

Invicta Secretary Matt Willatt.

IT'S BACK!

New look newsletter and new editor for 2011.

At a time where an editorial position is somewhat of a poisoned chalice, I am delighted to bring you the long awaited Invicta Newsletter 160. With thanks to Peter Reeves for his penmanship, I hope the following ones will be as pleasurable to read. As for the lack of Newsletters in recent months, one can only apologise, perhaps the quote following this piece sums it up concisely.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or indeed have any feedback, please email me at matt@mattwillatt.co.uk

Matt Willatt
Hon. Secretary Invicta FFC

*"Angling is extremely time consuming. That's sort of the whole point." -
Thomas McGuane*

Notices

Summer Programme

- Ravensthorpe Saturday 3rd Sept. Carr cup points apply.
- Hanningfield Friday 30th Sept. Carr cup points apply.

Please email John Caldwell if you wish to attend.
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AMFC Matches

- Group 3: Invicta A have 2 matches left and are currently in second place.
- Group 4 : Invicta B have 1 match left and are currently in fourth place.

A tough combined Group 3&4 match at Grafham on Wednesday 3rd August, saw Invicta A finish 2nd and Invicta B finish 3rd in their respective groups.

Committee

- President: Norman Shippey
- Chairman: Lawson Wight
- Treasurer: Alan Prevost
- Secretary: Matt Willatt
- Captain: Graham Williams
- Bookings: John Caldwell
- Officers: Kieran Caulfield
Gary How
Chris McLeod
Paul Stevens

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October. If you would like any issues to be discussed, please contact the club secretary.

Membership

If you know anyone that would benefit from the varied and numerous benefits of an Invicta membership, please put them in contact with Invicta's Membership Secretary, Alan Prevost.

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Hot off the press!!!!

David Moore wins the Carl Hunter Bowl at Pitsford
13/08/2011 - Full report in next edition.

Floating Line 2011

Greenwell Persuaders win the 2011 Snowbee Floating Line Competition at Grafham.

The following report and results were put together by Cliff Waters at Fishypics.co.uk - Thank you Cliff.

Twenty, 4-man, teams took part in the 2011 Snowbee Interclub Floating Line competition held at Grafham Water on Saturday 6 August. And, there were some top class anglers amongst them, pitting their angling skills against a reservoir that had become 'challenging' over the past few days and those 'challenging' conditions were reflected in a total of 35 blanks. The floating line only competitions certainly levels the playing field and GWFFA 'B' teamster Joan Russell was one of the first to benefit bringing a superb rainbow tipping the scales at 3lb 10oz to the boat within the first hour fishing with boat partner Mark Mathieson drifting across the front of the dam wall. And, Joan's two fish bag for 5lb 10oz were the only fish to be weighed in by the GWFFA 'B' team, a great result from a very talented lady.

The in-form Greenwell Persuaders took the very pretty hand carved Snowbee Trophy with Graham Willis and Paul Mitchell bringing a creditable four fish apiece to the scales. It was also good to see Charles Jardine wetting a line and doing rather well, bagging three fish including a cracking 4lb 3oz fish and securing London FDG second place overall. Bristol took third, but it was the teams local expert Peter De Kremer who did the damage with four fish including the biggest fish of the day a mint rainbow of 4lb 5oz. One other four fish bag was recorded on the day, a great performance from Invicta 'B' teamster Chris McLeod helped lift the Cambridge team into fourth position. However, the teams cause was not helped by a blank from Grafham's senior warden John Mees. As his team mates said in chorus, "he put them in, so he should know where they are", sadly as we all know, fish have tails, but John is a superb angler and everybody is allowed an off day.

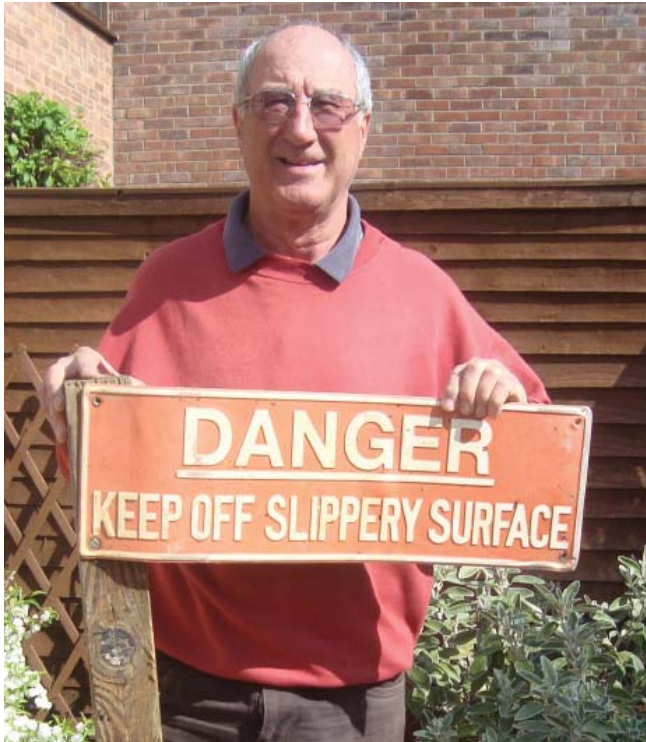
Results

1. Greenwell Persuaders 11 fish for 26lb 14oz
2. London FDG 8 fish for 24lb 11oz
3. Bristol 8 fish for 24lb
4. Invicta 'B' 7 fish for 18lb 4oz
5. GWFFA 'A' 4 fish for 11lb 1oz
6. Soldier Palmers 4 fish for 11lb
7. England Ladies 5 fish for 10lb 10oz
8. RN/Marines 5 fish for 10lb 2oz
9. Mid Northants 'A' 4 fish for 9lb 6oz
10. Hanningfield Flyers 3 fish for 8lb 12oz
11. Queen Mother FF 3 fish for 8lb 9oz
12. England Police 4 fish for 8lb 5oz
13. Bewl Bridge FFC 3 fish for 7lb 6oz
14. Invicta 'D' 3 fish for 6lb 14oz
15. Rutland Water FF 3 fish for 5lb 13oz
16. GWFFA 'B' 2 fish for 5lb 10oz
17. Mid Northants 'B' 2 fish for 3lb 14oz
18. Tunbridge Wells 2 fish for 3lb 8oz
19. Invicta 'C' 1 fish for 2lb 10oz
20. Invicta 'A' 0 fish

"All in all it was a tough day but well organised by the Invicta Club well supported by the competing teams, and well sponsored by Snowbee generously donating tackle items and trophies."
Cliff Waters

Invicta B receiving prizes for winning the Local Interclub Trophy and coming 4th in the overall competition.





Caught legitimately on the fly by Invicta members.



This Season's More Interesting Captures!

Clockwise from top left..

Zander fry on a booby, Hybrid from Savages Creek, Peter Oldham taken by Oscar Boatfield, Chris McLeod with a fine NZ Rainbow, David Moore with a 6lb 4¾oz Rainbow caught at Rutland, Bob Ayres with a sign caught at Pitsford.



Invicta Fishing For Forces Day, Elinor Trout Fishery.

Members of the club took a group of returned veterans fishing for the day at Elinor trout fishery on 23rd June.

Words: Peter Oldham.

The day was arranged in conjunction with the charity Fishing For Forces and the assistance of Elinor proprietor Ed Foster.

Billed on the Invicta website as not a charity day but a well-done-lads day with an appeal for helpers and participants, to act as mentors for the guests, the great majority of whom had not caught a trout before. Coming largely from the artillery branch of the army, with some dog handlers (trained to sniff out explosive devices, an extremely dangerous occupation) most guests had recently been in Afghanistan, although one guest had just returned from manning an anti-aircraft unit on the Falklands.

A total of 9 soldiers attended, each man being helped by an Invicta member and shown how to cast and handle a rod. After a brief introduction and some basic health and safety information, such as the need to wear protective glasses when casting (and an instruction to one or two veterans not to keep

Grafham Water 9/08/11

calling Invicta members Sir!), fishing began just as the wind picked up and heavy rain started to fall. A good introduction to a day outdoors, although as soldiers they were all happy to tough it out. The strong wind made casting difficult for the inexperienced, as it was found that most trout seemed to be on the downwind side of the lake. Trout were rising freely to the surface, but seemed to be locked onto something and catching was not easy. The wind stayed unabated during the afternoon and as the fishery made extra boats available all were able to anchor up and cast to rising fish. Fortunately most of the guests made contact with and caught fish, with varying degrees of help from their Invicta mentors.

As the day was considered a success and enjoyed by all, consideration is being given to another similar event next year.

Reminder: Last evening league of the season. Grafham 16/08/11- Meet at the lodge for a 6pm start.





Club History

The first 35 years of Invicta's history are to be documented. Following on from Norman Shippey's excellent review of the first 25 years (which can be found on the website) the first 35 years are to be archived in the Cambridge Town Library. If you have any interesting story's, anecdotes or information, please email me at matt@mattwillatt.co.uk

Incidentally, the metal lapel badge on the left costs just £1 and can be purchased from Alan Prevost alan@prevost.net What better way to support your local fishing club in style?

"The great charm of fly-fishing is that we are always learning." - Theodore Gordon

Kieran Caulfield and Adam Worker share tactics on the water.



Invicta's 35th Birthday & President's Cup

24 Invicta members celebrated the club's 35th anniversary at Grafham water on Sunday 10th of July.

Conditions meant fishing was challenging for most, but proved ideal for the lunchtime BBQ. Senior Grafham warden and Invicta A team member John Mees had the best bag of 5 fish for 8lbs 15.5 oz. Best fish went to Ray Storer with a 5lb 4oz brown.

With thanks to the staff at Grafham water for letting us use their facilities and to Jane How and Teresa Sells for cooking the lovely grub.

Here's to another 35 years!

Winner: John Mees



Biggest Fish: Ray Storer





Steve Middleton giving Glyn Jones his just deserts.



Henry Russell of Leslie A.A. and Mick Facey receiving best boat prize.



Pilgrimage 26th & 27th May 2011

Thirteen Invicta anglers took part in the annual Pilgrimage at Grafham water in May.

A very rainy practice day on Thursday was followed by an (indoor) BBQ at the Wheatsheaf in Perry. The annual match took place on Friday, followed by dinner at the Racehorse in Catworth where we were joined by Chris McLeod and Norman Shippey. It was very sociable event where the Scots, Welsh and English meet on an annual basis for a friendly competition (fingers crossed for an Invicta win next year?). With thanks to Dougie Dargie for the images.

"One thing becomes clearer as one gets older and one's fishing experience increases, and that is the paramount importance of one's fishing companions" - John Ashley-Cooper

Results:

Overall: 40 anglers caught 214 fish for 474 lb.- rod average 5.4 fish at 2.2 lb.

Overall result: 1st Llanilar (13 anglers) 74 fish for 171.4 lb: 2nd: Leslie (14 anglers) 78 fish for 170lb: 3rd Invicta (13 anglers) 62 fish for 133 2 lb.

Top rod: 1st Willi Hogg (Llanilar) 8 fish for 21.4lb: 2nd Henry Russel (Leslie) 8 fish for 21.1lb: 3rd Mike Smith (Invicta) 6 fish for 20lb.

Best fish: 1st: Willi Hogg (Leslie) 5.2lb): 2nd Mike Smith (Invicta) 4.9 lb: 3rd Tony Bevan (Llanilar) 3.9lb.

Invicta rods: 1st Mike Smith (6) 20lb: 2nd Bob Ayres (6) 16lb: 3rd Gary How (8) 15.8lb.



Caption Competition

If you can think of a fitting caption for the image on the left, drop us a line.

The image on the right was taken during the Floating Line Competition and captures John Mees' and Graham Williams' reaction to the entire Invicta A Team registering a clean sheet.



Fly Box Feature

If you would like to contribute towards the Invicta Fly Box please email a high resolution image with a short description to: matt@mattwillatt.co.uk

Pictured above are some boobies tied by Invicta A team member Ron Lusardi - Thank you Ron!

The Fly Box will act as a point of reference for members and hopefully provide an insight into the somewhat secret world of fly angler's fly boxes.

Rather than showing a solitary fly tied and presented in studio conditions at home, we're looking for the real thing, tried and tested patterns in their natural environment. Simple to do and useful to both beginners and more experienced members - so get sending your pictures in!

"The small boobies have been a great asset I started using them about 3 years ago and have never bothered with anything bigger since." - Ron Lusardi

Click here to visit the Invicta site.

Huge Invicta A Victory At Hanningfield

Top Invicta match angler, Mark Searle, bags up in style at Hanningfield on Sun 26th June.

Having won the majority of Invicta trophies last season, Mark Searle's success continues as he managed a total bag weight including time bonus of 29lb 2oz at an AMFC Group 3 match.

Losing his 8th fish would be enough to frustrate any angler, but as usual, Mark kept his cool and soon netted his last weighing 6lb 14oz! Marks boat partner said it was a class act as he used a Di5 sweep to fish static with blob and booby to secure top rod. Invicta A won with 92lb 2oz, followed by Bewl Bridge with 59lbs 2oz. Well done to Mark and Invicta A, as we wish them tight lines for their remaining two Group 3 matches.



Invicta A: Graham Williams, Chris McLeod, John Mees, Mark Searle, Gary How and Lawson Wight.



Back: Phil Longstaff (Manager), Oliver Avis, James Atkinson, Ben Brooke, John Mackintosh, Oscar Boatfield, Ashley Gillies, Adam Worker, Carl Nixon (Coach). Front: Jack Shelley, Sam Edmonds, Dom Sheratte, Ryan Worker (Captain), Kieran Bonas (Vice Captain), Ryan Matthews, Fen Oakley.

Invicta Members Represent Country

Junior Invicta members, Oscar Boatfield, Kieran Bonas, Adam Worker, Ryan Worker and new Invicta member Fen Oakley represented England at the Youth Home International at Menteith, Scotland.

Congratulations to Fen for getting his first England cap and to Ryan for an excellent captaincy. While the lads came third, Oliver Avis of England was top rod overall, with Adam Worker of Invicta getting biggest English fish. Well done lads and here's to Ireland 2012. For more information about England Youth Flyfishing please visit www.eyfa.co.uk

Invicta FFC have four of its own committee members on the EYF committee, including EYF Chairman Chris McLeod, and are dedicated to increasing and developing youth involvement in fly fishing alongside the Angling Trust.

"The England lads gave everything that they had on match day and we are all proud of the effort that they put in." - Phil Longstaff, EYF Manager