

Members' Newsletter – Spring 2015

Fishing reports

Grayling fishing on the river has been excellent almost all winter long. Fly fishers, bait fishers and match fishers have all had the best Grayling catches for years. Individual fish to over 2lbs have been landed with catches of upto 30 smaller fish in a session. A number of large out of season Brown Trout were caught plus some good sized Chub.

In December the Environment Agency stocked 250 small Bream and 100 small Tench into the Members Pond (at no cost to the club). In the past 18 months over 600 fish have been stocked into the Members Pond, including Bream, Tench, Carp, Roach and Perch. So once spring arrives go and give it a go...and take your friends as free guests (see below).

AGM and rule changes

At the AGM in December it was agreed that members be allowed to take up to two guests per day to fish the Members Pond and/or the Roadside Pond without the need for a guest/privilege ticket. But it was also agreed that the maximum number of guest tickets allowed to be purchased for use on the river be reduced from five to three, per member per season. The price remains at £3.

Over 25% of the club membership attended the AGM and most of those completed a member survey questionnaire. The main conclusions to be drawn from the results are:

- Members want access to River Aire game/coarse fishing and to more stillwater coarse fishing (see below).
- Members support river habitat improvement and swim improvement works on our two ponds.

A ticket exchange scheme with **Knarborough Piscatorials** was announced, giving our member's access (at no extra cost) to many miles of excellent Rive Nidd fly and coarse fishing. Enclosed with this member communication is a set of rules to be used when taking advantage of this fishing.

River Aire fishing access

Following the AGM survey result mentioned above the committee have approved the purchase of two **Bingley Angling Club** season permits. These will be available from 25th March; will be held at Guiseley Angling Centre; and can be booked in advance by calling Colin on 01943 879938. As well as some excellent coarse stillwater fisheries Bingley have game and coarse water on the River Aire, River Nidd, River Wharfe, River Swale and Leeds & Liverpool Canal – see <http://bingleyanglingclub.co.uk>.

Working parties

The following working parties are scheduled:

- Members Pond improvements – 21st March
- River bank litter pick – 26th April
- Roadside Pond swim access improvements – 23rd May
- River habitat improvement works – 6th June

If you plan to attend then let Steve Fairbourn or myself know and then he or I can let you know if the working party has been cancelled due to poor weather or a high river level.

David Martin
Secretary

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