

**SOUTHWOLD & DISTRICT
FRESHWATER
ANGLING
PRESERVATION SOCIETY**



**PRESEASON
NEWSLETTER 2003
A MESSAGE FROM THE
CHAIRMAN**

Dear Members,

Every time when I am requested for my contribution to the newsletter I can never think of what needs to be said. I tend to repeat the same doe's and don'ts and try to include anything new or important messages to get across, so I expect this one will follow the same format. So perhaps I should start with the usual formalities of extending a warm welcome to a new season of fishing activities for all those existing members and the new ones joining us for the first time this year.

To begin with, many thanks to all those who attended this years A.G.M. a very good turn out once again, I am not sure if everybody understood the

special announcement on the night and what it means to the Society.

Firstly we now have a valuable asset giving more financial credibility. Secondly, the gift of land with the two waters means that the fish stocks will always remain in the ownership of the Society as this is not always the case on rented waters. finally, had this area of land been included in the sale of the farm we would have had to pay rent, so my sincere thanks on behalf of the Society to the previous owners for considering us at the time of negotiations for the sale.

Stocking Kessingland has been delayed until the Autumn. Briefly, health checks delayed the order in the first place then some of the stock are obtained from Eastern Europe and E.E.c. regulations got in the way. Finally, the driver of the transport broke his back in an accident so with the temperature rising it became too late to move them.

Day membership sales were down last year, one reason being we had reduced them to a more manageable level which relieved us of some of the previous problems. All round this seems to suit our club. We also introduced the Guest Membership Ticket scheme so that members could fish our waters with other members of their family or friends who are not members. Some I know consider these expensive but where could you go that allows a person to fish from dawn to dusk (on some days 18 hours) visiting as many Society waters as he wants, with an accompanying Society Member, on any one of the seven days of the week.

Now for some of the does and don'ts. Security is one of the most important areas to put high on your priority list these days. Security for yourself personally where any water is involved. Security in always locking your car, never leave your gear unattended. Security in ensuring all gates and premises of the Society are secure at all times.

Always take all rubbish away, never leave hooks or line behind, unfortunately angling is always getting a bashing so do not allow anybody the opportunity to criticise. observe the rules of the Society at all times which includes consideration of others as well.

Enjoy your fishing, your help and assistance is always appreciated where it is possible to give it. I hope the match fishing events are attended in numbers and I wish you all good luck in whatever you wish to pursue.



Chairman - John Purdy

**SOUTHWOLD JUNIOR
OPEN MATCH
REYDON COMPLEX
Saturday 2nd AUGUST 11am - 2pm**

SPONSORED BY

SAM HOOK SPORTS

FREE ENTRY - OVER £400 IN PRIZES

OPEN TO ALL JUNIORS (UNDER 16 ON DATE OF MATCH)

MEMBERS AND NON MEMBERS

4 DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS

ALL ENTRANTS GET A PRIZE

MAJOR PRIZES TO AGE GROUP WINNERS & OVERALL TOP 3

FREE BBQ FOR PARTICIPANTS

BOOK THROUGH

DAVE CRISP - 01502 584790

or

JOHN PURDY - PURDYS NEWSAGENTS

HIGH STREET, SOUTHWOLD

01502 724250



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 & and A.C.A.N.S)

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

FOND Memories

As I infrequently visit Reydon I feel it is unfair to retain my membership and deprive a person on the waiting list from fishing Society waters.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a member of your excellent angling society. The facilities in the Midlands do not compare with what Southwold & District F.A.P.S. has to offer.

Please pass my best wishes to Barry, Dave Crisp and Barry the bailiff at Reydon and tight lines to all fellow anglers.

Thank you for the fond memories I have as a member of Southwold & District F.A.P.S.

Grahame Akers - Daventry

Comment - Graham was a keen supporter of society matches and attended some of the work parties. Despite moving to Daventry several years ago he has continued to keep up his membership until now. A firm supporter of the Society for which we thank him.

Reluctant to leave

I am writing to let you know of my decision not to renew my membership of S&DFAPS.

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For the past three seasons I have only been able to fish a couple of times each year so I think it is only fair I let someone else make much better use of the membership. Having been a member since the club started I am reluctant to do this but sure it's the right thing to do.

May I wish you and the club continued success in the future.

George Cooper

Comment - George served on the committee for many years before work commitments prevented him continuing. Our thanks go to him for all his efforts and continued support during those early years.

PASSPORT PROBLEMS?

I refer to your order for Coarse fish, which were due to be delivered this season. These fish were part of a large consignment of fish which were to have been imported from a fish farm in Croatia. Fish from this farm have been supplied by Humberside Fisheries without problem since 1976.

However, on this occasion, the Austrian Authorities (through whose border the fish enter the European Community), decided to apply European Legislation concerning food products to this consignment of Coarse fish. The British Government tried to explain that the British do not eat Coarse fish but to no avail.

It was only last month that we finally found a way to import these fish, via Italy, the Italian Government accepting the British do not eat Coarse fish.

Regrettably, the owner driver of the haulage company had a serious road traffic accident only days before he was due to collect the consignment. He is unable to work for a further 4 months. Given the short time available before it becomes too hot to move the fish it has proved impossible to find an alternative company. Therefore I am unable to deliver these fish at this time but am certain I will be able to deliver this autumn.

K. Ryder - Humerside Fisheries

Comment - Another delay to the development of Kessingland but obviously beyond our control.

KING FISHER TIP **Steamed Bread** - Having put a slice of bread into a plastic bag, allow steam from a boiling kettle into the bag. Check the bread periodically until it becomes sticky and it peels. To use it, separate a strip from the slice and double it around the shank of the hook. Nip it onto the shank leaving the two ends sticking out above the bend of the hook like a "flag". Once in the water the "flag" fluffs up covering the point of the hook but remaining very soft and allowing easy hooking of the fish.



SMALL FRY

BROADS AUTHORITY - Those of you who may be interested in the future of the Broads may wish to comment on the Draft Broads Plan 2004. This important document is the management plan for the whole of the Broads Authority area which includes our waters on the River Waveney. Copies of the plan can be obtained from the Broads Information Centres e.g. Beccles 01502 713196 or on the Broads Authority Website at www.broads-authority.gov.uk

ROD LICENCES - well it seems the Environment Agency have messed up the direct debit service for the second year running. If you chose to use this "more convenient" method of obtaining your licence I would advise you to check your bank statements to see if how many licences they have charged you for. In these busy times its all too easy not to remember if you have already received your licence. I ended up with two and had to contact them to arrange a refund.

RECORD CLAIMS - Despite reports of last season being one of the best ever on Society waters, very few record claims were received. Why not keep a copy of the qualifying weights with your year book and share your achievement with other members.

FOR SALE - Pair of Green size 10 Moon Boots, £20.00 contact Brian Mumford on 01502 581073

INSURANCE - Are you sure your fishing tackle is insured. We are receiving reports of many insurance companies who will not insure the full amount of fishing gear and are using stupid excuses to refuse to even give a quote. If you have any experience of this, or have found a good company, then please contact let us know so that we can make the information available to others.

KING FISHER - The intention of this heading is to pass on handy tips and methods which members may find of interest. If you have any that you think would be of use then please send them to the Secretary by post or email at sdfaps@btinternet.com. Alternatively just pick the phone up for a chat on 01502 518198. Remember that what may seem old hat to you may be unknown to many other members, especially beginners of all ages. So don't be embarrassed, lets all have the benefit of the knowledge that exists within the Society. Some may even wish to comment and suggest improvements on the subjects covered.

Web Sites

MATCH SCENE

Following 18 years of devoted service to the Southwold Match scene, Dave Crisp has decided to take a well earned rest and the organisation of the Match Programme will be taken under the control, for an experimental period, of a Match Committee, under my direction as Match Administrator. A considerable vote of thanks is due to Dave for his sterling efforts and I'm sure you will join with me in thanking him for everything he has done.

The Match Committee consists of six club members and your thoughts and ideas about the programme can be conveyed to any of these individuals either about the venues or any positive contribution that can improve the programme for you, the member.

The committee is Archie Maclean	(470936)
Robin Douce	(517585)
Eric Peak	(568955)
Les Ellis	(740975)
Peter Turrell	(741694)
Jamie Hurren	(500503)

A full fishing programme is on the cards with a new Autumn Series planned for Buss Creek where the winner will come from the best aggregate weight over the three matches. We are planning to fish the Xmas Fayre at our new venue Kessingland providing we can get the new fish stocks introduced in time for the fish to settle in. Robin Douce will present a new trophy for this competition and the Last Gasp Competition which will be held on 14th March 2004 will also see a new trophy for those who need a "fix" before the Close Season descends.

All Match Bookings should be made through me on 01502 470936, if I am away I will leave instructions for booking on my answerphone. Keep your eyes on the Journal for the Match Results in fact why not come

along and give the matches a try, you might even enjoy them and like me learn a little about the sport we love so much.

Archie Maclean - Match Administrator

TROPHY WINNERS 2002 - 2003

Junior Carp	J. Turrell
Outstanding Junior	R. Nichols
Junior Open - jointly tied	J. Turrell & R. Nichols
Countess of Stradbroke Cup	J. Stannard
Denny Senior Accumulator	I. Julings
Peter Sherwood Memorial	I. Julings
Match Secretaries Shield	I. Julings
Senior Pairs	J. Hurren & J. Stannard
Pike Pairs	G. Doy & P. Goldsmith
Eric Woods Pike Trophy	B. Reid
Winter Series	J. Hurren
Arthur Sullivan Shield	P. Turrell



Congratulations to all our winners and many thanks to all participants for your continued support of the Society matches.

SUFFOLK COUNTY A.A.A. MATCH DATES

Sun 13th July Weybread Ocean Pit TEAMS OF 4 (re-arranged 02 match)

Sun 3rd August Weybread Ocean Pit TEAMS OF 4

Sun 21st September River Are, Walter Colleen Memorial

Sat 4th October Weybread Ocean Pit TEAMS of 6

JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE 3 MATCH SERIES

Sun 13th July Needham Lake

Sat 27th Sept Weybread

Sat 27th Dec Beccles Quay

Matches 10am - 3pm, 8.30 draw except Beccles Quay draw 7.30 fish 9 - 2

Book via Andy Wilson-Sutter 01502 531776



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

DATE OF REPORT: MAY 1st June 2003

NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOW SENIORS	
NUMBER OF JUNIORS NOT RENEWED	
NUMBER OF JUNIOR MEMBERS	4
NUMBER OF DISABLED MEMBERS	7
NUMBER OF SENIOR CITIZENS	24
NUMBER OF SENIOR MEMBERS	10
TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	68
NUMBER OF PLACES NOT RENEWED	312
NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SPACES TO FILL	414
TOTAL NUMBER OF SPACES TO FILL	72
TOTAL NUMBER OF JUNIORS ON WAITING LIST	12
TOTAL NUMBER ON WAITING LIST	84
DATE OF OLDEST APPLICATION WAITING LIST 20/02/01	19
	110

CHANGED ADDRESS OR LOST YOUR CARD ?

I.D. 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.

PLEASE NOTE - Due to an increase in the number of cheques bouncing and postage due fees the following additional charges will be payable before any books are released.

Bounced Cheques - £4.00. Postage Due Charges - £2.00

Bailiffs: The Committee have agreed that bailiff cards will no longer be issued on an annual basis and that existing cards should remain valid until withdrawn. Some cards may have the year of validity stated on them, bailiffs who wish to have a reissued card with the date removed should return their existing cards so new ones can be issued.

**BEVERLY REID - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, 24 Royal Avenue,
Lowestoft, NR32 4HH. Tel: 01502 - 518198 email sdfaps@btinternet.com**

More Than Catching Fish

Do you ever have a day when you seem to have overcome all adversity and then it all goes pear shaped ?

Another eastern regional Final, this time scheduled for the Great Ouse, but owing to a fish disease being rife in the fens, moved to Shrewsbury. Too far by motorcycle and the train journey being impractical, myself and another local angler decided to pull out. However, in those early days, when car ownership was not the norm, many local anglers were indebted to one of our well known Southwold past members, Mr George Howard, for transport. Rather than have us miss out he offered to take us.

The journey was not for the faint hearted! Leaving at an early hour “low flying” the 230 odd miles across country making just one stop, then running into heavy rain and there we were waiting for the HQ to open.

After a welcome breakfast we were told that owing to heavy rain the river was running feet above normal but as there had been no time to inform us of a cancellation, the match would go ahead.

Drawn in the only section to be pegged above the Welch Bridge, my peg at least 10 feet down a steep rocky bank, no space to put up my umbrella for shelter, and faced with a river more suited to white water rafting, George's remark “Better you than me mister” said it all.

Starting on the lead but loosing two bombs in 3 casts it was time for a rethink. Switching to float I could not get the control I needed but I did manage to locate a small eddy hard to the near bank downstream where by casting direct and holding the line off the water I could hold for a few seconds before being swept out by the real rush of water. Catching my first fish, a Ruffe, it was then cast and recast to finish with seven Ruffe and three Dace.

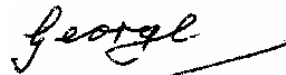
Cold and more than a bit damp I sheltered in the warm car waiting to be weighed in, but with George, who had acted as “runner” all day, telling me that mine were the only fish caught above the bridge and apart from two anglers pegged in the lee of a bend downstream, there was just the odd fish caught, it all seemed worth it.

That was until I handed up my net to be weighed in and my hard won Ruffe “flew” over my head one by one back into the river with the stewards

explaining that Pike, Eels and Ruffe were “out” on the day!

Then back at HQ we found my Dace, having weighed twelve and a half ounces were just one and a half ounces short of qualifying for the National Final.

There you go, some you win, and well, at least I'd been fishing.



George Crisp

County News

Suffolk County continues to face a challenging future with no interest being expressed in taking on the duty of General Secretary. In his last year as County Chairman, John Purdy is continuing to cover the secretaries duties with the assistance of Match Secretary Andy Wilson-Sutter and Treasurer Barry Reid.

Communications with member clubs has been significantly improved resulting in many that were considering leaving the County recognising that positive steps are being taken to respond to previous criticisms.

A survey is currently being undertaken to establish the number of members each member club has and if they are members of the NFA in their own right. The NFA have been made aware of this.

John Purdy has ensured that the County and its events are properly insured (including the sea section) but it is a condition of the insurance that all members are given a copy of the notice as reproduced below. This covers our use of Bungay Common as affiliated members of Suffolk County AAA.

The need to be a member of such an umbrella organisation has never been greater. As if to prove the point, I was recently asked to take part in a live Radio Suffolk interview in respect of the “fish feel pain” debate. Having been able to obtain a great deal of help / information from the NFA. I was well prepared for the interview resulting in the interviewer having to change his line of attack completely as he wasn't winning.

The draft Broads action plan is currently out for consultation and I am sure the County will be making comments on your behalf so please give us any feedback you have.

It is likely that the County will play an increasingly important role within ACANS to help it meet its own challenge of adequately representing anglers over a very large geographical area.
A busy year ahead but hopefully it will become easier as things are sorted out.

Barry Reid - County Treasurer

SUFFOLK COUNTY A.A.A CIVIL LIABILITY (THIRD PARTY) INSURANCE

Most members will be aware that the Suffolk County Amalgamated Angling Association has liability insurance cover for all paid up members with an indemnity of £2m and which covers such members for claims made against them by third parties for personal injury or damage to property arising out of the member's angling activities. Cover includes member to member liability and it also indemnifies day permit (day member) holders. Claims for personal injury or damage arising out of the use of the Associations fisheries are also covered.

From April 1999, the Civil Justice System has changed the manner in which claims are dealt with. These changes are known as the **Woolf Reforms** and their intention is to resolve disputes more quickly and efficiently. Strict timescales are now in place to direct the handling of claims. **Members must**, therefore, report **every** incident, particularly those involving personal injury to the Suffolk County A.A.A. Secretary immediately it happens so that it may be reported in turn to our insurers who will advise us what to do next. We have been advised that we must forward any appropriate documents to the insurers as soon as possible in order to comply with these new timescales.

CONSEQUENCES

If you want our insurers to defend and/or pay the bill you **MUST** play by the rules. If our insurers can legitimately demonstrate that your failure as to time, investigation and or receipt of documents has genuinely prejudiced your defence they may try to:-

Walk away

Pay out and recover from you

Settle as a matter of expediency & considerably increase our premium

Determine that all or part of an award constitutes a penalty and as such is not insured.

PLEASE REMEMBER that the Woolf Reform procedures may also apply to any other liability insurance's, either business or personal that you may hold.

Signed



Treasurer Suffolk County A.A.A.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

HERBICIDES - Our Head water Bailiff has reported that on or about the 11th May an as yet unidentified person had sprayed the banks around almost every peg on Buss Creek with a herbicide. Whilst the person who did this probably thought that he / she was helping the Society it must be pointed out that uncontrolled spraying can be very dangerous. There are very few sprays that are suitable for use near water / fish and those that are are very expensive. There are also health and safety and insurance implications. The Committee always welcomes assistance from members but this should ideally be given at organised work parties or otherwise with the direct permission of the Head Water Bailiff, Chairman or Secretary.

GILLINGHAM - Access remains difficult and the decision on whether to keep the venue is still dependant on the farmer significantly improving the situation. In the mean time please take care both when driving to the parking area, walking across the field and adjacent the piled section of river bank. You will notice from the map that the middle section of the river has been given up, however, it is still available for use until 1st September this year.

KESSINGLAND - Vandals have been busy through the closed season and the lock and clasp have had to be replaced twice and the signboard once. Please report anything suspicious, remember to take car registrations and report to Head Water Bailiff or Secretary asap.

DONATIONS - The Committee would like to thank those of you that gave donations in addition to paying your annual subscriptions. Over £250.00 has been received and it gives great encouragement to Committee members as it is a clear indication that their work is appreciated.

WORK PARTY VOUCHERS - I must at this point apologise for not issuing last years vouchers. I will try to send these out shortly with those for this year. They can be used for next years subs or if returned to the membership secretary I will arrange for repayment of the equivalent amounts from this years subs. Many thanks for your continued help on the work parties.

SHIPMEADOW PLEASURE TRIP - Try this lovely stretch of river without having the walk. Tractor transport has been arranged, so why not come and spend a relaxing evening on the river bank, miles from anywhere. And whats more, it's free! See back cover for full details.



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)	27lb 5oz* (1) 22lb 7oz*	16lb 4oz* (2)	1lb	5lb 4oz* (11)	3lb 8oz
KINGFISHER LAKE (2)	10lb	10lb	1lb	4lb 8oz	4lb 8oz
DENNY LAKE (4)	19lb 2oz* (3)	12lb	1lb	2lb 8oz	-
PAISLEYS POND (3)	14lb 4oz* (10)	3lb	1lb	2lb	-
BUSS CREEK	-	-	-	5lb	6lb 10oz* (4)
GILLINGHAM LAGOON	4lb	4lb	12oz	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	-	-	-	4lb	5lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADOW	-	-	-	3lb	4lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	-	-	-	3lb	6lb 14oz* (5)

WATER	ROACH	RUD D	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	15lb 2oz* (6)
R.WAVENEY GILLINGHAM	1lb	12oz	1lb	2lb	1lb	8lb
R.WAVENEY SHIPMEADO W	1lb	12oz	3lb	2lb	1lb	12lb
R.WAVENEY WAINFORD	1lb 12.5oz* (7)	12oz	5lb 6oz* (8)	2lb	1lb	18lb 2oz* (9)

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**
- 15lb 2oz Pike, H. Moore 1998.
- 1lb 12 1/2oz Roach, R. Turner 1999.
- 5lb 6oz Chub, S. Clarke 2002**
- 18lb 2oz Pike, F. Courtman 2002 (Ellingham end)**
- 14lb 4oz Mirror Carp - M. Stannard 1999

**SHIPMEADOW PLEASURE TRIP
SATURDAY JULY 12th**

**FREE Tractor trailer transport provided across marsh for
pleasure session on Society stretch of River Waveney
meet 4.00pm at track / road junction
pick up 9.45pm
Limited places available
To book telephone Barry Reid 01502 518198**

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Coach hire & peg fee £10



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Fishing 11.00 to 16.00 approx.

Optional match and pools

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