



Summer newsletter 2013

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Final otter fencing

As another new season approaches we can start to look forward to reaping the rewards of the tremendous amount of support and hard work put in over the last two years. The fund raising efforts and careful financial management has meant that just under £30,000 has been raised and spent providing otter proof fencing at the Reydon complex.

The final section of fencing will see Sherwood Water protected, sometime around the start of the season, and complete the fencing phase of the project. This work has not been carried out in isolation as the opportunity to introduce additional stock has been taken each time a lake has been secured. Kingfisher (2), Paisleys (3) and Denny Lakes (4) have all received new stock but now that the fencing is completed, the committee can concentrate on finishing off the stocking of the complex.

Weed Control

Although we all look forward to a better summer than last year, it can bring its own problems. Hopefully the healthy water levels will be maintained but we wait with baited breath to see how successful the addition of a water dye will be in holding back the growth of weed in Denny Lake and Paisleys Pond. Manual intervention may also be necessary so please try to support the work parties run by Head Water Bailiff Jed Gerrell.

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Remember the rivers

We mustn't forget that whilst the Reydon complex is the jewel in the crown, the Society has always tried to provide a full range of types of fishing across the whole catchment area of the Society.

We continue to hold two sections of the River Waveney, one tidal and one non tidal, to provide the opportunity to fish moving water and target species such as pike, chub, roach, dace and chub.

Kessingland

We also have the lake at Kessingland which is ideally located between Lowestoft and Southwold. This has been a challenging venue to get right but does benefit from having a very supportive owner whose own efforts mean that maintenance by the Society is kept to a minimum. It has become clear that stocking the water once and then leaving it for several doesn't work. The owner understands the challenges of predation and the society has negotiated a deal which includes an element of fish stocking every year as part of the agreement. This effectively reduces the annual rent we pay and ensures a regular top up of fish which will hopefully help the stock build up. I was very pleased that the annual general meeting supported this approach and look forward to improved fishing at the venue. To that end, approximately 550 carp (8 to 12 inches) were introduced earlier this year and this will be built on each winter.

Juniors, matches and donations

Moving on to the match scene, the committee were particularly pleased that the society was able to reintroduce some junior matches last season. This was given a further boost at the AGM when an unexpected letter was submitted by Jackie Martin, the organiser of the Randolph Hotel Quiz night, along with a cheque for £241 with a suggestion that it be used to support juniors. As a result, the Randolph Trophy will be fished for as part of the junior programme of matches, The winner each year will receive a trophy and a free year's subscription.

Extra stocking will be introduced to Paisleys Pond which has always been developed as a junior water. With support such as this, the completion of the fencing, and a junior committee member (Brer Cornish) I hope that we are not far away from the reintroduction of the Southwold Junior Open, fingers crossed for next year!

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Senior matches

At the Senior Level, Alan Morrison has taken on the role of match secretary and again, it is hoped that we will be able to reintroduce more of the matches previously fished in the near future.

Open meetings

The open meetings were well attended last season, even though the January one was in a blizzard. Thank you to all of you who made the effort to get there. These meetings are invaluable in allowing the committee to discuss ideas and issues with members but also for members to bring forward their own ideas and concerns.

Close season debate

One item that the committee wish to explore is whether we should return to a 16th June opening at Reydon. This will undoubtedly be a lively debate so why not come along when we meet on Monday 1st July and again on January 13th 2014.

Rules reminders

I must take this opportunity to give a couple of reminders about the rules.

Keep gates locked

With otter proof fencing in place it is even more important than ever to ensure that all gates are kept closed so please help us to ensure they are.

Reydon arrival and departure times

We have had a few complaints about early and late arrivals at the Reydon complex so please remember that fishing is restricted to 1 hour before sunrise and 1 hour after sunset,

Fish with regard to others

Our Head Water Bailiff has asked that a reminder be printed that fishing must not be undertaken so as not to disturb the enjoyment of others so please do not fish across other peoples swims (see rule 18).

Non-fishing guests

There has been an increase in non-fishing guests visiting Society waters. Landowners only give us permission to fish so please do not encourage this practice as such access is not permitted.

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Thank you for your support

Finally, my thanks to both existing and committee members for your continued support and a warm welcome to all new members. Thanks also to all of you who have sent donations in addition to your subscriptions. As I write this (30th April) we have already received £352.

I very much hope that you will all enjoy the forthcoming season and urge you to keep an eye on the society website for any updates (details below and in your year book).

Hope to see you on the banks.

Barry Reid - Chairman

Notices

Reminder: there is no access to Reydon Pits during the close season unless on an organised work party.	
AGM and rules 49 members were packed into the AGM at Sole Bay Bowls club. Make sure you are familiar with any rule changes by reading your membership book.	
Winter match dates All matches meet 8am, fish 9 till 2pm at south bank of Beccles Quay 10th November (WS & DAC) 22nd December (WS & Xmas Fayre) 12th January (WS & DAC) 16th February (WS) 2nd March (WS & Last Gasp) PLEASE NOTE, MATCH TIMES HAVE CHANGED FROM THOSE PREVIOUSLY PRINTED. PLEASE UPDATE YOUR YEAR BOOK IN SPACES LEFT BLANK.	Reydon padlock number
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