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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 on page 3.

Message from our Chairman

Invicta committee member Peter Oldham has recently moved to Cheshire. Peter has been on the Invicta Committee for 5 years and for much of this time he has organised the winter programme and also arranged many river fishing trips giving members the opportunity to fish for wild Browns and Grayling. Peter will be greatly missed and we wish him the very best in his new home.

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 added to the meeting agenda. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10th November

NEXT CARR CUP DATE & VENUE

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.

Currently it's tight at the top of the leader-board with 3 anglers having the most realistic chance of winning. The Carr Cup is Gary How's to lose! By my calculations (and I could easily be wrong) Gary needs a full bag to guarantee winning. However, if he only catches 6 fish it's possible for both Mick Facey and Mark Searle to overhaul him - no pressure on Gary then!!! - Editor

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.

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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 Rd 5, Grafham, Sat30th Sept 2016



Ready for the off.

This should have been our annual trip to Ravenshorpe with plenty of top of the water sport, on a small, well stocked reservoir. Sadly this water had turned a dense green and few fish were being caught. So, at the last minute, organiser Mark Searle managed to get the venue switched to Grafham which was in good nick and fishing well.

As luck would have it, the weather was perfect overcast fishing conditions which gave us ideal Grafham weather, with fish in the top few feet. It was also the beginning of the predator fishing season, which meant a lot of anglers with spinning gear and fish finders. These gadgets showed most of the trout were lying deeper than we expected which might explain why fast glass lines worked well, just getting that bit deeper. However, most opted for slow glass, midge tip and floating lines.

Boats initially aimed for a number of areas and fish were found almost everywhere. Fishing on his own, Mark caught on dries in Valley Creek. Savages produced a few as did all along the Dam. But the Inlet held a huge head of fish as Mick Facey discovered taking 17 in the morning, including 4 double hook ups, before retiring to his sitting room to avoid the afternoon rain. The Boils by the Dam were good, but all of that area fished well especially the slicks off the bubbles, and from A buoy almost through to the Bowl. So plenty of fish were caught, with 8 limits and a healthy rod average of nearly 4.5. Those who struggled are probably still trying to work out why on a day when the fish were very willing – That's fishing!

It is good to see those members new to the sport doing well, and turning up to our club days. It's a great way to learn and they will find they progress rapidly as Mark tries to pair up experienced rods with beginners.

With just one match to go Gary How leads the Carr Cup table and needs to fail badly to be overtaken. But others are not far behind, and with only the best 6 taken into account, it is still possible for a number of contenders to win.

The next and last day of the year should be at Grafham on 4 October, but if Ravensthorpe clears it could be moved there. Watch this space!

Total catch was 94 fish with a rod average of 4.48

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 Hanningfield	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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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

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

