

## Members' Newsletter – Autumn 2015

### Fishing reports

The dry fly fishing on the **river** has picked up this last couple of weeks. Try small flies (size 16/18) like a Griffiths Gnat, Black Gnat, 'F' Fly or Adams on a fine (3lb) tippet. Look for rising fish in the flat glides. Small nymphs and spiders are working well in the quick water in the heads of the pools. The fly fishing should stay good well into November for **Grayling**. Last year because it stayed mild we had dry fly sport nearly to the end of November. But we really need a good spate to freshen up the river and really get the fish biting. Usually the first few days after a spate is the best time to go.

Our **Members Pond** has recently been fishing well. **Tench** to **3lb 11oz** (see the club website for pictures), **Bream** to **4lb 8oz**, Roach and Perch have been caught in the last two weeks on floatfished maggots or worm. The fishing should stay good until we have cold nights then it probably won't be worth fishing again until next spring. But for winter fishing try the Roadside Pond for Pike and Roach. Remember that after last year's AGM rule change you can now take guests to fish the ponds without the need for a guest or day ticket (but you must be there with them).

### Working party

There will be a working party at the **Members Pond** on **Saturday morning 17<sup>th</sup> October** starting around 10.30 and continuing until around 1pm to 2pm. If you are in the area and can spare an hour or two please try to come along. They are enjoyable social events. Members of the Ilkley diving club will be present to help us to remove more of the large lily roots to make more fishable areas. Also we will be doing improvement works on some of the access paths. There will be hot and cold drinks available and bacon/sausage sandwiches (all free). If the weather forecast for the morning is very poor then the working party might not take place. If you want to check then call Steve Fairbourn (club President) on 07515 350929.

### Winter matches

Our club winter match series starts on the river at Ilkley on 8<sup>th</sup> November. You might like to come along to participate. They run from 9am to 2pm on Sunday mornings and the dates are November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, February 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>. The draw takes place at 8am next to the Ilkley Lido swimming pool (just to the right hand side of the entrance). Entry pools are £7. Any queries contact Trevor Smith our club Match Secretary on 07540 445150 or email [tamsatsunset@gmail.com](mailto:tamsatsunset@gmail.com). But feel free to fish the river on these dates because 90% of the spots on our length will be free to fish, even on these mornings.

### AGM

The club AGM will take place at the Ilkley Bowling Club from 7.30 on the evening of Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please put the date in your diary and try to attend.

David Martin, Secretary

28<sup>th</sup> September, 2015