



Tribute to Arthur Sexton (1922 - 2020)

Arthur joined Invicta in 1990, he loved social trout-fishing and regularly supported the Club Carr Cup days, the Evening League, Club winter evenings, the dinners and the Arundel Hotel social evenings. He fished occasionally in the Club's

competition teams but with Mark Searle he fished the Phillips competition 3 times, coming 2nd twice and 3rd once. He liked to fish Larkwood Fishery near Barton Mills and in 2002 he caught a double-figure trout at Grafham.

In 2001, he became famous for winning the 1st prize, a bicycle, in the raffle at the Club's 25th anniversary dinner at Grafham Lodge and proudly riding it out through the restaurant.

In 2007, aged 85, he was awarded a Life Membership of the Club. In the same year, Invicta fielded the oldest (Arthur) and the youngest (Oscar Boatfield – a mere 'child') at the AMFC Fun Day at Eyebrook. He was also awarded the Invicta Trophy for his continued active involvement with the Club.

He attended his last Invicta function in 2016, the Arundel Hotel social, around the time of his 94th birthday. He retired from fishing around that time and kindly donated his fishing tackle and books to Invicta. In his nineties he became frailer and developed more illness, being looked after mainly by his daughter Sue. With support from Arthur Rank Hospice and local nursing staff he achieved his ambition of dying peacefully at home on 25th February 2020, aged 98.

He was a lovely man - friendly, loved a pint and enjoyed being a member of Invicta for 30 years. His memory will live on through the Arthur Sexton Trophy which is fished for each year.

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