



## Newsletter No.188 October 2016

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### **Editor's Notes**

#### **Winter Programme**

The next winter evening meeting is on Thursday **3<sup>rd</sup> November** where **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.

#### **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 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Elinor Fur & Feather**

Please note that the date for this event is **5<sup>th</sup> Nov. NOT the 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Fly Tying**

A couple of fly tying sessions have been organised for club members during November and December. For full details see Page 4

#### **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.**

**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

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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 Win Promotion



At the final AMFC match at Chew on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, Invicta 'A' needed to finish in the top four places to become Group 2 Champions. Only England Police could prevent Invicta from glory but in true style the team secured second place on the day to win the group by a clear margin. With 12 different members fishing over the six match series it shows what a high standard of anglers we have in our club. Well done to the whole team.

The team put in a very consistent series of results over the six matches; they achieved two 1<sup>st</sup>, two 2<sup>nd</sup>, and two 3<sup>rd</sup> positions for a total of 30 points, which was 5 points ahead of their nearest rivals

The team for this final pressure match: Chris McLeod, Gary How, David Moore and Jeff Hickson.



John Caldwell presenting the trophy at the final match.

## The 2016 Invicta 'A' Team:

Congratulations to all of the team members who took part in the series of six matches;

Graham Bodsworth, Kieran Bonas, Alan Briggs, John Caldwell, Mick Facey, Keith Gilchrist, Mark Haycock, Jeff Hickson, Gary How, Chris McLeod, David Moore, Mark Searle,



Mark Searle – Captain of Invicta A  
Receives the Kew/Queen Mother Plate at the 1<sup>st</sup> match of the year at Rutland



Graham Bodsworth who caught the largest fish at Draycote





The winning team at Grafham: Mick Facey, Mark Haycock, Mark Searle, Kieran Bonas, Chris Mcleod, and organiser David Moore

## **Thank you to Team Invicta B**

After celebrating the A team success we must acknowledge the 12 members who fished for our B team in AMFC Group 3 this year. Group 3 has some strong teams as most clubs only field one team so competing against Hanningfield and Mid-Northants on their home waters was always going to be a challenge and none of the team had fished at Chew before so our hopes rested on the Grafham and Eyebrook matches.

Unfortunately we got off to a bad start in the first match at Grafham and then Hanningfield was a lottery of stock fish in a very tight area. Pitsford was a roasting hot day with no wind and won with buzzers on Di7s which didn't really suit our style! Horrendous weather forecasts resulted in Eyebrook being cancelled and then we were a rod short at Chew in spite of Mick Thorpe bravely travelling to fish only a couple of days after leaving hospital.

Over the five matches our B team caught 57 fish for a rod average of 2.2. Among the best performers were John Brown who caught 12 in his 3 matches and Allan Sefton with 9 in 3 while Mel Parrott caught 7 fishing as a reserve at Grafham.

The B team is important for giving relative newcomers a taste of competition and developing skills so it was good to see Jeff Price making good progress and taking 5 in his 3 matches, you are getting there Jeff !

A big thank you to all those taking part – John Brown, Kieran Caulfield, Ron Gent, Paul Heavens, Mel Parrott, Alan Prevost, Jeff Price, Martin Rowson, Allan Sefton, Simon Sells, Mike Smith, Mick Thorpe



# Fly Tying Sessions 2016

**To be held at Grafham Water Fishing Lodge.  
Saturday 19th November and Saturday 10th December 09.30 to  
12.00 hrs.**

Invicta Fly Fishing Club has arranged two 'Fly Tying Workshops' at Grafham Lodge. These workshops have been arranged with beginners to fly tying in mind and those who just enjoy talking fly tying.

Game Angling Instructors Association coach Peter Hartley has kindly agreed to attend both sessions and Peter Waterhouse (PWW Designs) will be there on 10th December to tie flies and show his Scottie range of fly tying vices and accessories. Other members of Invicta FFC will also be available and you can get some hands-on experience at the vice.

Are you a beginner, or have you any particular technique or fly pattern you would like to learn how to tie? We will pass on your requests to those demonstrating. Hopefully we can arrange things so that everyone attending gets the most out of the sessions. Would those interested please give me a call or email and let me know which day(s) you would be attending.

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