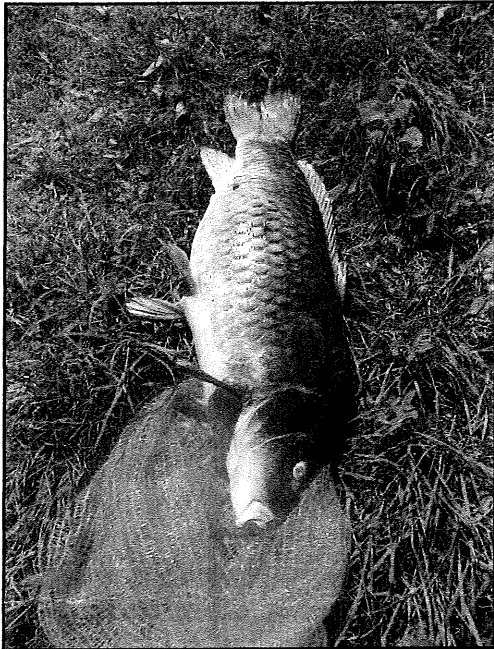

NEWSLETTER

Problems in our waters



We have had several fish deaths this season 2009/10, some are due to what we believe is a viruses in older carp that gets transmitted between fish when they are stressed, others are down to predation from mink or otters. Then there is the same old cormorant problem with assistant of the heron and the fox clearing up the left overs.

A.G.M. Invite

The clubs Thirty-Eighth Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday the 12th of April 2010, at the Royal British Legion. Blackmill Road, Southwold. 8 o'clock
Doors open at 7 o'clock.

Meeting Agenda

Chairmans Welcome.

Apologies

Obituaries.

Approve 2009 Minutes.

Chairmans Report.

Treasurers Report.

Match Report

Presidents Address

Committees Recommendations.

Interval 15 minutes

Election of Officers.

Any Other Business.

A.G.M. Meeting Closed.

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Presentation of Awards

Raffle.

Payment of Subscriptions.

Chairmans Thank You for Attending.

COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) All Society's Subscriptions, Guest and Daytickets to remain unchanged.
- 2) Fish Stocking in the Reydon Waters to be suspended until protection can be provided by the renewing sections, repairing or replacing of Fencing. Its recommendation is to invest in prevention instead of fish stocking to feed the wildlife is a priority, Therefore its been suggested a voluntary donations be invited to assist towards the cost of fencing which will be put out to contractors for tender.

____ This last season have been a more difficult one than I expected, in fact I thought the 2008/9 season was hard because with all the rule changes on the constitution and that involved a lot of my time sorting out the legal details with solicitors to get it right, then there was the fight with the surveyors working on behalf of the Environmental Agency in order to obtain compensation (in form of Otter proof fencing around Reydon No4 lake) this for the inconvenience that the building of the flood wall had on the club, in fact we lost all access to the west end of Buss Creek for over a year, so I was glad when the 2008/9 season had gone.

But no in fact I had quite a lot of problems in 2009/10 too, these were members complaints over the low water levels at the Henham Dairy Pond, and to top it off Buss Creek was polluted because of a water valve damaged when the sewage discharge pipe overflowed, and to cap it off all the problems with fish deaths in Reydon number two created problems I did not expect as we had enough trouble getting the new stock in any way.

Also I had complaints on the general condition of club waters, it was said they are not managed properly by the committee to which I have replied to the members and have taken all of the issues on board so I say this, we do what we can in the very little time we have in closed season, reliant on voluntary work parties that have to be organized with a someone appointed as supervisor in order to comply with the insurance, health and safety regulations. We are short on the committee, we have co-opted two members on recently, and I have been doing the secretaries job, we do a risk assessment every year when its decided what have to be done because of safety and then what swim clearance is practical in the time that is available as I am sure you would not want people working near where members are fishing after the season has started. We use contractors where we can but it cost money.

The new season will bring some changes, the river Waveney at Shipmeadow is available from 16th June 2010, we have re-negotiated the terms with the owners Mr and Mrs Raven as several members were disappointed it had been dropped. The Reydon Waters will open on the 1st June 2010, their was some confusion of when it closed this year as it should have been the 1st March but the membership book was the 14th March which perhaps was not a bad thing considering the predation we have at present, maybe it may remain.

The committee have recommended that all fish stocking at Reydon be suspended for time being until we have the protection of fencing to the lakes with regards to predation, its therefore been proposed that new fencing be erected where possible by contractors and that a voluntary donation be requested from members of £5-00 per head to go towards the cost, we would never be able to fence Buss Creek so we will have accept any re-stocking on that water would mean some fish would be predation fodder therefore some weed cover is necessary but not to the extent it is at present.

We are still investigating ways of improving this water, one of the committee members have taken on this task, a fresh look is needed and perhaps he will be more successful than myself, its not a easy one to solve. The only solution is a slop out, but how, and who would do it, and at what cost.

Henham Dairy Pond will open on the 1st June the same as Reydon, I expect it will be wrong for some who believe the close season should be the same as the official closed season, but I do take the point that the light evenings do give more fishing time and its not that we do not have a closed season maybe two weeks shorter.

The Subscriptions, Joining Fees, Guest and Day Tickets will remain the same as last year, for some, money is still difficult to come by and a lot of families are stretched, use the prices in your 2009/10 book and also use that book until your new one arrive. We still have a large waiting list of people wishing to join the club, many will have to wait unless we have a lot of members who will not renew, we have a membership 500 max which give us the revenue to run the club and yes we have a healthy bank balance but you only want one disaster and a lot can go over night.

All of the Officers and Committee are up for election, as far as I know, all at present will re-stand with the exception of Paul Goldsmith who is at present a committee member and Head Water Bailiff and is standing down, the two members opted on are Laurie Baker and Carl Baker, Graham Gerrell have offered himself as Head Water Bailiff, this was proposed by Barry Reid and seconded by Rodney Goldsmith. We still need a Club Secretary and a Match Secretary with the possibility of two more Committee members.

We were to have a Open Meeting in the early months of this year but unfortunately due to a bereavement the notice did not go out and therefore the event had to be cancelled, I did receive a request to put three items on the Agenda. 1) Water Management and Maintenance, 2) Fish Stocking and Protection, 3) Henham Dairy Pond. Some of these issues I have tried to answer here, wether we have the Open Meeting this year remains for the members to decide I will ask at the A.G.M. for your opinion.

Work Parties will operate on Sunday Mornings providing some one is available to supervise, so if you are available supervisor or not please let me know. A list of work is drawn up to be done, I have others who have said they can not do weekends but would be available during the week, so again please let me know.