



Summer newsletter 2015

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Diary date: Additional Reydon Work Party

Sunday 31st May 9 a.m. start

Please could as many members as possible attend —Thank you

Message from the Chairman

May I start by welcoming all of the new members who have joined the Society this year and thanking those of you who have maintained membership for your continued support.

These are exciting times for your Society as the hard work put in by everybody over the past few years has delivered an Otter proofed and well stocked complex of lakes at Reydon which can only deliver continually improving fishing for us all.

Your committee continues to plan for future years by “reserving” stocks of quality fish for delivery from leading suppliers at the end of 2016 and working up plans for future improvements, more on the latter on the following pages.

Having started this report so positively it is a shame that I now have to advise of extremely poor attendance at this year’s work parties at Reydon. Despite being run by our Head Water Bailiff Jed Gerrell every Saturday throughout the closed season, attendances have been as low as 2 people and peaked at only 5!

This has put the Society in a very difficult position with insufficient numbers to enable some essential major works.

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It had been intended that the problem of bank erosion opposite peg 24 on Sherwood Water (1) would be tackled but this has not been possible.

The committee are now in the position of having to try to involve a paid contractor to put in a temporary solution or to close the access for safety reasons. Time is against us but if it can't be resolved in the next 3 weeks (as I write) then anglers will have to walk the long way around the lake to access the pegs. Please try to support these work parties as it really isn't fair to have to rely on less than a handful of people. We are blessed with some wonderful waters but if when you attend them some things aren't as you would wish then please think about why that might be and try and help out in the future.

We still have a couple of work parties running on Saturdays up to the 1st June and also an extra one for some final trimming up on Sunday 31st May, all start at 9am so please try your best to attend.

Looking forward, the call for new committee members at this year's A.G.M was so successful that we have a full committee for the first time in a great many years. I have just returned from the first post A.G.M meeting and was delighted to welcome Alan Morrison, Peter Jolly, Derek Baggott and Chris Moore to their first meeting and see them putting themselves forward for the tasks under discussion. A great and positive start.

The A.G.M also saw the announcement that the committee feel the time is now right to turn its attention to Buss Creek. A project will be worked up and costed to try and return it back to where it was following the first Buss Creek Project. I was heavily involved in that at the time but looking back through the archives it surprised me that the first stocking of fish went into the Creek way back in 1988; doesn't time fly? It proved to be a fantastic fishery for tench and bream with fish up to 7lb featuring in bags of up to 100lb as well as quality roach and rudd. With the Otter situation it will be a challenge but wouldn't it be great to get it back to somewhere near that standard.

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The stocking programme continued over the winter months with £3,000 worth of bream to three and half pound introduced into Sherwood Water (1) and £2,000 of tench into Kessingland Lake. Let's hope they have all settled in and provide good sport for the forthcoming season.

Match Secretary David Ling has put forward a full programme for the coming season and as this is his second year he has been able to include the winter series in the printed membership book. Following feedback from last year's participants he has introduced some Saturday matches. Congratulations to Paul Manthorpe who had a fantastic season last year with a clean sweep of the major trophies. Clearly the man to beat for the forthcoming season so why not give it a go.

Membership Secretary Beverly Reid was given a pleasant surprise at the AGM by being awarded the TIGER Trophy for making an outstanding contribution to the Society. Taking on the role as a temporary measure whilst expecting her first child, who is now 30, she is now serving her last year in the post. Presenting the trophy, President Graham Denny thanked Beverly for the considerable amount of work she had undertaken on behalf of the members.

Don't forget to send us photographs and reports of your catches for inclusion on our website and to keep an eye on it for updates, match results etc. at <http://southwoldanddistrictfaps.onesuffolk.net/> Whilst the Society is in a healthy position, there are still places available for new members. Why not encourage others to join by downloading an application form for them from the website.

Finally, the committee hope to increase the frequency at which the toilets at Reydon are serviced but please help us by leaving them in the condition you would wish them to be in.

All that remains is for me to encourage you all to enjoy the facilities the Society have to offer and to provide the committee with feedback and comment, whether positive or negative, as it all helps us to deliver a better Society. Good luck to you all and have a great days fishing.

Barry Reid - Chairman

Notices

Rules

Please read your membership book to ensure you are familiar with all of the club rules.

Reydon

Do not enter the Reydon complex sooner than 1 hour before sunrise or leave the complex later than 1 hour after sunset.

1 hour before sunrise and 1 hour after sunset are not fishing times —they are the times when we are permitted onto the Reydon complex.

Rod Licences

Any angler over the age of 12 years **must** purchase and carry with them a rod licence in order to be able to legally fish Society waters.

Please make sure you carry your rod licence with you.

Society bailiffs have been instructed to check Rod licences this season, and any angler found fishing society waters without a rod licence will be asked to leave the water.

Reydon and Kessingland padlock number

Do not leave gates open at any time.

Society website

Keep up to date with news, and send in your catch reports.

<http://southwoldanddistrictfaps.onesuffolk.net/>