we ask for a 10% donation to club funds for any successful sales. No sale no fee. Donations resulting from successful sales to be sent to our club treasurer Alan Prevost.

Arthur Sexton has some more tackle for sale. Contact Mark Searle for further details

9' 6" #7-8 Redington (red fly) Rod x 2

9' 0" #5-6 Enigma T.C.I 3 piece (new)

9' 0" #5-7 Diawa 4 piece Lochmor

9' 0" #6-9 XT Viper mk 11 2 piece (new)

1 box of mixed fly boxes, catch and release tool and some bits and pieces.



AMFC Dates

Below is the match program for this year's AMFC league and we hope to enter teams in Group 1 and Group 3. These are friendly matches fished to International rules. Members are restricted to fishing no more than 4 matches and only for one team. Also you can only fish in either the first or last matches so we need a large pool of members to fill all the places, so even if you can only fish once it is useful. Among the venues are Bewl and Farmoor which might be opportunities for you to fish somewhere new.

All Invicta members should have received an availability form, by email, from David Moore. If you can complete the form by marking your availability and preferences with an X, add your name and return to David **as soon as possible** as it a complex job fitting everyone into the two teams and giving you venues of choice.

If you have any questions contact David by email davidmoore48@outlook.com or 0787 4372810.

Rd 1 G1& G3 Sat 29th April at Bewl
Rd 2 G1 Wed 10th May at Draycote
Rd 2 G3 Sat 20th May at Farmoor
Rd 3 G1 Sat 10th June at Rutland
Rd 3 G3 Sat 10th June at Draycote
Rd 4 G1& G3 Wed 12th July at Grafham
Rd 5 G3 Wed 6th Sept at Pitsford
Rd 5 G1 Sat 16th Sept at Pitsford
Rd 6 G1& G3 Sat 7th Oct at Grafham



The AMFC Group 2 Trophy (2016) with some of the team members at the annual dinner