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Editor's Notes

Winter Programme

The first evening of the winter programme will be held on Thursday 20th October. More details can be found on Page 4

Message from our Chairman

With the resignation of Peter Oldham from the committee, and the fact that the committee was already one member short, it was decided to co-opt two new members onto the committee to assist with arranging the winter evening programme. I would like to welcome Alan Briggs and Allan Sefton on to the committee.

Andy Newman

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 10th November

Elinor Fur & Feather

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

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.

England Loch-style qualifiers

Congratulations to Invicta members, Mark Haycock, Dave Bromley, and Dave Summers, who have all qualified for the 2017 England squad. To see the full list of qualifiers go to:- <https://te-ff.org/teams/loch-style/>

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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.

Invicta 'A' Team Head for Glory



On a day when Grafham was really on form with 135 fish being caught in the division two AMFC match, Invicta A once again lead the way with an outstanding performance to win the match with a total bag of 46 fish for 84lbs. (101 lbs with time bonus).

With only one match left in the series Invicta 'A' are hopefully heading for promotion to the top division for next season. The only team capable of catching them are England Police who are 4 points behind Invicta, so providing Invicta don't finish in the bottom two they are assured of going up.

All the members of the team in this match and previous ones should be proud of the high standard of angling that they have shown. The Invicta team in this match were Kieran Bonas, Mick Facey, Mark Haycock, Chris McLeod, David Moore and Mark Searle

Food for thought

I recently came across some interesting facts & figures which I thought would be of interest to some of our club members, particularly those who go sea-fishing. It concerns the by-catch (the catch not allowed to be landed and which has to be dumped back into the sea, usually dead) of a single fishing boat in the Pacific Ocean after a single sweep:

This was the by-catch:

- 488 turtles
- 455 stingrays & devil rays
- 460 sharks
- 68 sailfish
- 34 marlin
- 32 tuna
- 11 wahoo
- 8 swordfish
- 4 giant sunfish

This by-catch was legal under international protocols. The hooks on the longlines were certified as "turtle friendly".

The **target catch was Mahi-Mahi** and the total legal catch was **just 211** fish.

I hope the diners in the fancy restaurants along the west coast of North America and in Japan enjoyed their fish & chips!!

Peter Oldham

Peter joined Invicta around 1993 and has recently resigned following a move to Cheshire with his wife Jenny.

Peter featured in a Member's Profile No 13 in Newsletter 144 (Nov/Dec 2008) from which some of this information is taken.

His interest in fishing of any sort was kindled on a family holiday at Blackpool, when he fished off the pier. When he got home he asked for and received a bamboo rod with brass ferrules, which he used in local spots like the Bridgewater Canal. He didn't catch much and lost interest for a while, but later returned to fishing.



In the 1980s he moved to Harrogate and fished the local Dales.

He caught his first trout at a gravel pit near Earith. Not having a priest with which to despatch it, he used his welly boot. He progressed to fishing Orton Meadows Fishery, where he held the record for a while with a 10lb 8oz fish. He also fished Aveley Fishery which held large stockies.

Within Invicta Peter has been a very keen member and has always supported the Carr Cup fishing days and attended the winter meetings. He joined the committee in 1994.

In 1993 he reached the Trout masters Final. He fished for Invicta teams from 1995 for several years and he won the Carl Hunter Bowl in 2000. In 2011 he organised a Invicta fishing day at Elinor for recuperating soldiers on behalf of the Fishing for Forces charity. There was to be another in 2012 but this was cancelled due to last-minute troop deployments. Peter later attended a dinner at the House of Lords in recognition of his involvement.

In recent years he has organised speakers for our winter meetings.

Peter has salmon fished in the past. More recently has become a keen river fisherman, targeting grayling in particular and has organised many trips for groups of anglers from Invicta. We send Peter and Jenny our best wishes for the future.

Invicta/Scientific Anglers line trying event, Grafham.

In conjunction with Invicta, visiting American staff of Scientific Anglers, together with Steve Peterson of Fly Fish Europe, held a line trying demo at Grafham on 16th August.

A full range of lines, which included floating, intermediate and sinking lines of various densities were there for attendees to try on their own rods. Members were able to check which were the correct weight and head profile for their rod, and which gave the best balance. One particular sinking line, which some may find to be of great use on the competition circuit, was a "3-5-7" line, which comprises a running line of sink rate 3 inches per second, a mid section of 5ips, and a tip of 7ips. Once the characteristics of casting this were mastered it certainly went along way and, one can imagine, will be able to drag fish up from the deep.

Of special note was some of the new slick coatings for floating lines; Scientific Anglers have carried out much research into such coatings and it certainly seemed that extra distance could be achieved with the correct line profile and texture.



Invicta members discussing and trying the various lines with SA staff.



A much needed casting lesson from Brad Befus, Director of Scientific Anglers.

Photos courtesy of James Beeson of Trout and Salmon magazine, who may carry a news item on the event.

Winter Evening programme 2016/7

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

Dec 8 TBC

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

