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Editor's Notes

Winter Programme

Although we're still only in mid-summer the Invicta committee, and in particular Peter Oldham, have been working hard on the winter evening programme. The full programme isn't complete yet but check out the speakers for Oct/Nov/Dec on page 3.

Fenland Fair

The Cambs Fenland Fair is held over the August Bank Holiday at Quy, near Cambridge, Sat 27th – Mon 29th.

Invicta have a stand, organised for many years by John Caldwell. John has some assistance organised, but could do with additional help.

If you could help out, or require additional information please contact John direct.

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Elinor Fur & Feather

Please note that the date for this event is 5th Nov. **NOT** the 6th Nov. as stated in previously newsletters.

NEXT CARR CUP DATE & VENUE

RAVENSTHORPE – SATURDAY 3rd SEPT

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AMFC Dates and venues

R1 G2 & G3 Rutland	Sat 23 rd April
R6 G2 & G3 Chew	Sat 8 th Oct.

Group 2

R2 Bewl	Wed 11 th May
R3 Chew	Wed 1 st June
R4 Draycote	Sat. 16 th July
R5 Grafham	Mon 26 th Sept

Group 3

R2 Hanningtonfield	Thursday 7 th July
R3 Pitsford	Saturday 23 rd July
R4 Eyebrook	Saturday 20 th August
R5 Grafham	Thursday 8 th Sept

Contact David Moore for further information

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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 5, Draycote Water, Saturday 13th August

Draycote had been fishing well and conditions looked perfect with a steady breeze over the dam and heavy cloud and most of us started with dries or washing line drifting out from close to the dam. Early sport was lively with a lot of swirls and bow-waves to both methods and a few rods bending but a lot were lost with some wishing they had used stronger leaders. At lunch Mark Searle was leading with 5 fish but quite a few only had one or blanks. In the afternoon the south end of the dam switched off and most boats moved towards the boils where fish were keener but smaller.

The match was fished to a retained 4 fish with C&R to the limit of 8. Mark Searle and Alan Briggs both reached the limit with Alan putting his dry fly fishing skills to good use but Mark had the bigger fish to take the Carl Hunter trophy. There were several 3lb fish and Sue Potts had two with the best at 3lb-4oz taken in her bag of 3 fish, "what a good season she is having and rocketing up the table".



Alan Briggs,
very at home on dries.

Result based on 2lb per C&R fish

1. Mark Searle 17-3
2. Alan Briggs 15-12
3. Mick Thorpe 14-8 (7 fish)
4. Gary How 12-7 (6 fish)
5. John Brown 11-00 (5 fish)
6. David Moore 10-4 (4 fish)

Total catch was 63 fish with a rod average of 4.5

With Carr Cup leader Mike Smith and contender Chris McLeod absent the points table has closed up at the top but Gary How is narrowly in the lead from Mick Facey and Mark Searle but it's only the best 6 results which count so the next round at Grafham is going to be crunch-time.

WHY FISHING IS BETTER THAN SEX....

I was recently looking through some archives stored on my PC and came across these 'sayings'. I'm not sure where they originated FROM or whether they ever appeared in a previous newsletter so my apologies if they were;

- *You don't have to hide your fishing magazines.*
- *It's perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to fish with you once in a while.*
- *Your fishing partner doesn't get upset about people you fished with long ago.*
- *It's perfectly respectable to fish with a total stranger.*
- *When you see a really good fisher person, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you fishing in boat together.*
- *If your regular fishing partner isn't available, he/she won't object if you fish with someone else.*
- *Nobody will ever tell you that you will go blind if you fish by yourself.*
- *You can have a fishing calendar on your wall at the office, tell fishing jokes, and invite co-workers to fish with you without getting sued for harassment.*
- *There are no fishing-transmitted diseases.*
- *If you want to watch fishing on television, you don't have to subscribe to the Playboy channel.*
- *Nobody expects you to fish with the same partner for the rest of your life.*
- *Your fishing partner will never say, "Not again? We just fished last week!"*
- *Is fishing all you ever think about?*



SUMMER PROGRAMME 2016

Carr Cup Dates and venues

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GRAFHAM – TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER

This is our last Carr cup match for the season where the cup can be won or lost. Even if you are not in the running or not interested in winning the Carr cup just listening to all the banter between the few that are still competing is worth the trip alone, you will hear permutation of points that Albert Einstein would be proud of.

Other Invicta Dates and venues

ELINOR 5th NOVEMBER

This is our fur and feather match, more of an end of season get together. We start about 9.30 and finish about 16.00 and make our way to the pub for a warm up, drink and to sort out the prizes. For this trip we all bring a prize and we all get to take home a prize, as with all our trips this is a very sociable day with help and advice in abundance.

WINTER EVENING PROGRAMME 2016/17

Venue - Harston Village Hall, 7.30 for 8.00pm

All meetings free to Invicta members: Visitors welcome, £5 including a beer or soft drink.

October 20. The A Team.

Members of the Invicta A Team will tell how to be successful in, and how to enjoy, competition fishing.

November 3. Russell Hill.

Editor of Trout Fisherman magazine, will talk about editing a major sporting periodical. Russell also welcomes your questions (and grilling) about trout fishing in general, and will more than likely have a ready response.

November 17. Steve Johnson (SJ Flies).

Steve's flies are being used by successful competition anglers with some acclaim; his SJ Buzzers are particularly good looking, and he will tie some flies which work well at Grafham.

Remaining evenings – speakers to be confirmed

Jan 5 Arundel House

Jan 19

Feb 2

Feb 16 AGM

Feb 25 Annual Club Dinner at St. Neots golf club

March 02

March 16

When did Victor Meldrew join the club?

I had always thought it would be a happy occasion if one was successful in a competition and was able to collect a trophy at the prize presentation.

Maybe this was a booby prize! The only one who looks happy is the match organiser



Some things never change

..... I am perfectly willing to try other methods. I have never learned to enjoy trolling or still fishing, probably because I am still too young and too impatient. On all these points I am, no doubt, prejudiced, and I have made little effort to control my prejudices; tackle and methods and pleasure in fishing are essentially matters of opinion and prejudice; true statement here is a man's close examination of himself and can be checked by no one outside himself.

Roderick Haig-Brown 1939

