

BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST FEBRUARY 2017

The good news story is that this year's membership fees will not be rising. Your committee has decided to keep membership fees as they were in 2016/17.

More good news. Next season you will be able to fish the reservoir at Southminster. Grant funding from the Angling Trust has been applied for to open up, build swims and stock our holding reservoir at this venue. It is anticipated that this water may be developed into a specimen lake.



Member Andy Curran with a beautiful 19lb common from Bicknacre. The best of three doubles from a catch of nine fish in October.



Proof that the Thoby Wood carp are putting on weight. Member, Lewis Smith displaying his 31lb mirror Caught this season.



Young Alfie Allgood with a winning match catch.

BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

As General Secretary and under the constitution of the Club I hereby give notice to all members that the
2017 Annual General Meeting will be held at the
Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford, SS12 0AG on Wednesday 15th March 2017
commencing at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. President's address.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th March 2016.
4. Chairman's address.
5. General Secretary's report.
6. Treasurer's report and adoption of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2016 (Copies will be made available at the meeting) plus a Membership report.
7. Junior Secretary's report.
8. Senior Match Secretary's report.
9. Retired and Disabled Match Secretary's Report
10. Ladies/Pairs Match Secretary's Report
11. Presentation of Trophies
12. Resignation of Officers and Management Committee. The President temporarily taking the Chair.
Appointment of 2017/18 Officers and Management Committee.

Nominations received and seconded are as follows: -

Chairman	K. Collard
Vice-Chairman	S Mahoney
General Secretary	R. Driscoll
Treasurer	D. Howard
Membership Secretary	Nomination approved
Match Secretaries	D. Mansfield/J Byford
Junior Secretary	N Mitchell
Newsletter Editor	F. Barnes
Website Editor	C. Short
Minute Secretary	C. Short
Telephone Helpline Officers	G and D Howard

The Management Committee shall consist of the above Officers and one representative from each of the Fishery, Finance and Junior sub-committees, plus six ordinary members.

Nominations received and seconded are as follows: -

REPRESENTATIVES & ORDINARY MEMBERS

Derek Sweetlove
Geoff. Latham

Calvin Elder
Roy Mills

Ray Nicholls
Dean Mansfield

13. Election of Auditors.
Messrs. Hamilton Brading be re-appointed auditors to the Club for a further year.
14. Management of Fisheries Report
15. Any other business.

The Chairman has the discretion whether to accept from the floor of the meeting amendments to any resolution.

1st February 2017

Robin Driscoll

Hon. General Secretary

FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

The Club will again be purchasing a **limited supply** of Consortium tickets, and these will be sold to members on a first come first served basis using the application form (right) at £10 per person in addition to their normal subscription.

Details of Consortium waters can be viewed on their website: www.fishersgreencon.co.uk

Please note this is not a BDAC venue so is policed by FGC bailiffs and any disciplinary matters are handled by the Consortium **only**.

GUEST DAY PASSES

These are available in writing. They are only available for the Club's freehold waters at **Southminster, Asheldham and Straits Mill, Braintree.**

To apply in writing, first phone the Club's Helpline to ensure a guest pass is available for a certain date (during busy times their issue may be restricted.). Please apply early so as not to be disappointed.

Then complete your details on the form opposite (or photocopy) and send to the Membership Dept. Payment can only be made by bank transfer and at least 72 hours before the proposed visit.

Rules:

Limit of one pass per member per day.
Guest passes are only valid from 6am to 10pm (no night fishing.) The pass must be taken with the guest on the day. These passes are non-transferable and non-refundable. The member must be responsible for the guest adhering to the Club's bylaws and venue's rules.
All guests must be accompanied by the fully paid up member.

FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

APPLICATION FOR 2017/18 CARD
Send this form (or Photocopy) with your BDAC renewal, completing the details below:-

NAME

FEE £10

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TOTAL

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For office use only:

FGC No.

REC No.

ID No.

GUEST DAY PASS APPLICATION FORM

Member's Name:

Member's Current receipt no:

Guest's Full Name:

Date of Visit:

Venue:

Pass Price: £10.00

I accept full responsibility for the guest whilst on Club waters.

Signed (Member)

Club's Bank Account Details:

Barclays Bank Plc

Sort Code: 20-37-75

Account No. 90158224

Billericay & District Angling Club.

Quoting Member's name as reference.

IMPORTANT—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Put your name on the reverse of your photo and sign your cheque. If you wish to pay by bank transfer remember to use your ID number (See renewal form) as the reference so the Club knows who the money is coming from and don't forget to send in your renewal form and photo. Any new non-fishing member will require another form available from our website or via the Club's helpline. Memberships will be processed in the order they are received but cheques will take up to approx. a week to clear. You have until the **30th April** to renew. Any forms received after this date will require a £10 entry fee as membership will have deemed to have lapsed. If you wish to fish from **1st May** you must ensure that your renewal is received by the Membership Dept by **7th April** to guarantee you will have your card back in time.

NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SENT OUT UNTIL AFTER THE CLUB'S AGM.

Memberships are issued only by post.

No photos are required for Associate or Junior members.

Any Junior becoming an Intermediate must fill out their details in the Junior box and include a photo. Disabled members **must** send the required proof showing current eligibility, any members who don't send this will have their application returned. Please provide either a phone number or preferably an email address in order that we can contact you if there are any problems with your renewal and to help the Club keep you up to date with any urgent news.

FISHERY REPORTS

STRAITS MILL, BRAINTREE

Straits mill 12 month review

The past season has been a busy one for the Bailiffs and myself. Apart from the overflow pond that features elsewhere in this newsletter, keeping the weed around the site tidy is a major job for us trying to keep the paths open takes us 7 to 8 hours at a time, we had the flail mower for an extended time and we managed to cut along the lower river twice making access easier. The weed in the lakes is giving everyone problems please try to avoid the weedy areas when fishing for the bigger carp, they get entangled and either break off or have their lips ripped. The majority of the fish at Straits are in good condition. We would like to keep it that way. Also good bags of Bream 40lb + with some stunning roach to 1.5lb. A number of disabled /Older members have exclaimed how grateful they were for the Golf Buggy. Some parts of Straits can be a punishing walk if you don't have full use of your limbs as I can state personally. If it's out and I am about I will be happy to help with your tackle, but there are no guarantees and I may be about when you start but not when you finish so bear that in mind. Monday is our work party morning, 9 to 1 or what takes our fancy, come along it's all good fun, you only do what you want to do if that's just picking up litter then fine every little helps. A large dog has managed to gain access to the fishery through the fence we do block it up as will the owner, it don't like other dogs but otherwise it's as sappy as they come so I am told, one word of warning though Don't Feed It you will never get rid of it, Phone no. on its dog tag.

GEOFF LATHAM 07745 454758

ARMIGERS

Last Report from Armigers, 2016

Well it is now official, the Club is not renewing the lease on the lakes at Thaxted. It is slightly disappointing for the older members who remember how it used to be. Over the last three seasons even the wildlife seems to have been slowly disappearing, as well as the anglers. Thanks as usual to my two right hand colleagues for help over the years. So tight lines for 2017.

PHIL TRUNDLE

HENNY STREET RIVER STOUR

Well its been a quiet summer and autumn on the Stour this year so far, Due mainly to extremely low rain fall which has made for very clear water conditions. Fish have been reluctant to feed during bright day light but have been tempted on lower light level days (something to consider if you are making a long journey). I am pleased to report now that recent rains of the last week are now starting to put a little colour back into the water and also helping to flush out the dead weed and leaves. From now on Henny will have its winter clothes on (so to speak) and will fish much better (especially for the specimen chub which I will once again be targeting). Please don't forget that we now have access to the Sudbury stretch of the Stour so if you cannot get parked at Henny or fancy a change then give this long section a try. Its located up stream of our stretch with parking about 300 yards before the Henny Swan pub (coming from Sudbury direction). Its a deep wide section of river with large sweeping bends. Its an under fished stretch which contains a few specimen surprises of all species. Good luck and let me know how you get on.

STEVE HOWELL

SHALFORD PONDS

CHURCH PONDS

These ponds are fishing well especially since the farmer removed the tree which had fallen in the back pond. This also freed up another swim. Carp are being caught up to 10lbs. Lots of rudd, roach and crucian are also showing. One angler told me he had caught a couple of chub around 3 lbs. My thanks go to Tony the bailiff for his work at the ponds.

ROAD LAKES

Both lakes are fishing very well with good bags of silver fish. Most carp being caught are 3 – 10 lbs, although I have had one report of a fish caught at 18 lbs. Good to see many new members especially couples fishing these lakes.

RIVER PANT

Few anglers are fishing the river with chub and brown trout being caught.

DEREK MARRIOTT 01371 850359

Work Parties.

Road Lakes Sunday 17th April 9 am

Church Ponds Sunday 24th April 9 am

BARLEYLANDS

From September the fishing has picked up with many stunning carp being caught, several getting very close to that magic thirty mark. Of course with the colder weather, the fishing has slowed down, but members who know Barleylands well and fish it regular will know its moods only to well and fish can still be had. In fact it is this time of the year that the very big carp seem to be caught. Can I thank the Bailiffs for all their very hard work during the summer months. There were times when this water really did look very special indeed and credit to you all. Five catfish have now been removed and with the help of the Environment Agency re-homed to Colchester Zoo. **Should any member catch a catfish, it must not be returned to the lake. You must inform a BDAC Officer and the fish placed in the cage provided at the water.** I would like to thank all who have helped with this recent problem. **It is illegal to introduce catfish or any non indigenous species to any water** We have also introduced a maximum 72 hour stay in any one swim at Barleylands. This is to protect the grass banks and to be fair to other members who may wish to fish a particular swim. Can I also remind members of the new rules on purchasing rod licences comes into effect shortly. However, although you can now buy three rod licences instead of two or four, as was previously the case, you may still only fish with a maximum of two rods at Barleylands. I look forward to seeing you all on the bank

PETER FOX

SOUTHMINSTER

Sadly this season has been overshadowed by Bills death. His funeral was well attended and he was given a good send off. I know he was both proud and grateful for all the work his Bailiffs and other helpers have done both in and out of season. Also thanks to the Committee for all their help.

Fishing has been good despite the change in the weather.

Long may this continue. I look forward to seeing you on the banks soon.

There will be a work party 2nd April and onwards for all who wish to attend.

Thanks again.

Regards

DAVE HARMAN

FISHERY REPORTS

RIVER RODING

Here is my report for the Roding up to November 20th.

During the summer months the Roding has had the lowest water levels I can ever recall, but there have also been some good reports of catches by members from the deeper holes where the fish have had cover. The big pool at Mitchells Farm has fished well with depths of 6 foot one rod length out, with Perch, Chub, Rudd, and Roach, falling to small worm, or single red maggot. I cut a new swim in at the end of the first field downstream from Shonks mill car park, where new willows had grown, so I named this the "New Willows" swim. It's a nice looking pool with plenty of roach and surface feeding Chub. There have been good reports from members who have fished the Stanford Rivers beat with Chub up to 5 pounds. Coming into November the river is filling up now with weed dying down and increased flow.

Good Luck

JOHN LESURF 07836 673379

RIVER WID

Report - December 2016 - This season began warm and bright on 16th June but by the end of that month there was an unprecedented winter type flood. Two days of heavy rain saw the river burst its banks and spill into the fields. What followed was a four month draught. No rain fell through to November. Although this made conditions difficult fish were still caught from the deeper pools. Small tench and a crucian carp together with an eel were the pick. Members reported big river rudd taken from the weir pool and something massive smashing them up. (I have had it on twice and each time it has straightened my hook?). Others report good roach and large dace falling to caster with brown trout present in the lower stretch of the river. Chub are now being targeted with rolled meat, bread and cheese paste. Perch have proved scarce, although with winter rains legered lobworm may now score. Next year's work parties are scheduled for weekends of 10th & 11th June and 28th & 29th October. Please contact me with availability and any catch returns.

peter.yates37@hotmail.co.uk

Many thanks.

PETER YATES 07758 752385

HICKS FARM

The water has fished well all season with good catches still being made consistently through the mild autumn weather. The predominant species is carp which are present in large numbers and range from small to a reported 16lb. There are significant numbers of roach in the fishery and in late November a fish in excess of 11lb was reported caught at the far end of the lake.

I have enjoyed meeting friendly, knowledgeable members on the bank during my tenure as Fishery Officer and hope that Hicks continues to offer such great fishing in the future.

JIM BEAVER

DODDS FARM

Dodds has been fishing well. carp have been your main targets. Not many have tried for roach or perch. The Top lake fishing has produced some stunning fish. carp catches beyond 26 lb are quite common, tench coming out to 6 lb 4oz. Bottom lake catches are roach caught on bread flake 1 lb, plus perch 1 to 2 lb caught on worm. The odd crucian 2 lb 4oz caught on very small bait. i.e. sweet corn and pellet. Try caster and hemp loose feed to draw in small fish, larger carp will appear. Thanks for keeping the boilies restriction in play. I will be standing down as Fishery Officer next season. Arrangements are currently underway for a new Fishery Officer. I will stay as a humble Bailiff. For work parties call the new Fishery Officer on their announcement. Until then call me on 07831 623471.

MICK JENSEN

PARSONAGE FARM

This year has been another excellent one at the fishery. The fishing was excellent right up until December. Winter is always a bit of a struggle! I cannot think of any other place you could go and catch 30 tench! More crucians came out this year, one member had over 40 in a Sunday morning! Good roach, rudd and perch have also been caught. The bream that were stocked last year have not shown in great numbers, a few have come out the largest of which weighed just over 5lb. Over the last couple of years this fishery has become more and more popular and very often you struggle to get a swim! A big thanks goes to those who help look after the fishery it is very much appreciated! This is a very good fishery one of the best the club has got.

Thanks to all who fish it and help make it thus. See you all soon.

STEVE SWALLOW

WILLOW MERE

Firstly I would like to say that I have enjoyed my first year as a fishery officer and meeting many of the anglers that fish the lake. Fishing this year has been good for those who have put the time in with carp from low to mid twenty being caught as well as plenty of doubles. Other fish caught have included perch at 2lb, bream at 4lb some good roach and a few tench at 3lb. This small water has proved to be tricky at times but perseverance usually pays off. Due to the thick weed in the summer months it is advised to fish safe and strong for the carp to avoid any damage being done to the fish. Members are welcome to use a rake if needed but there are a good few areas that are clear and fishable. Most baits and tactics work for the carp but not much is needed due to the size of the lake and your usual maggots and corn will work for silvers and tench. Many thanks to all the members that have fished the lake and kept it tidy. Tight lines for 2017.

ANDREW MILBANK

LAUNDRY LAKE

Again last year saw a rise in numbers of people fishing laundry, the fishing has been up and down but put the time in and rewards can be good. It has been brought to my attention that people are leaving rods unattended and walking around the lake, this must stop!! The works party's this year will be 8th, 15th 22nd April. Many thanks to all the members who contacted me to report illegal fishing.

RECTORY PONDS

Many thanks to all the people who have reported the illegal fishing to me, the ponds are still fishing well with a good head of carp and silver fish being banked. The works party this year is the 29th April for an 8.30 start. Many thanks to all my bailiffs for there hard work through out the year.

STEVE SMITH.

FISHERY REPORTS

THOBY WOOD

Hi all. My second year at Thoby Wood . A big working party done in April big thanks to my family for helping me had lots of feed back to say the lake is looking good lots of reports from other fishermen saying they had carp (see front page), tench and big bream, also lots of pike. Let's hope another good year ahead tight lines.

RON COOK

ASHELDHAM

The lake has been looking good this year, however there has been a need for much bank work and cutting back of vegetation, so bear with the fishery officers over this essential work. Quite a few carp up to doubles have been caught and those prepared to put in the time will be successful. A few other species have been landed including the odd big eel. For those who have not visited this lovely water, why not give it a try.

DEREK SWEETLOVE

LONG LAKE and OLD ISLAND LAKES

Fishing has not been all that good this season, due to the change in temperatures however, some nice fish have been coming out. Let's hope next season will be better. Thanks to Shaun and his team for clearing the fallen trees from Old Island lake and over hanging trees from Long Lake. I hope to see all my regulars in April.

COLIN BELL

OTHER FISHERY ISSUES

HICKS FARM

A successful meeting with the land owner resulted in agreement to a further five year lease on this water. Regulars will be pleased to hear that it was also agreed, at a shared cost between BDAC and the owner, that the car park should be extended.

ARMIGERS

Due to the loss of the fishery (see page 9) the platforms belonging to the Club are to be removed at the end of March.

STOCKING

Carp and tench have been stocked in the reservoir at Southminster in anticipation of this lake opening in the 2017/18 season (see front page). Tench have been stocked at Asheldham and in the small lake at Straits Mill.

BARLEYLANDS CATFISH

Five catfish have now been caught and removed (see Barleylands Fishery Officer Report page 4). These fish were illegally introduced to the water and should any further be caught they **must not** be returned to the lake. The holding cage at the fishery should be used until a BDAC Official and the Environment Agency can be alerted.



Left, a 5lb catfish caught in 2016. One of five removed from Barleylands Reservoir and re-homed in Colchester Zoo Aquarium.

Catfish are non-native fish and can grow to a huge size. They pose a risk to other species and fish stocks generally, competing with native fish for food and eating fry and eggs.

The Environment Agency has strict rules about catfish and other non-indigenous fish being illegally stocked and may take legal action against perpetrators.

RETIRED & DISABLED SECTION

First match of the year started at Southminster which fished reasonable well for the top few the winner on the day was Bert Blackwood with 84-12-0 of Carp. Match 2 was fished at Bicknacre on a rough old day, plenty of fish were caught but the winner on the day was Peter Jones with 31-10-0 which included a Roach of 1-14-0 well done Peter. Match 3 was fished at Parsonage Farm on a cold windy day the weights were very low for this venue for this time of year the winner on the day was Tony Read with 22-0-0. Match 3 was fished at Hicks Farm on another wet day plenty of fish were caught but the winner on the day once again was the guy on form Peter Jones with 89-0-0 Match 4 was fished at Shalford Lakes on a nice day, but the weights were low for this venue the winner on the day was Brian Thorpe with 54-0-0. Match 5 was fished at Straights Mill on a nice sunny day for a change but the weights were still low the winner on the day was Geoff Green with 20-14-0 Match 6 was fished at Windmill Lakes this is the first time we have been back since the fire problem, but did not fish to bad the winner on the day was Len Goulding with 34-8-0 Match 7 was fished at Bicknacre on a hot windy day again the weights were down a little but the winner on the day was Colin Sinclair with 19-10-0. Match 8 was fished at Southminster where we also had the second round of our knockout match some good weights came out and the winner on the day was Calvin Elder with 80-14-0 Match 9 was fished at Rectory Ponds on a nice day weights were down but some managed to find a few and one who normally does the winner was Shaun Mahoney with 74-0-0. Match 10 was fished at Shalford on a very hot day which made a few members not feeling so good the winner on the road lake was Dave Tosley 40-8-0. Next match was the two day festival at Rectory Ponds. Fished over the 2 days on both lakes the winner on points was Shaun Mahoney. The challenge match between Billericay and Bishop Stortford was fished at Hicks Farm where Billericay came out winners 110 points to 100. The return match was fished at Beggars Hall Fishery of which Bishop Stortford came out winners for the first time in five years 136 to 75 points well done Steve and crew. Match 11 Hicks Farm a nice sunny day saw some good weights come out the winner on the day was Nigel Warwick with 82-8-0. Match 12 Straights Mill weights not very good except for one angler and the winner with 32-2-0 which included a carp of 24lbs well done Brian Baker. Match 12 Parsonage Farm water very low which kept the weights down the winner on the day was Geoff Green with 19-1-0. Match 13 Windmill Lakes fishing a little better top weight went to the oldest member of the group John McKnight with one bite one fish a Carp of 19-10-0 caught on 4lb bottom end congratulations John well done. Match 14 Southminster and the 3rd round of the knockout the match winner was Tony Read with 64-10-0, and left 4 members to fish final knockout at Hicks Farm. Match 15 Maldon Canal Pairs Match, windy day no flow fishing not good winner on the day was Calvin Elder with 2-2-0 but winners of the pairs was George Rivers and John Dennison. Match 16 Hicks Farm Lake, and the final round of the knockout, the lake covered with leaves which was a problem for those pegged at the car park end of the lake but weights were quiet good the winner on the day was Tony Read with 56-0-0, and the winner of the knockout was Shaun Mahoney. Match 17 brings us to the penultimate match of the year Straights Mill (River) we found the river running well plenty of water not to many leaves during the day we had a few trees and rubbish come through but it fished well winner on the day was Nigel Warwick with 7-3-0. Match 18 the last match of the year brings us to our Christmas Match 25 turned out for this match on a nice mild day the lake was frozed 2 days before so we knew it was going to be a little hard but the weights were not to bad the winner was Tony Read with 51-7-0 after the match all 27 of us went to the Ship Pub where we had a 3 course meal 2 dinks and a few goodies, so I hope you all enjoy yourselves don't drink to much Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all and see you all at Southminster on March 22, or on the bank sometime. **Ray Nicholls Match Secretary**

<i>pos.</i>	Name	Points	<i>pos.</i>	Name	Weight
1	Peter Jones	489	1	Tony Read	482.875
2	Shaun Mahoney	470	2	Peter Jones	472.938
3	Tony Read	434	3	Shaun Mahoney	457.625
4	Paul Mortimer	429	4	Bert Blackwood	417.813
5	Ray Nicholls	410	5	Len Goulding	332.438
6	George Rivers	382	6	Ray Nicholls	328.55
7	Fred Barnes	377	7	Nigel Warwick	318.813
8	Nigel Warwick	376	8	Paul Mortimer	307.938
9	Bert Blackwood	375	9	Steve Foster	272.625
10	Fred Groves	362	10	Calvin Elder	269.688
11	Steve Foster	356	11	George Rivers	266.25
12	Calvin Elder	352	12	Derek Howard	265.563

LADIES AND MIXED PAIRS END OF SEASON REPORT 2016/2017

Another season has ended and some good results have been produced from our Ladies and Mixed Pairs Matches. A match was held at the Shalford Road ponds for the first time as well as some old favourites. We had our up's and down's but every match was enjoyable, even if the fishing was unpredictable and sometimes disappointing. Sadly we still appear to have been coming up short on the number of Ladies and Mixed pairs attending these matches and we would ask again for any member interested in taking part to contact Nick Mitchell at nickmitchell38@aol.com with any questions that they may have.

The Mixed Pairs Match at Armigers this season, was yet again mind blowing and considering we were only fishing for a total of 2 hours 5mins the total weigh in for the winning pair was an amazing **837lbs 12oz**. We thought that last year's result was unbeatable but we were proved wrong.

End of Season Aggregate reports

Ladies Results

Kathy Chisnall	102lb 9oz
Debbie O'Flynn	84lb 11oz
Mandy Burrige	46lb 0oz

Mixed Pairs Results

Debbie & Kevin O'Flynn	887lb 5oz
Mandy Burrige & Ralf Turner	461lb 10oz
Kathy Chisnall & Nick Mitchell	420lb 5oz

JUNIOR MATCH REPORT FOR 2016/17

Hi everyone,

Firstly I want to congratulate the juniors that have been committed members of the Junior Match group. Andrew, Alfie, Ben and Harry have shown themselves to be determined and enthusiastic anglers, and need recognition for their efforts. Our first match was at Hicks farm. It unusually proved to be a difficult day at this usually fantastic venue. Our young anglers had to employ a number of different methods and a variety of baits to keep the fish coming to the bank. Alfie Allgood was rewarded with 28lb 12oz to secure first place. Ben Paul was close behind with 24lb 8oz and Harry Willats was third with 16lb 4oz. Harry did really well, given that this was his first competitive match. Sadly, the numbers of junior members have been disappointing and a number of matches had no shows or only one or two anglers. This has meant it has been difficult to keep a competitive spirit amongst juniors and poor opportunities to learn and develop. Going forward, we will need to change the way we support our juniors and encourage new young people to enjoy our sport. I will be exploring opportunities to run open days at some of our venues, and linking with other qualified Angling Trust coaches to provide learning opportunities and days to discover the joys of angling. It has been a pleasure and a joy to have been the junior match secretary for a number of years, and I have seen many promising young anglers go through our ranks. I am stepping down, and passing the reins over to Nick Mitchell, who currently runs the Ladies and Mixed Pairs matches. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Nick and Kathy, who have supported our matches over the years and helped create a wonderful family atmosphere.

SENIOR END OF SEASON MATCH REPORT 2016/7

With 20 matches being fished in 2016 it always amazes me that it always goes down to the last match of the season to see who becomes BDAC senior match league champion. First match of the season was at Newlands Hall where neither the top 2 in the league would finish this match in the top 10. Also it was great to see so many different winners of matches, I even won 2 matches myself !! So in the end it really came down to who would be more consistent throughout the season. In the end on the last match of Season at Slough House, Tony Eustace would prevail not only to win the match but take the league title, with Shaun Mahoney in a well deserved 2nd place with just 7 points separating them. I would like to thank Shaun Mahoney for all his help in 2016 helping me run the matches and Calvin Elder for all his help doing the result sheets, calculating all the points and weights. Also would like to welcome Jamie Byford who will be my side in 2017 running the matches with me. Until the BDAC Match season starts. Tight Lines !!
Dean Mansfield.

League	POINTS				
1st TONY EUSTACE	561	2nd SHAUN MAHONEY	554	3rd RAY STRUTT	532

CARP MATCH

Unfortunately the 2016 Autumn Carp match at Barleylands was cancelled due to lack of interest. The three matches will take place again this year and the dates will be in your 2017/18 handbook. The 2017 Spring match will be held at Straits Mill on the 22/23 April. If you are not on the Carp match mailing list please contact Colin Short using the info in your 2016/17 handbook. Chairman's Carp Cup Laundry lake July 2016. After the wet weather of the previous few weeks we picked a weekend of sun and no showers. 11 members turned up on the day and nearly everybody caught. This was only the second time that night fishing has been allowed on the lake and on the previous occasion no carp were caught during the night. Of the 35 carp caught up to 26lb, eight were caught during the hours of darkness. The winner was James Ledgerton with 74lb and second was Richard Thirkettle with 63lb.



ARMIGERS

Your Committee has, after much discussion and deliberation, decided to give up this venue when the present lease expires on 31st March 2017. The reasons for removing this fishery from our portfolio, apart from a decline in popularity amongst members and the now very poor conditioned of the fish, is primarily because of the land owner's reluctance to carry out essential bank side works whilst demanding a rent far exceeding the current value of the water. When the Club re-negotiated the lease in December 2012, it agreed to pay a very high rent on the condition that the riparian owner carried out major work to the spillway, which has become a serious hazard and the dilapidated walkway at the north end of the lakes. To date despite many reminders, none of this work has been done. Furthermore the fish stocks do not belong to the Club and are believed to be suffering from a parasite called Chinese tapeworm which is common in that area. This means no fish can be removed or indeed new fish introduced. Your Committee has therefore decided not to use members money for a water with so many problems and the very real possibility of further deterioration of this once excellent fishery.



STRAITS MILL

Work is almost complete on the construction of a relief channel to the river at Straits Mill. When finished this channel will provide refuge for immature fish when the river is in flood.



BDAC is not just about carp (front page). Ken Brown looking pleased with his 6lb tench from Thoby Wood. A nice 4lb chub from the Roding by John Lesurf and one of a large catch of roach from Southminster Pit 8.

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WATER SHARE WITH BISHOPS STORTFORD & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY (BSDAS)

The Club has managed to come to an agreement with BSDAS for a water share arrangement for a trial ten month period, 1st June 2017- 31st March 2018. This will go some way to compensate for the loss of Armigers and add a venue for those of our members in the north west of the county. We have negotiated a deal with BSDAS so there will be no charge to members for this arrangement.

One hundred BSDAS members will be able to fish our water at Straits Mill, Braintree (both lakes and river), and one hundred of our members will be able to fish their water at "Malcolm Barker Lake" and a short stretch of the River Stort. Malcolm Barker Lake is a one and three quarter acre mixed fisher with a good head of tench. There are thirty pegs on the lake and eighteen on the river. (full details of this fishery including directions can be viewed on www.bsdas.org.uk).

Each club will issue 100 cards for their members to fish the other club's water. Only the following classes of members of this Club will be eligible to apply for a BSDAS card: Ordinary, OAP, Disabled, and Intermediate. This will be on a strictly first come, first served basis, and successful applicants will receive a BSDAS card, commencing 1st June 2017, during May. This card will show the gate padlock combinations for Malcolm Barker lake for the ten month period, together with their Club's rules and directions relating to the lake and river.

Complete the application form below and return, together with a C5 stamped, addressed envelope, with your completed renewal form.

BISHOPS STORTFORD & DAS APPLICATION FOR WATER SHARE CARD

Complete this form (or photocopy) and return with your renewal form together with a stamped addressed envelope - **C5 size**.

Cards will be sent out during May.

NAME..... I.D. no.....

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Finally just a few photo reminders of what BDAC has to offer



A splendid match catch of roach from Hicks Farm



A real plumper 24lb + from Dodds for Wayne Morton



Michael Cross looks happy with his Personal Best carp of 23lb 4oz from Thoby Wood 07/07/16 Caught on boilie from swim 38. He would like to thank Andre for taking the photo.

REMEMBER ALWAYS TO TAKE YOUR HANDBOOK WHEN FISHING BDAC WATERS