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SPECIAL ISSUE NUMBER 150 AND ANNOUNCING THE 'INVICTA 150 CHALLENGE'

Well, who would have thought amongst the original founder members that you would be reading the 150th edition of this newsletter. To mark this event it has been decided to pose the Invicta 150 challenge. Next year we will have 4 Junior members in the English Youth international squad. Can any other club match that I wonder? Now the English Youth Flyfishing Association have active fund raising within their organisation with the lads playing important rôles in self-help but raising the cash to fully develop the possibilities is a constant problem to any Association.

The Challenge? Well we are challenging you to make individual donations to EYFA to help in their sterling work to reach collectively at least £150. I will give another £150 to them as soon as this figure is reached. Then, if an additional £150 can be received our club captain, Graham Williams has offered to give a further £150. You get the idea? Maybe other benefactors may come forward to support the cause for the young after all it is logical that funding for the sport should come from within the sport. **I would add that donations are not restricted to Invicta members and if you are reading this not as a member, then ask yourself what you can do.** It takes only 10 donations of £15, 15 of £10 or maybe 3 of £50 to get that essential £150 raised which then gets doubled to benefit the future of the sport. Now is payback time to the sport which has been kind to you. Just write your cheque made out to 'EYFA' (now would be a good time whilst you think of it,) write "Invicta 150 challenge" on the back and post it to the EYFA Secretary - Bobbie Worker, 112 Station Road, Oakley, Bedford. MK43 7RE

Now I know it is rumoured some of you have a very strong sentimental attachment to your funds but come on, release a little and see it do some good. If it is difficult for you then think how much Graham and myself will wince when we write out our cheques! A never to be repeated opportunity to make our eyes water.... now can you resist that? On behalf of EYFA and Bobbie, a truly big thank you in anticipation of your generous support... and Happy Christmas!!!



Invicta junior and EYFA members Adam Worker (left) and Keiran Bonas (right) proudly holding the Bob Church trophy after their epic team 'gold medal' victory at Llandegfedd. Report on page 6.

... AND ANOTHER THOUGHT

Our club captain has pointed out that soon fly fishing clubs will shortly be calling for annual subscription renewals.

Now for Invicta that is a very low £17 per year - where else could you get so much for so little? Why not as an alternative to the Invicta 150 Challenge, or better still as an addition, round up your renewal cheque to £20 or £25 as a voluntary contribution via the treasurer to EYFA? Tell him though!

Now I know that officials of other clubs get this newsletter, I would suggest that you consider your own club make this proposal to your members to plough back into the sport, encourage and strengthen it for the future. In fact you are challenged to match the Invicta 150 Challenge initiative.

invicta calendar of forthcoming events 2009/2010

Oct. 7th	HANNINGFIELD. Carr cup points apply. Choice of partners	8.30 for 9 am
Oct. 15th	CRAIG BARR. Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Oct. 29th	ROBERT EDMUNDS. Doing it my way. Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Nov. 14th	ELINOR Invicta Fur & Feather Bank event	tba
Nov. 26th	CHRIS. McLEOD. The Los Roques Experience. Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Dec. 10th	INVICTA XMAS SOCIAL. Full details later. Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Jan. 7th	THE VICE SQUAD IN ACTION. Come & tie or watch Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Jan. 21st	STEVE COOPER of Cookshill Fly Tying Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb. 4th	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + Tackle Auction. Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb. 18th	JOHN SEATON of Anglian Water - 2010 prospects Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Feb. 27th	ANNUAL DINNER & TROPHY PRESENTATIONS. Lion Hotel, Buckden	tba
Mar. 4th	JONATHAN WILSON (Angling Trust.) What do they do? Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm
Mar. 18th	IINTER-CLUB QUIZ NIGHT...The BIG one! Harston Village Hall	7.45 for 8 pm



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EXAMPLES OF INTERNET ABUSE.....(item 70,593)

OK, some of you may already have been deeply affronted by the fake poster on the left widely circulated on the internet, attempting to lampoon our fastest growing airline, invaluable for those wishing to fish such legendary waters as Lough Corrib, Mask or Arrow or the River San in south east Poland etc. etc.

Remember this is the airline that is reputedly looking to charge you a euro to spend a penny, pioneer standing on flights to pack more in, and already charge you a small fortune in extras, like a £15+ round trip to take your rod on board - at your risk of breakage of course. How much fairer can any airline get?

Anyway I am sure that like me you will deprecate this vain attempt at denigrating such a cutting edge airline offering many appreciated economies to struggling anglers and would wish to offer your total support to passenger loving Michael O'Leary disassociating yourselves from such foul calumnies as implied in this fake poster. Well, it was only a suggestion!

Additionally I would like to state that for me personally Ryanair pilots have restored the fun and excitement in travel that has so long been absent. Their landings have been truly memorable.

Fly Ryanair... and learn to live a little more appreciatively!

NEW HONORARY MEMBER

From time to time your committee, in their wisdom, decide to offer honorary membership to individuals who have given exceptional support to Invicta &/or to our ideal of promoting the sport of fly fishing. There are not many singled out for this accolade - John Krailing, John Mees, Charles Jardine and David Moore were the only such until recently but we are absolutely delighted to advise you that Peter Hartley has agreed to accept honorary membership. It may seem strange to offer this to the current chairman of a rival club but Peter does not recognise boundaries within the sport and has been immensely helpful and generous to Invicta seniors and juniors alike in his capacity of qualified coach... and long may this continue. I have several times attended Peter's casting clinics expecting not to gain anything new but being proved wrong each time. In other sports Michael Hussey has termed himself 'Mr. Cricket'... in fly fishing Peter modestly makes no claims but could well measure up for the title of 'Mr. Fly Fishing.'

The club is very fortunate indeed to welcome this new member! Welcome to Invicta Peter and profound thanks.



INVICTA FUR & FEATHER AT ELINOR.... JUNIORS PLEASE NOTE!

We have canvassed the juniors in our ranks to determine where they wish to go rather than making assumptions on their behalf. The result was very informative.

It would appear that actually meeting each other in a supportive environment was a key factor. Well we intend to organise a juniors' special day early next season with teaching on safety issues, boat handling techniques, casting tuition, fly tying and with questions and answers followed by lunch and practical fishing culminating in a barbecue in the evening. A great day out for all and with juniors being able to bring along friends with potential interest in the sport by way of introduction but this is for next season - not now of course. Watch this newsletter for further details though... you would not wish to miss this would you?

Meantime, it is recognised that our customary summer programme of boat fishing does little to socialise younger members other than with the boat partner of the day.

Well, the Elinor Fur & Feather event on **November 14th** is unusually a bank event with far more sociable contact during the day and we would encourage our keen younger members

especially to take advantage and attend this, get to know other juniors and take the opportunity of getting help and assistance from more experienced, and generally much more antique, Invicta members.

It is fully understood that transport arrangements are always a major junior issue - not exactly helped by the current government's moronic proposals on 'child protection' arrangements involving criminal record checks or prosecution on anyone offering to give youngsters a lift.

Senior members will have ample opportunity via the ballot box, joyously, very soon in 2010 to redress this move to deprive youngsters of their natural generational legacy by half baked, lame brained 'do-badders' but just in case of a further mis-carriage of justice at the polls - get in now and be assured of a place.

If you need a lift to Elinor, contact me, (the editor) and I will try to arrange a lift for you with brave souls willing to lift a couple of digits to a doomed, tongue-tied and flawed regime.



There's a fine line between fishing
and standing on the shore looking like an idiot



Now, can anyone tell the rest of us where that line is I wonder?

1/2 price **BLOBS** GALORE ! - other editors please note.

Those of you who visited the Quay Country Fair in August would have been impressed by the colourful array of flies being tied in the EYFA 'Fly factory.' Invicta junior member, Keiran Bonas is industriously producing popular patterns for sale to raise funds for EYFA and offers quite exceptional quality and value, pricing these very effective patterns at only 50p per fly.... *that's half the price of flies from AW's tackle shops.* Postage & packing being only another £1.00 regardless of quantity.

Stock patterns are tied on size 10 hooks and are **Red & Green Diawl bachs, Gold/Silver/Orange cheeked black buzzers, *Tequila/black/sunburst/pink blobs, *Cormorants, *Straggle**

Cats whisker, Black popper hopper. (*- also available as booby) Other patterns and sizes by arrangement with Keiran. E-mail or send orders/enquiries (with cheques) made out to Keiran Bonas, 110 Station Road, Oakley, Bedfordshire MK43 7RE and do yourself and EYFA some good. Why not stock up your fly boxes for next season now and beat inflation? It makes real sense.



FAVOURITE FLIES

With the number of fly tyers around, all experimenting with different combinations it is highly unlikely that many, if any new creations are actually 'new.' This simple pattern though has surprised me this year. Originally I tied it to take down and stabilise a nymph fished on a dropper but in use it has been remarkably effective as a fish taker. I originally fashioned it to be vaguely caddis-like but it could also be taken as a buzzer pupa I suppose. Anyway it is very simple to tie.

Hook: I use either a size 14 grub hook (this is a Piranha grub) or short shank 14 heavy wire hook.

Head: A small (2.3 mm) black metal bead.

Rib: Fine (size 27) silver wire.

Body: Fawn possum dubbing. I mix some natural brown in with bleached ginger to give an effect similar to Chadwicks 477 wool as favoured by Frank Sawyer in his Killer bug. A turn of hot orange immediately behind the bead head finishes off. Its as simple as that.



NEWS FROM THE FRONT. MIKE SMITH REPORTS ON AMFC GROUP 3 ROUND 4 AT RUTLAND WATER. AUGUST 9TH 2009.

On a day of bright sunshine, little in any breeze and high temperatures, this was unlikely to be a day of big catches. And, so it proved with only one limit of 8 fish and a rod average of 2.

Most competitors started in the main basin, reputedly full of fish, with a variety of methods in evidence. However, no one method proved to be dominant. What fish were caught were taken on floating an sinking lines with boobies, blobs, lures, nymphs, wet flies and even dry flies.

Most fish were caught in the morning with the afternoon being dour, leading to wholesale changes in location, lines, flies and techniques - usually without success. The one exception to this generalisation was the catch by John Mees, who was fishless at 2.00 pm and bagged up by 5.00 pm, taking his fish on a Di5 with pink and orange boobies/blobs. Despite this outstanding performance, Invicta A only managed to finish second to Bewl B. Although all our team members caught fish and we ended up with two more fish than Bewl, their total weight (32 lbs 11½ oz) was heavier than ours (31 lbs 13 oz.) by less than the weight of one fish! With two more rounds to go - the next one is at Draycote - Bewl B head the table with 18 points followed by Invicta A with 15 points with Soldier Palmers B and Fish Hawks both on 11 points.

ITS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR FOLKS. JUST A REMINDER TO THOSE BITTEN BY THE GRAYLING BUG THAT IT IS NOW PRIME TIME.



INVICTA JUNIORS IN GOLD MEDAL PERFORMANCES. Report by Rob Edmunds.



The 2009 International was held at Llandegfedd, where the first challenge between England and Wales was held 25 years ago. England Youth Team Manager Rob Edmunds carries on the story...We arrived in Wales on Wednesday night, meaning that we had two full days of practice to find methods that suited our team. We then knew we had to adapt the methods to suit each angler in the team, as we have a varying range of ability. The reservoir was divided into 4 quarters with boats being sent to each area, their brief was to try a variety of methods and cover all the water in the area; we reasoned that it was just as important to work out what methods didn't work, as finding those that did.

On arrival at Llandegfedd it was quite obvious that the fish were going to be high in the water...we were greeted with an almost flat calm and literally hundred's of rising fish!

Day one practice saw the team catch an a variety of methods, from pulling Orange Blobs on a Di-3, to Dries on a floater, however it soon became clear that best methods were Black and Claret Hoppers on a floating line, fished static for 10-15 seconds then slowly figure of eighted back subsurface, or small eyed Boobies on a intermediate, again fished with a slow figure of eight retrieve.

Day two practice saw the whole team try both methods for half a day, in an effort to build up confidence in both styles and to get a better feel of where the main concentrations of fish were holding.

On the evening before the match we had a quick debriefing session; we all agreed that there were two main methods, dries on the floater, or, Boobies on the intermediate, no area was very

difficult, we had caught well over the entire reservoir. However, practice had shown us that with the fish being so high in the water they were easily spooked and became very wary of boats after one or two drifts through them. Therefore we reasoned that finding fresh water was essential. A evening of tying ensued ensuring that each angler had an identical selection of flies to those that we had been catching on.

Match day saw the boats start in two main areas, the Dam and the Cages, however, they soon started to disperse. My brief to the lads was simply to start on the method they felt most confident in, and, the area they thought best. Then as the match progressed change methods when they saw fit.

Weigh-in saw all our team with consistent bags of between four and six fish with no blanks, an excellent team performance in my opinion, regardless of the result. A quick count up revealed we had 73 fish (8 more than the Scottish team) who had also fished well.

Eventually the results were read out.....Wales 4th.....Ireland 3rd.....Scotland 2nd.....England 1st. try to instill into the team that, although we had distinct methods and area's worked out, conditions change. This means that they must adapt to keep catching. It's for this reason that I don't insist they fish a particular method, I merely give recommendations, I have confidence in their ability and so should they.

'Although it was the good 'average' bags of four to six fish that secured us this memorable victory, there were also some fine individual performances.

Kieron Jenkins of Wales won the Brown Bowl (top individual in the match) with 17 fish, in his

last year in the Welsh Youth Team (due to age), his performance, catching fish mostly with a small Cat's Whisker Booby on a Slow Glass line, was simply head and shoulders above the rest of the field, proving once again that he is going to be a serious contender at senior level and in my opinion a future world champion (remember where you heard it first!)

Kieran Bonas was the English top rod with 9 fish all caught by fishing Dries through the middle of the reservoir, an excellent performance especially when you consider that this was his first international. He was closely followed by Dom Sherette with 8 fish (also fishing his first

International who also caught all his fish on Dries) and Matthew Holdroyd also with 8 fish. These fine individual performances by some of our youngest anglers are very encouraging for the future and I feel that with continued practice over next season we should once again challenge for the top honours at the International at our home venue of Grafham Water in 2010.

Rob Edmunds
England Youth Team Manager

QUY COUNTRY FAIR - AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Again, Invicta had a presence at this very popular annual event representing the sport and our Club to those thronging in to the grounds over the two days.

This year we shared the tent and the casting platform with EYFA who were represented by Invicta Juniors Ryan and Adam Worker and Keiran Bonas together with Bobbie Worker and her father, well known English International angler to many of you, Mick Whittle.

This year we were aided on the casting platform by Mark Huntsman on day one and Harley Smith on day two and many thanks are due to these qualified coaches in giving up their time to help all comers on the have-a-go casting platform... not always an easy task. Ryan, Adam and Keiran also gave sterling support as well as having some fun in demonstrating casting and putting out prodigious amounts of line in the process - casting a full fly line into a stiff breeze is no easy task but the lads made it look very deceptively easy.

For those unfamiliar with this event it is a great day out with something for everybody with an interest in the countryside.... or just in eating!

Pictured right are top Mark Hunstman and centre Harley Smith assisting members of the public master a fly rod and bottom, John Caldwell branching out from his usual black buzzers into selections of multi-coloured Blobs!

Oh dear, has it really come down to this John?



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A FISH REMEMBERED

- Peter Reeves reminisces once again.



Some fish are memorable and for many different reasons. Size, condition, difficulties in hooking and landing all contribute to them being remembered. I particularly remember one for the problems in landing it. Not a big fish, not difficult to contact but very difficult to net.

Some years ago I was fishing with a friend in the north west of Scotland in Loch Gorm - near a small village named Drumbeg. I had equipped myself for this trip with a new, custom built split cane rod plus new reel and floating line at not inconsiderable cost and this was the first day of a 10 day fishing trip - the maiden outing for my new outfit. Tackling up and setting out our first drift was very exposed and we were pushed along by the wind too quickly for comfort. Deciding that a more sheltered drift would be advisable the lines were flicked over the stern and I started rowing round into a more sheltered bay. On the approach, my reel started to screech as a fish took. My new rod shuddered through its length and as it did so, the reel slipped out from the thwart and the whole outfit slid over the back of the boat into the water. I could not believe it! My new and unused tackle was gone! As luck would have it my landing net took the advice of long handles for boat use seriously. The handle was of telescopic aluminium 4 foot when collapsed and nearly 7½ foot fully extended. Added to this the net head was 2 feet in diameter and with arm fully outstretched over the boat I had at least 9½ feet (3 metres) reach. Trying desperately to scoop down into the dark brown peat stained water, the colour of beer, was unproductive and very difficult in the high wind. When the sun broke through the cloud for a moment there seemed to be just a hint of a metallic flash from the depths, possibly the reel fittings but nevertheless I could not reach down far enough. Looking round the shoreline produced no

inspiration as to items of assistance. That area of "deer forest" on the map naturally had no trees to be seen! It would seem that I had no alternative but to accept the loss as stoically as I could.

Briefly taking lines on landmarks to fix the position of the problem in our minds we decided to make to the shore and take a very early break whilst contemplating the matter. Whilst sipping hot tea from my flask I became intrigued why my floating line on the rod, was not floating! Then an idea struck me. I looked at the mooring rope on the boat - it was an unusually long one. Tree branches may have been impossible but rocks of all sizes were all round us. Selecting a few suitably sized I unscrewed the net head, tied it to the mooring rope and weighted it with a few small rocks.

We then set off to row over the area where the rod disappeared in the hope of snagging the line with the weighted net head lowered on the rope. The first pass was unproductive. Trying again and peering intently into the shadowy brown depths water I thought that I saw something white glint on the next pass. Slowly and very carefully drawing in the rope as we gently made our way into sheltered and shallower water with relief I could see that it actually was my new white fly line. When safely into a shallow bay I pulled up the rope and was thankful to grab hold of the line and carefully eased up my rod which I had expected never to see again. Then I became aware of something I had not expected and an explanation of why my line had not floated to the surface - the fish was still attached and was intent on staying deep! The unfortunate wild brownie (the only species in the loch) needed no playing and was wound in and lifted aboard to my utter disbelief... all 10 ounces or so of it!

TACKLE FINDS

One of the many pleasures of fly fishing and fly tying is discovering new items, techniques etc. In fly tying particularly there is a constant wealth of new finds being brought to the ever growing market.

Following being given a business card of Phil Holding of Flytying Boutique by our president, I discovered a range of specialist hooks imported from South Africa produced by ScientificFly, "Grip Fly Hooks." I stocked up on 11013BL barbless hooks for river fishing principally for Grayling and they are extremely elegant, well made hooks finished in black nickel. Well worth a look I assure you.

Also from Phil I ordered a Marryat bobbin holder, unusual in that it is so quick and easy to change spools of thread. I would not use this for ultra fine threads I normally use for which I will stick to my Rite bobbin holders with very precise adjustment but perfect for quick changes on colours for silk bodies etc. in standard and heavier threads. Some of his unique dubbing materials look fascinating also.

So if you are looking for new materials or traditional north country spider patterns take a look at www.flytyingboutique.com or www.spidersplus.com.

Also do not forget saltwater sites. I found the only sensible price for an additional 'Rite' shorty bobbin holder at such a site i.e., www.saltwaterflyfisher.com. Take a look.



Offbeat image from website of Grauvell of Spain, suppliers of the remarkable Teklon Gold leader material which is strong, very fine, most reliable and also economical at only £9.99 per 300 metres.... yes, that was 300 metres! Try Veals of Bristol - another saltwater specialist for this particular bargain.

TROUT AT TRUMPINGTON? - A report, co-authored by Rob Mungovan, suggests hope!

Rob Mungovan, Ecology Officer for South Cambs. District Council (& Invicta Member) was co-author of a report of developments of the River Cam at Trumpington Meadows (site for 1,200 new homes) published in a recent RRC Newsletter.

The River Cam habitat and access enhancement project will include a 60 Ha. Riverside community park. The river itself being a Country Wildlife site with important biodiversity resources and a largely unmodified chalk river with good water quality and plant diversity. The river is abutted by re-created wildflower meadows and pollarded willows with a drainage ditch running parallel to the river.

The river has been dredged historically with scrape marks remaining visible on the river bed which has resulted in levees along the banks allowing colonisation by nettles and other weeds. As with many slow flowing parts of the Cam, the riverbed has become a settling point for silt encouraging lilies and bur-reed restricting or choking summer flows. These plants are periodically removed by the Environment Agent (*I always wondered what they did - Ed.*)

As a chalk river the Cam where gradient and natural regeneration exists, gravel and chalk base can be observed. The water clarity is good and chalk river indicator species such as water crowfoot, starwort, brown trout and mayflies may be found. The Cambridgeshire

biodiversity action plan seeks the restoration of rivers and Country wildlife sites.

Whilst increased access to the countryside is generally encouraged there is the risk of



A gravel and chalk bed can be seen in some sections of the river.

increased disturbance to a presently remote reach of the river. The site contains an occasionally used artificial otter holt, a kingfisher bank, and chub and minnow spawning areas. These habitats could be disturbed and damaged - especially if paddling becomes popular in the reach's only riffle. It became clear that the environmental capacity of the river needs to be expanded to counteract the potential impact of human access and disturbance.

Through site investigation, hydraulic modelling and detailed considerations of longitudinal surveys a holistic scheme for the river has evolved to maximise enhancement benefits for the entire reach. Eight gravel shoals totalling 195 metres in length will provide diversity in water velocities without raising upstream water levels and compensate for past over-dredging whilst increasing fish spawning facility invertebrate habitat and substrate for beneficial plant growth - 'whilst enabling public access for paddling.'

The river banks are steep and densely vegetated. Bank re-grading over 225 metres will create a gentle slope adjacent to the shoals and a safe and

accessible approach to the river. Levees retain floodwaters within the river. Bank re-grading will allow water to spill out onto a wet meadow delivering likely flood storage benefits and biodiversity gain for wetland birds. Hydraulic

modelling has demonstrated that the maximum flood levels and extents for higher return periods are not affected.

Large woody debris will be fixed to over 350 metres of riverbank to provide fish with refuge from predators and high flows, increasing the fish holding capacity whilst also benefiting invertebrates. The river is relatively 'low energy' being of shallow gradient. Six flow deflectors will introduce diversity of flow velocities assisting the river in scouring silt and increase fish and invertebrate populations.

A delapidated 730 metres of ditch system runs parallel to the river. Water levels in the ditch will be raised creating a 'wet fence.' Integration is

planned of the river and existing ditches to produce three backwaters, offering flood protection and enhance coarse fish spawning and nursery areas. A reed bed will also be planted.

Conclusions:

**** The River Cam access and enhancement project is expected to deliver significant environmental and social benefits.***

**** The proposed works are based on a sound understanding of the river's form and flow types.***

**** The proposed measures are appropriate to the landscape type and setting.***

**** The works will enhance the experience of visitors to the proposed Community Riverside Park.***

**** The works are expected to act as a showcase for river restoration techniques for the local area and therefore as a catalyst for similar projects.***

INVICTA FLY TYING GROUP



OK, I know it.... I have failed you! Despite numerous promises to hold regular sessions throughout the year, my multitudinous sequence of holidays grossly interfered with this objective. Mind you, most of you during the period of British Summer Time elected to come up with excuses as well. Maybe you don't like to be seen out in daylight. Well, BST ends on 25th October and clocks get moved back (... or is it forward - I can never get the hang of this.) Days gets darker and shorter anyway and more of you suddenly become available for social group sessions under cover of poor light.

I would like to assess the current level of interest prior to arranging future sessions to make sure what I offer is what you want.

Initially, please contact me to affirm your current interest in group feather abuse therapy. Also if you are interested in morning sessions, this has

been Wednesdays in the past but I am flexible, well some bits are. If interested in evening sessions (I can do Monday, Tuesday or on the Thursdays when we have no evening meetings at Harston Village Hall) let me know which day would suit you best. Sessions have been held for small groups at my home in Great Shelford but if you can host sessions please also let me know.

At the same time since total beginners tend to hold the more experienced back, please advise which level you consider yourself to be at and also whether your main interest is in salmon, lures or proper trout flies. Yes, despite many disparaging remarks, Blobs and Boobies have been featured and could re-appear if necessary!

So if you are interested in fly tying contact me (Peter Reeves, Tel: 01223 511992 or e-mail piscator2003@yahoo.co.uk) and advise me the requested information called for above. There may be some delay in reply however as I shall be on holiday (yes, yet again,) for the last half of October.



THE AMFC COMPETITION SERIES 2009 - WHERE DO WE STAND NOW?



The victorious 'Unlikely lads' of Invicta's 'A' team pictured looking rather pleased with themselves and smartly dressed after their momentous victory at Draycote.

Left to right are Bob Ayres, Chris McLeod, John Caldwell, John Mees, Andy Newman and Mark Searle.

Acknowledgment is made to Peter Firth and the AMFC Newsletter for the photo & info. For the full AMFC newsletter please e-mail me on piscator2003@yahoo.co.uk

Well, things are certainly hotting up in so far as Invicta 'A' team is concerned. In the penultimate round of this years events, Invicta 'A' set off on the right foot being the only team to turn up at Draycote with a full complement... that always helps.

The conditions were adjudged to be perfect also and some excellent bags were taken but Invicta produced a magnificent final weight of 120 lbs 8 oz. The next closest was Soldier Palmers 'B' with 102 lbs 2 oz. Best bag in the Invicta line up was Andy Newman who, now no longer distracted by the burden of full time employment, seems to be having a great season. Well done Andy and the rest of this winning

team. One match to go and we are in joint first place with arch rivals Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B' who only weighed in 51 lbs 8 oz. Can our 'A' team secure victory over Bewl 'B' in the final match and gain promotion back to Group 2 for 2010 or will they manage to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory? Watch this space very carefully for the final outcome folks!

But what about Invicta 'B' in group four I hear you ask? Well this bunch of sportsmanlike heroes can still be relied upon to do the decent thing and remain with a firm grip on 4th position in their group. It would seem that even in these days of global warming there are some things one can still rely upon.

Group Three

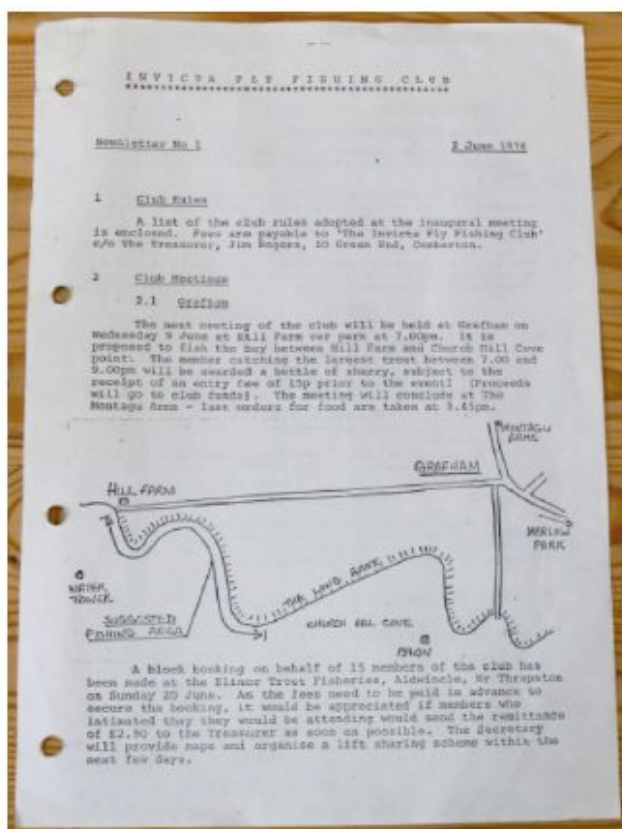
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<i>Crawley F.C.</i>	1	1	1	2	1		6	5
<i>Fish Hawks 'B'</i>	4	2	2	3	3		14	4
<i>Invicta F.C. 'A'</i>	5	3	3	4	5		20	1=
<i>Soldier Palmers 'B'</i>	2	4	4	1	4		15	3

Group Four

<i>East Midlands T.F.A</i>	4	4	3	2	4		17	1=
<i>Grafham Water F.A. 'B'</i>	3	3	4	4	3		17	1=
<i>Invicta F.C. 'B'</i>	1	2	1	1	1		6	4
<i>Tunbridge Wells F.C.</i>	2	1	2	3	2		10	3

Here is how our teams stand with only one more match to go - a nail biting final for Invicta 'A' but all under full control for Invicta 'B'.

FIRST EDITIONS. This is our 150th edition and below is shown the cover (the 1st of 2 pages) of edition number 1.



Whilst Edition number 1 of 'Trout & Salmon' magazine cover looked like this





THE GRAND MAX

BEWL WATER - Wednesday 23rd September 2009

The 2009 results of UK's premier floating line competition.

Total fish caught:
Rod average
Average fish weight:

356
3.30
1 lb 10 oz

Largest fish:
Best Total Bag:

4 lb 15 oz
21 lb 15 oz

Roy Palmer - Iver Flyfishers
Dave Newing - Fish Hawks

TEAM RESULTS:

- 1 FISH HAWKS
- 2 BEWL CHINGLEY CHOMPERS
- 3 GRAND MAX TEAM
- 4 TEAM VISION
- 5 FLYFISHING FOREVER
- 6 FISHING FOR FUN
- 7 IVER FLYFISHERS
- 8 MERIDIAN
- 9 KENT & SUSSEX FLYFISHERS
- 10 TUNBRIDGE WELLS FLYFISHING SOCIETY
- 11 QUEEN MOTHER
- 12 INVICTA
- 13 WEALD OF KENT
- 14 ENGLAND LADIES
- 15 BEWL BRIDGE CHAIRMAN'S SELECT
- 16 LONDON FLYDRESSERS' GUILD
- 17 FORDHAM & WAKEFIELD
- 18 OUSE VALLEY

INVICTA

Total Weight:

62 lb 15 oz
51 lb 1 oz
50 lb 12 oz
50 lb 8 oz
39 lb 15 oz
38 lb 1 oz
34 lb 12 oz
33 lb 10 oz
33 lb 0 oz
32 lb 3 oz
28 lb 9 oz
27 lb 8 oz
26 lb 13 oz
25 lb 10 oz
24 lb 1 oz
21 lb 3 oz
18 lb 15 oz
12 lb 7 oz



	Fish	Best Fish	B/R	Bag Weight	Finish	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Tom Angel (capt.)	2	1 lb 1 oz	R	2 lb 1 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	2 lb 1 oz
Gary How	3	3 lb 0 oz	R	7 lb 14 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	7 lb 14 oz
Peter Oldham	1	1 lb 4 oz	R	1 lb 4 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	1 lb 4 oz
Mike Smith	3	1 lb 12 oz	R	4 lb 8 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	4 lb 8 oz
Steve Middleton	2	2 lb 11 oz	R	4 lb 0 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	4 lb 0 oz
Mick Facey	4	3 lb 0 oz	R	7 lb 13 oz	18 00	0 lb 0 oz	7 lb 13 oz

Gosh, Capt. Tom Angel with 2 fish for 2 lbs 1 oz? That's snack size for cormorants!



OK! I know full well that the young are a pain in the seat cushion area. They are unpredictable in their responses and so, so difficult to understand and relate to generally and personally tend to bring me out in a rash.

However, much as I hate to have to admit to it, I can (albeit very vaguely) recall being young once myself..... but I would not wish anyone to publicise this admission.

Youth is associated with all manner of anti-social attitudes and behavior but please remember that we have all been there in the past and at least personally I cannot recall any wish to disrupt any normal activities.

In fact the young get a bad press now and it is nothing new but many of them if not most are

totally locked on to wholly worthwhile and beneficial public projects alongside learning to live with hormonal disturbances and generally unwarranted suspicion from their elders.

It is time we gave them their due respect and not only help them with advice (not always required) but funding which always is necessary) so please, really appreciate that the future of our sport will be in their hands very soon - and that when it is they will need, as we did, a solid basis to progress from. The English Youth Flyfishing Association is an organisation designed to support the young and to hand the baton to the next generation in our relay of real life. YOU can help in this and absolve your justified feeling of guilt by responding *generously* to the **INVICTA 150 CHALLENGE NOW!**



THE VOICE OF ANGLING

The Angling Trust took a big step forward this week when Sport England awarded it formal recognition as the National Governing Body (NGB) for game, sea and coarse angling.

Mark Lloyd, Angling Trust Chief Executive, explains: "At last angling has a single membership organisation recognised by government to represent the voice of anglers and the future of their sport. This builds on the recent success of the Angling Development Board in getting angling recognised and funded as a sport by Sport England. Angling clubs who are members of the Angling Trust will now find it easier to get support and funding from their local authorities and County Sport Partnerships." "More than 1,100 clubs and just over 10,000 individuals have joined the Angling Trust so far. This makes the Trust one of the largest NGBs already in terms of club membership. If the 250,000 anglers who are members of our member clubs were to join as individuals for just

£1.75 a month, we would be the largest NGB in the country. We also need the support of all anglers to create a powerful and influential organisation which can demonstrate the importance of angling to government and other decision-makers."

Mike Heylin, Chairman of Angling Trust said: "Governing body status is important to all of us for the funding of development plans for angling but anglers need to understand that it does not mean that Angling Trust governs angling. For anglers we remain a representative body taking the message of the importance of angling and all our fisheries to government and beyond. Angling is governed by law, regulation and byelaws, the importance of the Angling Trust is that it can speak with the law-makers and regulators and represent the views of anglers nationally, that is why it is important that anglers take up membership."

Governing Body status will also make it easier for the Angling Trust to secure public funding to support its activities promoting angling participation and will give it the authority to govern the national angling teams fishing in international competitions. The official recognition will also help the Trust campaign and lobby on behalf of anglers on issues ranging from access to waters, local angling bans and environmental and fisheries legislation.

Anglers can sign direct from website. Clubs, fisheries, tackle shops and riparian owners should contact us on 0844 7700616 for more information about Angling Trust and Fish Legal Membership. For more information, please contact mark.lloyd@anglingtrust.net

LAST CAST



Question: How many muddlers is this 'Canadian Gazelle' capable of producing?
