

**SOUTHWOLD & DISTRICT  
FRESHWATER  
ANGLING  
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**



**PRESEASON  
NEWSLETTER 2002  
A MESSAGE FROM THE  
CHAIRMAN**

Dear Members,

Thanks to all those attending the Annual General Meeting. My apologies for the heating in the new venue, we will rectify that at the next one, but on the whole, most members said it was good.

May I extend a welcome to all the new members who have been patient on the waiting list and say I hope you enjoy our facilities.

It's our thirtieth year as a club and in that time we have come a long way from



how it first started with sadly, two of those popular waters now gone, but we have managed to replace one with Kessingland. a lot of work has been put in by several members to get this water up & running, my thanks to Archie and Frank especially, but please do not expect to have large bags of fish to start with. Yes, we have put some fish in to help those already there but it's in the Autumn of 2002 when a large consignment of stock will be

**John Purdy**

introduced. So the future should be good. In this seasons membership book is the combination lock number for the gate, please keep this confidential at all times, and scramble the numbers after use.

The £5.00 levy you the members voted in this year I have already spent on Reydon improvements together with some more, so I hope that when you go there it will be a place to enjoy. The fishing should be good in the pits and Buss Creek. We will continue to improve as I have already booked the contractor to carry out a programme of work for next year.

Don't forget the fishing on the river venues, they are there to use and they are very good fishing at times. Maybe you have to walk a bit but results will come if you make the effort! The lagoon may be poor but we will sort this out eventually.

Now to keep you up to date: 10th August - Junior Open / Senior Members Match with the new Eric Paisley Trophy and members BBQ Evening.  
21st October - Bob James Night at St Edmonds Hall, Southwold at 7.30pm.

To finish, just remember:

1. Take care at the waters edge
2. Take all your rubbish, lines and hooks home
3. Take care when you park your car and lock it up!
4. Do not leave your gear unattended
5. Enjoy your fishing!

Tight lines to you all,

Chairman - John Purdy

## FISHING LINES



In this article we hope to publish letters from the Membership and where possible print a response should one be requested or felt necessary.

**Letters can be on any fishing related subject and need not necessarily be to do directly with the Society. (Remember we are members of Suffolk County A.A.A & Suffolk Wildlife Trust etc.)**

To make this worthwhile the Committee needs your support so please send your letters to:

**THE SECRETARY,  
24 ROYAL AVENUE, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK,  
NR32 4HH or email to  
sdfaps@btinternet.com**

**AUTUMN DEADLINE 1ST OCTOBER**

## BEST WISHES

Dear Barry,

I regret that I have to give up my membership of the Society for a manner of reasons, mainly age and health.

I couldn't do much fishing since my brother John passed away and it seemed hardly fair to deny somebody else a membership.

I wish you all the best and please convey my best wishes to the committee and anyone likely to know me

Yours - Fred Heed

## SABBATICAL

Dear Members,

Those of you who attended the AGM will know that I am in the process of refurbishing quite a large unmodernised house with a view to moving in to it in the next month or so. Combining this with particularly demanding work

commitments has made it impossible for me to give the Society the time and effort it deserves.

As a result I asked the committee to consider finding a replacement or agreeing to a sabbatical, reviewed after 6 months. The latter was agreed but it does mean that the usual duties of my post have to be shared amongst the other committee members in my absence. They obviously have their own duties and other pressures so it is possible that not everything may get done quite as we would all want it to be (such as this newsletter).

Please give them your continued support and any help you feel you can. I hope to be on top of things in the next 6 months and will then be in a position to put in the effort the Society deserves (and maybe even go fishing!)

Yours - Barry Reid - Hon. Secretary

**SOUTHWOLD JUNIOR OPEN MATCH  
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## EARLY MEMORIES

I'm probably too young to start reminiscing about my early days as a fisherman (nearly 67) but it occurs to me that many of our younger members will not realise how things were in the days of our youth if we don't set it down in writing.

My earliest contact with the pastime was in 1941, when I was six, and we moved to Wrentham. We lived in a Benacre Estate cottage situated almost opposite Boggis Electrical - then known as Sawyers Garage - in the High Street. Slightly further to the North was Martins Bank (now in business as Wrentham Antiques) and in a flat within the premises lived my school pal 'Nibs' Minister, his Mum, and his sister Rosemary. The 'powers that be' had installed a large metal water tank in the yard at the back. Memories are deceptive I know, but I have the feeling that it was about twelve feet square, and about four feet high. Its purpose was to provide water for the Fire Brigade's use should the property be set alight, perhaps by incendiary bombs, during an enemy raid.

Someone had put a number of Roach and Rudd in the tank and somehow, whether by luck or by feeding by an anonymous person, these fish prospered both in size and in numbers and if we had behaved for what seemed an impossible length of time (and certainly not more than two or three times a year) Mrs Minister handed each of us a small bamboo cane with a length of thread twirled around the top, to the end of which was attached an eyed hook.

Woe betide anyone who (1) lost his hook (can you remember what it was like when a hook got caught up in your woolly pullover?) (2) tore the lip of a fish or, even worse (3) dropped a fish on the floor of the concrete yard found himself BANNED.

By this punishment we learned to value and care for the fish we caught and the feeling of guilt is still with me after all these years if I drop a fish or find myself taking too long to remove the hook!

BERNARD BAGGE

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in that, are you?”**



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To: Anglers' Conservation Association, Shalford Dairy, Aldermaston, Reading, Berks, RG7 4NB.

## MATCH SCENE

Well, here we go again, but this time it's going to be the last season as your Match Secretary. That's because, for those of you who could not make the AGM, I have decided that after some numerous years, in fact too many to think about, it's time someone new came in, possibly with fresh ideas. Not only to the match scene but also onto the committee.

I have had some very good times and met allot of varied people while doing the job. A big thank you to all who have had the confidence in me over the years. The only thing I ask is that who ever takes over hopefully will have the same drive and commitment towards the juniors that hopefully I have shown.

On July 6th we are holding a Junior Teach - In on Sherwood Water (1) . This is in conjunction with the Anglers Consultative Association Norfolk & Suffolk and will be run by a National Federation of Anglers Coach. The course will last at least 4 hours. I am sorry to say however, for insurance purposes, we can only take 15 to 20 juniors aged 9 onwards. All applications to me at the address on the front of the club book. Can all applications include full name, address, telephone number and brief description as to why you would like to attend. Parents may stay with the Juniors but please do not interfere with the course.

The Junior Open Match this year will be on August 10th, see you all there.

Regards and best of luck -

Hon. Match secretary



## DIARY DATES

**JUNIOR TEACH IN - JULY 6th**

**AWAYDAY BREAKAWAY MELTON - JULY 14TH**

**JUNIOR OPEN - AUGUST 10TH**

**BBQ AND ERIC PAISLEY MATCH - AUGUST  
10TH**

**BOB JAMES NIGHT - 21st OCTOBER**

## AN EVENING WITH BOB JAMES

### PART 2 OF A REPORT BY BARRY REID

Following an interval to allow the audience to refill their glasses and visit the ACA stand Bob put himself in the firing line by inviting questions from the audience.

The opening question was did Bob think that the next record Roach would come from a stillwater to which he replied he thought it would. The question of fish feeding times was then raised to which he quipped "its usually 1 hour before you get there and 1 hour after you leave."

Inevitably, the prospect of another "Passion for Angling" was raised to which an emphatic No was the response. However, some of the secrets of filming the series were explained and proved most interesting. For instance, only 10% of what they did was actually filmed and of that, only 10% was used. He recommended "Toms River" as another very good programme should you ever get the opportunity to view it. In conclusion he said that there may be some form of programme produced but it wouldn't be another "Passion".



Moving on to some of his travels he recalled seeing Salmon taking feeders being retrieved. The Italians were incensed when he attached a treble to a feeder and proceeded to land one of them! Another twist was to shape cheese into the shape of a Minnow, this also produced results and they soon copied him!

Referring back to his childhood days he was asked if he had ever eaten any of the fish. He recalled eating Roach in an Oxo Tin with Chestnuts but found Perch were the best. Other childhood memories included asking for 44lb line as the record Carp was 44lb, he was taken aback when it all started to come back in large coils!

Back to Roach his tip was that large Roach like much faster water than small ones and also like freshwater moss. The smallest float he uses is 5BB and usually 7BB upwards, remember the bottom 12 inches of water in a 4 or 5 foot depth is not moving! When Feeder fishing he starts with a 1 foot link and a 3 foot tail, moving to anything up to 6 foot.

He felt Barbel in stillwaters was unethical and felt you couldn't fly the conservation flag if you didn't have a closed season.

In conclusion he stated that angling needed to reinvent itself, it was much more accepted in America. He felt angers were as much part of the scenery as was a tree and that we needed to make angling much more publicly accessible.

This ended what had been a truly enjoyable evening with a very open honest and approachable speaker. I, like others who attended, can't wait for his return on October 21st, hope to see you all there.





# MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DATE OF REPORT: MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> 2002

NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOW SENIORS .....	
NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOT RENEWED .....	
NUMBER OF JUNIOR MEMBERS .....	?
NUMBER OF DISABLED MEMBERS .....	5
NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS .....	23
NUMBER OF SENIOR MEMBERS .....	13
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS .....</b>	<b>68</b>
NUMBER OF PLACES NOT RENEWED .....	311
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SPACES TO FILL .....	415
<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF SPACES TO FILL .....</b>	<b>54</b>
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUNIORS ON WAITING LIST .....	10
<b>TOTAL NUMBER ON WAITING LIST .....</b>	<b>64</b>
DATE OF OLDEST APPLICATION WAITING LIST 27/10/98	14
	106

## CHANGED ADDRESS OR LOST YOUR CARD ?

**Identity Cards:** Please remember that your membership book is not valid unless you produce it with your identity card.  
If you have lost yours, **changed your address** or your photo is out of date, please send a passport sized photo with your name and address **printed clearly** on the back.

### **Bailiffs:**

Will all bailiffs who have not yet returned their bailiff cards please do so as soon as possible so that a new card can be issued for the 2002 / 2003 season.

### **TOILET KEYS -**

Any toilet keys requested but not included with this newsletter will be sent out as soon as we have obtained some more. Please note that you do not require a key for the new toilets on Sherwood Water (No. 1). Female members can exchange their key for a female wc key at Purdys Newsagents

**BEVERLY REID - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

**01502 - 518198**

## MORE THAN CATCHING FISH

1949 and I was fishing on the Waveney at the aptly named Horse Shoe Point with the late Frank Jones (ex mayor of Lowestoft) and his son.

Early on the river traffic had been light and we had all caught on the lead. However, the boats were now streaming off Oulton Broad and the yachts coming from the relative calm of Fisher Row and suddenly catching a near gale were having a problem tacking round the bend.

Frank, having chosen to fish right on the corner was constantly having to reel into avoid losing his tackle and adding insult to injury was having to push yachts away from the bank.

He had just shouted out to us that he was going to move when one yacht lost it completely and the wind swept it into the small dyke on Franks right almost taking his rod with it. After an exchange of words, Frank gathered up his tackle and leaving the embarrassed yachtsman (who must have been new to the area) to try and quant his boat backwards on to the main river and headed towards us. As he drew level he said "what do you think that bloody fool just asked me, was he right for Beccles?" So I told him yes, carry on up the dyke and it will bring you out on the main Beccles Road!

Frank did not suffer fools lightly.



**AUTUMN**

### NEWSLETTER

Hopefully things will be back to normal by the Autumn and the quality of the newsletter will be back to what it should be. There will be more detail and pictures on the record claims and reports on society events and matches. A new series of articles will describe fishing techniques, some information has already been submitted for this but please feel free to contribute, even a simple tip you have picked up may be of use to others. Please send these or any other articles, letters etc to The Secretary, 24 Royal Avenue, Lowestoft, Suffolk, NR32 4HH or even better, email to [sdfaps@btinternet.com](mailto:sdfaps@btinternet.com)



# Away Day 2002

## Melton Match Lake

This years Away Day will take us to another new Venue slightly later than our normal first Sunday in July when we venture to Melton near Woodbridge, the home of the Breakaway Tackle Melton Match Lake on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Created only four years ago with only 25 pegs available, the lake is heavily stocked each year to provide the best all round sport. The lake is protected by netting through the winter months to prevent predation from Cormorants. During the 2001 season match weights up to 50lb have been achieved using pole, waggler or groundbait feeder.

While our match is fished in the most relaxed manner I am able to advise that the winner will automatically qualify for free entry into the Breakaway end of Season Match for a first prize of £100, well worth trying for!

There are no special rules beyond a ban on **Boilies** and **Peanuts**. **Barbless** hooks are compulsory. Particle baits to be used in moderation.

Places are limited to 25 on this trip and spots are going quickly so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Archie Maclean  
01502 476746

**DONATION THANKS** - Despite the increase in subscription levels and the compulsory £5.00 improvement levy, several members have still made additional donations. The Committee would like to thank all those members for



## NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

BARRY REID

**Gates** - All members are reminded of the importance of ensuring all gates are closed after you have used them. This is obviously important where there is livestock such as on the rivers. Less obvious, but of equal importance are the gates at Reydon and Kessingland. The main gates at Reydon were made "rabbit proof" at the expense of the local residents and we soon get complaints if the gate is left open, even if for a short time. Obviously with a combination lock on the gate at Kessingland leaving it open causes security problems.

**Rod Licences** - If like me you took up the Environment Agencies offer of licences on direct debit check you have actually received your licence. Many applications were apparently "held back" by the post office resulting in it being impossible for the E.A to issue licences to those. To save embarrassment (and possibly a hefty fine) check you have a valid licence before you go fishing.

**Read Your Rules** - Please ensure you read and understand all the rules of the Society. A new member was caught out because he didn't, another member complained and following the disciplinary process, he has been suspended from the Society for the first 6 months of this season. Your attention is particularly drawn to the new rules, outlined below, brought in at the AGM.

**Unhooking Mats** - All anglers fishing for Carp **MUST** use an unhooking mat on Society waters.

**Accompanied Juniors** - To encourage more juniors into angling, Senior members may take non member juniors fishing free of charge on a Society water as long as the Junior shares the same swim as the Senior Member



## QUALIFYING WEIGHTS & RECORDS

The weights in bold type and with a star are actual Society records as listed at the end of the tables. All other weights are minimum qualifying weights. Members may make a claim for any category. Please provide as much information as possible and two witnesses, or one witness and a photo, or a committee witness. Other species will be considered.

WATER	MIRROR CARP	COMMON CARP	CRUCIAN CARP	TENCH	BREAM
SHERWOOD WATER (1)	<b>27lb 5oz*</b> (1) <b>22lb 7oz*</b>	<b>16lb 4oz*</b> (2)	11lb	<b>5lb 4oz*</b> (11)	3lb 8oz
KINGFISHER LAKE (2)	10lb	10lb	11lb	4lb 8oz	4lb 8oz
DENNY LAKE (4)	<b>19lb 2oz*</b> (3)	12lb	11lb	2lb 8oz	-
PAISLEYS POND (3)	<b>14lb 4oz*</b> (10)	3lb	11lb	2lb	-
BUSS CREEK	-	-	-	5lb	<b>6lb 10oz*</b> (4)
GILLINGHAM LAGOON	4lb	4lb	12oz	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	-	-	-	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADOW	-	-	-	3lb	4lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	-	-	-	3lb	<b>6lb 14oz*</b> (5)

WATER	ROACH	RUDD	CHUB	EEL	PERCH	PIKE
SHERWOOD WATER (1)	1lb	1lb	-	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
KINGFISHER LAKE (2)	1lb	1lb	1lb	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
DENNY LAKE (4)	1lb	1lb		-	1lb	-
PAISLEYS POND (3)	12oz	12oz	-	-	1lb	-
BUSS CREEK	1lb	1lb	1lb 8oz	2lb	1lb 8oz	-
GILLINGHAM LAGOON	1lb	12oz	-	2lb	1lb	<b>15lb 2oz*</b> <b>(6)</b>
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	1lb	12oz	1lb	2lb	1lb	8lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADOW	1lb	12oz	3lb	2lb	1lb	12lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	<b>1lb 12.5oz*</b> <b>(7)</b>	12oz	<b>5lb 6oz*</b> <b>(8)</b>	2lb	1lb	<b>18lb 2oz*</b> <b>(9)</b>

**More details on recent records will appear in the next newsletter - claims also invited for Kessingland Water**

- 27lb 5oz Mirror Carp - R. Naunton 2000  
22lb 7oz Mirror Carp C. Cook - Junior record 1998
  - 16lb 4oz Common Carp, B. Balls 1997.
  - 19lb 2oz Mirror Carp, D. Newland 1997.
  - 6lb 10oz Bream, P. Youngman 1999
  - 6lb 14oz Bream, H. Moore 2001 - NEW RECORD**
  - 15lb 2oz Pike, H. Moore 1998.
  - 1lb 12 1/2oz Roach, R. Turner 1999.
  - 5lb 6oz Chub, S. Clarke 2002 - NEW RECORD**
  - 18lb 2oz Pike, F. Courtman 2002 (Ellingham end) - NEW RECORD.**
  - 14lb 4oz Mirror Carp - M. Stannard 1999
  - 5lb 4oz Tench - J. Hurren 1999
- Henham Dairy Pond - 11lb 8oz Mirror Carp, T. Swan 1998.*

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