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### YES, YES, YES! - It just gets better and better. GREAT NEWS.

I am greatly indebted to Chris McLeod for sending me some really encouraging news. As you will no doubt recall, I am an enthusiastic supporter of the single voice for all disciplines in angling - the recently formed Angling Trust.

Leading up to the launch of this embryo unifying force to represent ALL anglers, each discipline was to be represented by their previous governing bodies which would dissolve into the Trust. Assuming this role for game angling, was to be the Salmon & Trout Association. A very debatable assumption to my mind in the first instance. Anyway at the eleventh hour the S & T A withdrew claiming it had been just granted charitable status and was thus ineligible! Let us get totally real, the S & T A must have applied for this status and must have known what effect this late hour withdrawal would have on the representation and knowledge within the new Angling Trust of the issues which needed to be addressed and supported for all UK game anglers. To be honest I viewed this at the time as tantamount to treachery to our sport - and still do.

So, in its first year the Angling Trust did not have a game fishing awareness and voice although to be fair to the Trust it is entirely non-factional in concept and operation. Fortunately recognising this unfortunate vacuum, another body has been more public spirited, as witness the news from Chris (chairman of the EYFA) just received:-

*“At the Annual Committee Meeting of the CEFF yesterday it was agreed to disband the Confederation of English Fly Fishers and reform as a committee representing*

*competitive fly fishing within the Angling Trust.*

*This is what we were all hoping would happen, and the vote was taken at last, after some debate, and with the EYFA given voting rights equivalent to the individual federations.*

*So we can now move on with organising our own affairs within this new structure. The CEFF no longer exists technically but the committee will continue their work under the aegis of the AT, and Peter Hartley has been given the task of laying out the new situation and contacting all the old federation secretaries.*

*Guarantees regarding ring-fencing our funds, and maintaining our autonomy within the AT were reiterated, and examples of how that happens with the coarse anglers were given by Mark Lloyd, the Chief Executive of the AT, who was at the meeting.*

*So good news, and welcome clarification prior to our AGM on 12 December.”*

Thanks Chris for this information - and the most profound thanks to the late CEFF for recognising the common good and doing the right thing... unlike others!! Game anglers finally have an input in the ongoing debates.

## THE INTER-CLUB FLOATING LINE COMPETITION AT GRAFHAM WATER 2011.

In 2009, after having won the team situation, Invicta were invited by GWFFA to organise and run the 2010 event at Grafham Water.

Having accepted this invitation (or should that be challenge?) the Invicta Committee buckled down to get this competition up and running for 2010, largely on the lines as for the previous year but seeking to modify the arrangements to hopefully gain more attention and support.

In the event we managed to inject some interim new thoughts for this but one major innovation was in introducing as a headline sponsor a major tackle manufacturer - Snowbee UK. There is no doubt that this was proved to be overall a success and the event again enjoyed by many.

Building on this situation and, after having won the team event for a second time in 2010, your

committee are looking at developing this event even further in 2011, consolidating the support of Snowbee UK and advancing this to be hopefully a major event in the fly fishing calendar with participation, by invitation only, to a wider range of clubs.

A dedicated sub-committee has been established to organise the format of this developing event with the object of raising the profile and making this a "must attend and entirely satisfying experience."

Invited clubs are likely to be contacted in the near future with skeletal details - the group are still honing optimum arrangements - but **the date has been established as Saturday 6th August 2011.** You may well wish to record this date now in order that you may not be committed for something less important and rewarding on that day.

### invicta calendar of forthcoming events 2010/2011

Dec 9th	<b>LOCH FISHING - Lawson Wight &amp; Peter Reeves.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Jan 13th	<b>COMPETITION FISHING - Graham Pearson.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Jan 27th	<b>THIS COACHING LIFE - Peter Hartley.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb 10th	<b>RECENT SUCCESSES, TRENDS &amp; TACKLE - Simon Kidd.</b>	Harston V/ Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb 24th	<b>INVICTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb 26th	<b>INVICTA ANNUAL DINNER.</b>	The Lion Hotel, Buckden.	7.30 for 8 pm
Mar 10th	<b>PAST &amp; FUTURE - John Mees of Anglian Water.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Mar 24th	<b>INTER-CLUB QUIZ NIGHT. Mayhem again.</b>	Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Mar 26th	<b>'PILGRIMAGE' PRACTICE DAY .</b>	Grafham Water	TBA
May 27th	<b>'PILGRIMAGE' INTERNATIONAL FINAL.</b>	Grafham Water	TBA
Aug 6th	<b>INTER-CLUB FLOATING LINE COMPETITION.</b>	Grafham Water	TBA

**Due to circumstances beyond our control speakers on occasion cancel at short notice. Members traveling some distance to attend should check their e-mails prior to setting off to establish latest information.**



These are  
Royal Coachmen, many more  
will no doubt be evident at **that**  
wedding next year.



## MIKE CLARK 1935 - 2010

## An obituary for a friend from John Caldwell

Mike Clark, past chairman and president of Hanningfield F.A. passed away suddenly on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

I first met Mike Clark in the mid 1990s at an AMFC group 1 match on Rutland Water. The day was not notable for the fishing but Mike caught one around lunchtime and I had one on the last cast. Mike always insisted I was winding in at the time. We got on like a house on fire and became firm friends through our work on the AMFC Committee and Mike's work with the AMFC Fun day.

I didn't fish with Mike again until about six or seven years ago when we were both available to fish with invited guests of the Association at the Autumn match on Grafham. There were no guests to partner so we teamed up and had a great day drifting off Savage's Creek. We were both in hysterics when we got back to the jetty as we'd both caught a fish at the end while winding in! Mike really enjoyed his fishing and went after exotic species in Chile, Cuba and Venezuela, and always had a trip to Thurso after salmon in September. He caught very few salmon but this didn't seem to matter. He suffered from ill health for many years and had a quadruple heart bypass nearly 10 years ago but this didn't dim his enthusiasm, indeed he flung himself at the sport even more. Then came a severe setback when he tore his shoulder muscles and ligaments really severely while bonefishing in Cuba. He visited many specialists and eventually found one who was prepared to operate although giving the chances of success as only 50%. In fact the result was that Mike fished even better and took great pleasure in stuffing me on most of my favourite reservoirs. In the last couple of years Mike was further diagnosed as suffering from sleep apnoea, another thing we had in common. This meant he was frequently seen taking a snooze in the car park if he wasn't actually fishing.

Mike may well be best remembered for his running of the Association Fun day at the end of the each season. This he began at Hanningfield and in recent years he moved it to Eyebrook and then to Pitsford. He personally, and his company East Thames Aggregates, sponsored this event so that there were always

plenty of small prizes to go round. It was designed to allow people who had perhaps not fished a serious AMFC match to have a sociable day out with some mild competition. For my part, Mike was a reliable assistant at the main Association matches, always present to help out with the weigh-in, presenting trophies, etc., and he was always there at the AGM with constructive suggestions. He and I used to meet up at his house on Canvey Island on Boxing Day to put the world to rights and plan for the season ahead.

Mike will be sorely missed by all who knew him, and our deepest condolences go to his wife, Pat, and daughters Jenny, Alison and Lisa.

### Heavens fishing hole

(Read at Mike's funeral service)

For years, the riverbank was where  
Your soul felt most at peace  
Your heart was most content when there  
With the fish and the geese  
But then, your spirit came to rest  
Where angels chose to roam  
And once equipped with ten pound test  
You made yourself at home.

The sky became your deep blue sea  
The clouds became your shore  
And there, for all eternity  
You sat with friends galore  
Each angel was a fisherman  
Who had traded his pole  
For golden wings and a game plan  
At Heaven's Fishing Hole.

The tales you told about each catch  
Its stature and its girth  
Will live in memories unmatched  
As days pass here on earth  
Until we meet again, one day  
Upon God's golden sand  
We'll picture you, no other way  
Than with a pole in hand.



## MASSED INVICTAS AT THE A.M.F.C. FUN DAY EVENT 2010



Scary photo this, I thought on first glance they were all in court. Maybe just a matter of time though!

We regret to advise the death of member Ray Holgate whose funeral took place on 9th November.

A few of us fished in his company for many years in the Phillips matches. He managed the Invicta B. and H. team for years and achieved great success reaching 2nd place in the final in 1996 (I think - that was the year the team was awarded the Invicta Trophy). Sadly this caused a bit of a rift in the club because of the selection procedure, which was resolved by introducing eliminators for the team - incredible that more than 6 people wanted to be in the team in those days!!!

He was good pals with Ian Baldock and John Gale among others, and, of course Dave Barker. Sad to see the demise of these great anglers. - Chris McLeod.



### ARTHUR COVE MEMORIAL

Thanks to Dave Oates for sending this photo of the newly positioned bench in a prominent position at Eyebrook.

This tribute to a landmark pioneer in our sport was funded by a Memorial bank match and by public donations earlier this year.

## WINTER MEETING REPORT - BY DAVE JONES

### FLY TYING FOR THOSE WHO DON'T

Peter Reeves kicked off this fly tying evening by describing the equipment he employs.

I particularly liked his fly tying vice made by Griffin in the USA, for the small jaws locked by cam action and overall supported by a really solid base. Peter acquired the Patriot from Sparton Tackle and I see that Steve Parton ([www.spartonfly.co.uk](http://www.spartonfly.co.uk)) raves about Griffin kit in general and sells the Patriot at £110. It is also available from the shop at Grafham. Perhaps I should stick with my Veniards Salmo which has survived over 40 years and may well see me out? Dark winter evenings demand a reasonable light source in order to illuminate tying operations. Peter had a neat folding unit made by Daylight (model D33507), which was sufficiently weighty not to be easily tipped over. The light was quite bright supplied by a 13w artificial daylight tube. They retail at £40.

Peter now always uses Steve Parton's 18/0 micro fly tying thread. Unlike competitors products it is not a monofilament yet twisted in a manner which does not unravel unduly during the tying process. It comes lightly waxed. I did wonder if such a fine thread might be prone to cutting through natural materials such as feathers but as we know Peter is a fanatic for tiny flies. This *Micro thread* is suitable for flies down to 26's: for the usual range around 12's and 10's, the *Professional* grade is probably a better choice for most tyers.

Peter was using a single arm bobbin holder which incorporated a slipping clutch. If this was the Rite then at £18 a throw, my choice would be to buy several standard cheaper models which would save the inconvenience of changing over threads quite so often.

Scissors are a vital instrument. Peter had several models with fine points but each reserved for cutting specific materials - feathers and wires for example. Dr Slicks do a range of useful models including some with tungsten carbide blades which I presume are useful for cutting Kevlar and various wires.

Peter had a couple of types of hackle pliers, some with the retractable wire head (best purchased from Carrilon rather than Maplins these days) and the others of the more conventional plier design. I don't recall what make they were but as Peter said, it was essential that the ends were flat and parallel to

ensure a reliable grip. (*They are Dr. Slick's non-slip and J-Dorins - Ed.*)

Peter is not a gadget freak and other tools consisted of a dubbing needle used to precisely place varnish on the heads of flies, and a hackle guard to make sure that the varnish stays around the hook eye. He still favours the use of fingers to whip finish - not having been able to grasp the workings of the many tools available. There are plenty of videos on Youtube - just type in whip finishing tool for a demonstration. (*But I still can't follow them - Ed.*)

The first fly Peter demonstrated was a small red buzzer. He had bad experiences with Spanflex which he reckoned deteriorated quite quickly. Instead he used Magic Glass, once known as Swanundaze (?), which is a round translucent plastic monofilament. Someone in the audience said it was available from the craftshop (Tindalls) in Bridge Street. Talking about other sources of materials I would recommend a trip to the haberdashery department of Robert Sayles for ostrich plumes as well as loads of beads and eyes. (*Can you imagine the consternation that the appearance of Dave Jones in the haberdashery department would cause? - Ed.*) Anyway, back to the fly - it was easy to construct a thin segmented body which was finished off with orange goose biots on either side of the thorax..

A cormorant was tied on a Fulling Mill competition hook. An interesting feature of this demo was the use of a super fine, bright stainless steel wire ribbing. He said it came from Lakeland ([www.lakelandflytying.com](http://www.lakelandflytying.com)) so I assume it was the Lagartun xx fine stainless steel. I find this web site really irritating as most of the stuff I want is out of stock. I would love to source stuff locally but I certainly object to having to pay to park at the AW shops. There is no website so it is not possible to take advantage of the post free service. Someone wanted a demo showing how to spin deer hair. No problem but Peter still used the ultrafine micro thread even for this task demonstrating its versatility. Anyone wanting a home demo look no further than Youtube again searching for spinning deer hair. Another demo was tying a parachute post. Try that on Youtube and although you will find videos you may well find the parachute videos - as in skydiving - a bit of a distraction!

The grayling experts in the shape of Oscar Boatfield (didn't he used to come to meetings in his school shorts?) and Stan Mankov appeared

on the scene. Just Google their names if you are unaware of their achievements. Readers of the game fishing magazines may have seen the odd reference to the use of jig hooks for grayling flies. In fact they have been around for at least 25 years but seemingly kept secret from the hoi poloi. Their advantage is that they sink with the point uppermost so that the fly can trundle along the bed of the stream without snagging. I noticed that Oscar had a box filled with this type of fly. Jig hooks in the size range used for grayling are specialised products. Take a look at [www.celticflycraft.co.uk](http://www.celticflycraft.co.uk) for Knapek barbless blank jig hooks in the range 1 down to 16. [www.flytyingboutique.com](http://www.flytyingboutique.com) is another source of jig hooks, either FTB or Dohiku HDT designed in Slovakia. They also have an interesting line in slotted oval tungsten beads. Hanak is another name to look for when searching for small jig hooks [www.hanakproducts.co.uk](http://www.hanakproducts.co.uk). Oscar said there were small differences in the design of these hooks so that he had a preference for certain makes according to the size. I think I might try tweaking standard hooks!

Stan selected a size 12 Hanak jig hook and purloined a 3.5mm slotted tungsten bead from Oscar. I am not sure of the source these slotted beads but [www.uniqueflies.co.uk](http://www.uniqueflies.co.uk) might be a good start. About half a dozen coq-de-leon

fibres (try [www.Lathkill.com](http://www.Lathkill.com)) were tied in at the tail. Musk rat dubbing was applied along about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the shank and roughed up with a dubbing brush (Velcro). The remainder of the straight shank was dubbed with orange rabbit fur before the bead was locked in place with extra turns of thread. No pictures but look up this site [www.czechnymphs.com](http://www.czechnymphs.com) for a comprehensive display of all types of flies. Readers may also be interested in Stan's other patterns (and services) should look at his web site: <http://mankovflyfishing.com>.

There was a little exchange between our guests and it was interesting to learn that whereas Stan preferred a soft action rod (make not specified), Oscar opted for a stiffer actioned jobbie – one from the Maryatt Tactical range ([www.fly-fishing-tackle.co.uk](http://www.fly-fishing-tackle.co.uk)). Flies are fished on long leaders (6m+) where the nylon does not leave the reel. Oscar liked the Janus French leader incorporating a spiral “spring” bite indicator ([www.troutlure.co.uk](http://www.troutlure.co.uk)). More information on the Czech and French methods can be found on [www.globalflyfisher.com/fishbetter/czech/](http://www.globalflyfisher.com/fishbetter/czech/) and [www.flyfishingpoint.net/#/articles/techniques/94-the-french-nymph](http://www.flyfishingpoint.net/#/articles/techniques/94-the-french-nymph) The websites were active as on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. However, I cannot vouch for any of the shops but I have no reason to believe that they are anything other than excellent – unless you know better?

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## ANGLIAN WATER CONSULTATIVE MEETING - Chris McLeod

At the recent meeting between the Federation of Midland Fly Fishers (Anglia) and Staff of Anglian Water, a number of issues were discussed. This is the annual meeting where we as anglers can bring up issues in discussion with Jake Williams and his senior staff.

Subjects covered were such things as site maintenance, access, bank erosion, predators and cormorants, catch returns, stocking, tuition, boats sailing, catering, and the Wing extension works.

Chris McLeod and John Caldwell usually represent Invicta's interests here, but others are welcome to attend.

A few important points came out of this.

1. Season ticket holders have keys to the gates around the reservoirs. These are not to be used in the close season.

2. Cormorant numbers seem to have reduced. In October '09 470 were counted whereas in October this year only 192. *(Possibly because they have left to set up colonies on other waters? - Ed.)*

3. Fish stocking levels and quality has been almost exactly the same this year as previous - around 86,000 at Rutland, and 52,000 at Grafham.

Otherwise things are progressing as usual, and AW are very pleased to be showing a good profit on the fishing. No word on prices but it is hoped any increases will be minimal.



**The editor muses on random aspects of fly fishing.**



some will have persevered on the reservoirs whilst others will have introduced some variety and delicacy by looking to rivers.

This year again many Invicta members have switched in the autumn/winter to sample Grayling fishing using flies that test their eyesight a bit more but enjoying the additional challenge - especially on the chalk streams where Grayling fishing can be appreciated at something like a tenth of the normal going rate for trout when in season.... many of which are still there of course!

Regrettably we do not enjoy this facility locally but Hampshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and the Welsh border areas are not unreasonably distant.

I feel that a short break from fishing is much

This recent cold weather had as least quietened those commentators who delight in wittering on predicting doom through global warming. It has also made it obvious that we are in winter and very shortly the Reservoirs etc. will take a couple of months of well deserved rest.



This extended season is very welcome (it was not always there) but soon most fly rods will languish in the back of the garage for a while. Up to now

appreciated allowing batteries and enthusiasm to be recharged - plus of course some therapeutic fly tying to take place in readiness for the off next season. Happy tying folks!

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**BOB AYRES would like to remind you .....**

That our Annal Dinner and Trophy presentations will take place at the Lion Hotel, Buckden on Saturday February 26th. During the forthcoming 'Festive' break he



will be circulating a mouth watering menu and booking forms. It be greatly appreciated if these were to be completed and returned (with cheques) early to assist in finalising arrangements for this ever popular and enjoyable event. Thank you!



## THE INVICTA 'FUR 'N FEATHER' EVENT - November 2010

### - Report by Peter Oldham.

Invicta's last group social day and fishing trip saw a group of anglers arrive at Elinor fishery hoping for a good mid November day of fishing and socialising.

They were not disappointed.

A chilly northeasterly wind blew across and along the lake, making casting easy from the north bank, although reports from the previous 2 weeks suggested that most of the fish caught had been along the southern bank (known as the river bank, on account of the tributary of the Nene which runs parallel to the bank, about 50 yards away). With the difficult casting conditions some anglers



**The quality of the Elinor fish was very good. Peter above holding a couple of his catch.**

headed for the quieter waters of the coarse bank to the west of the lake (confusingly known as the east end, by some accident of geography). Fishing conditions at the dam, normally known as a good fishing-holding spot, were difficult with a cold and strong headwind, and few rods were bent there.

Anglers who started at the southern bank found fish very early, with Peter Reeves clocking up 4 fish within the first hour: Mark Searle slotted into position not far away and found fish quickly also. Trout were feeding heavily on small nymphs and were seen taking small dries very close to the bank....sometimes too close to cast to, being only several feet from the wading anglers. There were also signs of fry-bashing out in the middle of the lake.

All anglers caught fish during the day. John Caldwell and Peter Oldham both went over the dozen, with some good sized trout that did not come easily to the net. Gary How reported playing and losing at the net a significant sized fish. Several others reached, or got close to, double figures. As the day was a fun day rather than a serious competition few anglers took the full 6 fish to weigh in.

After-fishing activity at The Fox....where the landlord had kindly agreed to open up early especially for Invicta...saw those present enjoying hot....and cold....drinks with finger food in front of a good log fire. It was agreed by those present that Elinor had been a good venue, with some good sized fish and lots of activity: several who had not fished Elinor before stated that the fishery was better than expected and they would be most likely to return at some time in the future.

First pick of the prizes went to Peter Oldham, for the biggest fish at 4lbs 13 oz, with John Caldwell coming just behind to take second pick. With many prizes donated all anglers won something to take home.

#### **Footnote:**

*I fully endorse Peter's remarks on this event and venue. I have always enjoyed it and this format allows much more friendly conversation and freely offered advice at the water - and somewhat enhanced banter at the hostelry later. This event would make an ideal 'maiden club outing' for new and junior members to receive encouragement and get to know the more established (& villainous) members. Elinor does have quality fish amongst the smaller stockies and has a good atmosphere with a lot of productive bank fishing on tap. One point though - would it not be possible to have a 'Fur 'n Feather' event in warmer weather with more daylight hours... like June maybe? - Ed.*



## THE INVICTA TUESDAY EVENING LEAGUE IN 2010 - Chris McLeod

Over 50 anglers took part in the Evening League at Grafham this year.

Every Tuesday, from mid May to mid August, around 15 - 25 fished for the best part of 4 hours.

Although the evening rises and fish in the wind lanes are a thing of the past, lots of fish were caught. As was happening during the day, pullers were less successful than twiddlers. The early part of the year was phenomenal both in the quantity and quality of the fish. They weren't always easy, but most evenings were rewarded with good catches. With nearly 600 fish caught over the 15 weeks, it was possibly the best return of any year since we started the league.

Our juniors did very well, and we saw a good number of old friends and new faces. So the League continues to thrive. Roll on next May.

Perennial Evening League champion Mark Searle won again. His secret is simple - turn up every week, and catch lots of fish. Easy! He took 64 fish which is a remarkably consistent average of over 4. Junior Kieran Bonas ran him a close second with 62, and his fellow Youth International Adam Worker had 48. That is brilliant fishing from the lads. Chris McLeod and John Vincent, who cannot be described as a juniors, were fourth and fifth.

There were some very good performances from others who attended less often, including John Mees who caught 5 on his only outing. He is still trying, telling everyone that his rod average of precisely 5 gives him the trophy. We're not so convinced!

*This is a very popular Invicta event but we try not to be selfish and allow visiting anglers to participate for a couple of times when visiting. Watch out for details for 2011.*

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### THIRTY YEARS AGO

FROM NEWSLETTER NO. 12 DATED NOVEMBER 1980 - BY DAVE JONES

**Church Hill Farm Fishery.** ".....John Reynolds, on the other hand, who paid an afternoon visit was unsuccessful - he kept hooking the fence three fields away. I must confess I felt a bit smug at the weigh in, confident that the sherry was mine with a 3 lb 4 oz fish. Alas I was thwarted by Colin Brett who caught a 3 lb 5 oz brownie on a dry fly in the heat of the day using the well known ploy of pretending to discard one's rod in favour of a sandwich."

**Grafham Boat trip.** "..... However, Dave Barker sussed what to do and soon filled the boat with the aid of a dry sedge given 6" twitches when the fish approached. The pattern incidentally was a chocolate brown mating sedge, knotted in the Roman position and tied on a 10 long shank. "You need a fresh fly after each fish to ensure good floatability" said Dave sporting a collection of flies in his sweater. And I say unto you disbelievers, David was a hairy man.

At 10 o'clock we were met by some smug herberts who had survived their near shipwreck to produce the only double limit of the day. Jim Donnelly had found the magic fly - a red goat hair winged muddler with a silver body - and caught eight off the sludge lagoon and handed it over to Spish to catch another five for his limit. There were no outstanding fish caught, all being in the region of 2 lbs or less. No-one weighed in and thus it proved impossible to fairly award the bottle of sherry."

"Bill Crouch was catching and returning what he thought were tiddlers in Wales (river fishing) when a fellow angler enquired what he was up to. They are too small aren't they? "Boyo, if you cut the head and tail off and there is something left in the middle then they are big enough!"

## NEW WEBSITE FOR INVICTA

Our website has, up to the present time been managed by Colin Brett who has done a great job for the club probably sensing little support and in an element of perceived isolation - and to whom we must all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude - let's face it, would you have wanted that job?

However, we recently had our ranks strengthened by a design and I.T. professional (Matt Willatt) who has been working on streamlining the site and introducing some extra elements and dynamic flexibility - i.e. it should respond to ongoing needs as required at any given time.

Matt is confident that the new site situation can be up and running with most features for the Christmas break (if all the promises to him for data are fulfilled) so why not visit the site then and explore the new layout and of course feel free to make any suggestion to Matt for improvements or greater facility?



**Colin Brett - our Webmaster up to the present time. Thanks for a great job well done Colin.**

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## OUR HALL OF FAME .... Invicta trophies 2010 update

I expect like me you are wondering who the heroes and zeroes are this year. Well, the latest information I have may be unreliable since John Caldwell (Bookings Officer) was at the time of enquiry sitting in Capetown fighting off the horrors of dehydration with gin ad tonics. He advises "Carr Cup is Mark Searle. Brown Trout Trophy is Andy Newman. The Beecroft shield is currently headed to John Krailing but I believe is open until the end of the year so may conceivably change. Presidents Cup is Mark again I think. I can't remember Carl Hunter Bowl and I don't have access to my Invicta files that are on my laptop at home (I use a little netbook while traveling)". As indicated earlier, the Tuesday Evening League trophy is yet again claimed by Mark Searle - his consistency in this event is truly remarkable. Well done Mark and to the others!

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## LAST CAST.... Oh!... err! Ever wished you were somewhere else?

