



Portsmouth & District Angling Society

***Annual General Meeting— November 2020
(Cancelled Due to COVID-19)***

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2020/21 Season - Committee Members

Chairman: Mr Barrie Pascoe

Vice & Disciplinary Chairman: Mr Jim Tann

Hon Secretary: Nicky Woods - Tel: 07340211549

Membership Secretary: Roy Adams - Tel: 07899930611 (Standing down
December 2020 - updates to follow soon)

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Deputy Disciplinary Chairman: Mr Ade Batten

Media Officer: Mr Dave Le Gresley—Tel: 07944917293

Match Sec: Mr Mike Alsop—Tel: 07715 273667

Grants Officer: Mr Bob Mann

Charity/Fundraising: Mr Stephen Foster

Supporting Committee Member: Mr James Stokes

AGM November 2020 (Cancelled)

AGENDA

- 1. Open the meeting**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM 2019**
- 4. Matters Arising**
- 5. Chairman's Report**
- 6. Secretary's Report**
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. Fishery Officer's Report**
- 9. Competition Report**
- 10. Election of Officers & Committee**
- 11. Motions**
- 12. Any other business**
- 13. Trophy Presentation & Close meeting.**

PORTSMOUTH & DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held November 2019

Present:

Barrie Pascoe	Chairman
Jim Tann	Vice Chairman/ Disciplinary Officer
Nicola Woods	Secretary
Roy Adams	Membership Secretary
Ian Snook	Treasurer
Steve Mottershead	Fishery Officer
Mark Davies	Asst. Fishery Officer
Ade Batten	Deputy Disciplinary Chairman
David Le Gresley	Media Officer
Steve Mottershead	Jnr. Coordinator (temp)
Mike Alsop	Match Secretary
Bob Mann	Grants Officer.
Stephen Foster	Fundraising
Float. Com.M'ber.	Paula Marriott
Caroline Smith	Minute Secretary

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone to the Societies AGM.
2. Apologies - were received from Mick Long, John Peglar, Paul Champion, Jonathan Sheering & Paula Marriott.

3. Minutes of the last AGM were read and approved as a true copy of meeting held. Proposed Jim Stokes, seconded Mike Alsop.

Vote taken: All in favour - unanimous.

4. Matters Arising - none.

5. Chairman's Report - available at the door.

The Chairman thanked Dave Le Gresley for the outstanding publication of the AGM booklet available tonight.

Barrie Pascoe asked if any questions ? There were none.

6. Secretaries Report - not available

7. Treasurer's Report & Accounts - Available at the door

Ian Snook asked if there were any questions ? There were none.

The Treasurer reported sturdy membership with Adults decreasing and Senior's increasing, Juniors steady and increasing also.

With some leases and rents on PDAS waters doubling it was agreed to increase Subscriptions at £5 across the board, to include Seniors.

Proposed Rod Legg, seconded Bob Mann. All in favour - unanimous.

8. Fishery Report - Available at the door

Steve Mottershead says extensive report contained in booklet available to night. In brief has found this quite an average year, with nothing major to report. Fishing good to excellent but up and down regardless as usual. Good teamwork on waters, all pulling together and enjoying social content.

Stocking: being prudent with costs but most species catered for and coming to fruition.

Threats: levels of silt build up at some waters namely, Soake, Sinah and Brownwich.

Weed; obtrusive and sometime excessive with dying the water often the best option, but no good on shallow waters.

Alver: Increasing stock levels here.

Baffins: Still good carp fishing but Cormorants prevalent on smaller specimens.

Brockhurst: New fish landed here.

Brownwich: Currently very weedy but will die back.

CRF: New lease re-negotiated, lakes 1-4 fishing well.

CRF5 - project - to be drained again and re-stocked.

Funtley: Fishing well, new carp in next season.

Hamble: Chub returned here. PDAS/EA improving habitat.

Lakeside: P.C.C. now in charge. Better access with still good fishing.

Sinah: Natural England SSSI water, levels dropping as usual. Big fish here.

Soake: Weed problem. Some improvements including car parking area.

Stanbridge: extreme Cormorant predation. Sussex E.A. to stock.

Tithe: Good size carp on top lake. Building work concluding.

Wallington: Fishing well.

In conclusion Steve Mottershead mention Litter which is still a problem, anglers please take litter home.

Bailiffs Wanted - if anyone interested in becoming a Bailiff or Pond Warden please contact Steve M. in first instance.

Predation: Cormorants still a big problem and now a pain 12 months of the year.

Still water Winter Fishing on the agenda.

Hamble Habitat Project.

Alver/Derek - French drain bone dry and shouldn't be.

Walter Jobber - passed away recently after 40 years service to PDAS.

An original stalwart of The Club who was instrumental on work parties and popular with other members. Will be sadly missed by all.

Graham/Bailiff at Baffins - it was recently reported, he too has sadly passed away.

E/A, Richard - Steve M says helped a great deal with PDAS waters but has now left the E.A. - now a river keeper.

Thanks - The Fishery Officer says he would like to thank all helpers who attend work parties and make a real difference to the upkeep/maintenance of the waters.

Question - member asked about Winter Fishing and what's involved ?
Steve M. says stocking with winter fish ie Ide, Roach & Chub.

Stephen F. asked how big the Ide were when put in water ? Smallish, approx 8oz says Steve M.

Question - Clive Saunders asked if some more tench could be considered for Funtley ?

Thanks - The Chairman and on behalf of the Committee wish to thank Steve Mottershead and Mark Davies for all their efforts and hard work on PDAS waters. Great job !

10. Election of Officers & Committee took place

11. Motions -

12. Any Other Business:

Clubman of the Year - was awarded to Andy Murphy.

Junior Clubman of the Year - Charlotte Murphy (daughter).

Stephen Foster gave a report on events including Charity Matches. Weights down generally at 104lb and 77lb. All monies raised to "Oarsome Chance" Charity providing skills for young people based in Gosport. (Approx £3,000).

Tithe portable toilet - Steve M says trial period has proved successful and would like to continue into next year.

Trophy Presentations given by Mike Alsop 2019/20

Trophy	Applicant	Weight	Venue
Best Specimen	Matthew Roberts	40lb	Sinah
Largest Carp	Matthew Roberts	40lb	Sinah
Largest Carp			Brownwich
Largest Carp	Jeremy Allen	22.1oz	Soake
Best Specimen			Soake
Largest Tench	Ian Snook	7.7oz	Sinah
Largest Bream	Sean Russell	7.3oz	Sinah
Largest Perch	Steve Mottershead	2.10oz	CRF4
Largest Roach	Ryan Maye	1.14oz	Sinah
Largest Rudd	Harry Dell	1.4oz	Tithe bottom
Largest Grayling			
Largest Trout	Andy Murphy	14oz	Hamble
Largest Chub	Robbie O'Hagan	3.2oz	Wallington
Largest Pike	Sean Russell	20.2oz	Brownwich
Largest Cruscian	Phil Saunders	1.13oz	Tithe Middle
Largest Barbel	Tom Peglar	13oz	Tithe middle
Largest Dace	Andy Murphy	10oz	Hamble
Largest Eel	Jim Hayter	4.1oz	Tithe Middle

With no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm and thanked everyone attending.

Chairman's Report

What a year. It has been seven months since lockdown was announced and we had to take the regrettable but inevitable step to suspend Angling on PDAS waters. Fortunately we were able to resume in May but with certain restrictions, some of which still remain and who knows what restrictions may be imposed on us in the future. It may be months, perhaps years before we are back to where we were before this terrible virus struck.

With respect to the AGM it is quite clear that we will not be able to have meetings of any sort for the foreseeable future and it may be many months before an AGM can take place. At the present time the committee has decided that the earliest time we can look at having an AGM will be an open air meeting next May. Even then it may not be possible. In that case the meeting will either be suspended until we are allowed or we may have to look at other options. In the meantime the present Committee will carry on until such times as and when we can find an alternative solution. I know that this will not please everyone but I believe it is the best option we have in these uncertain times.

Just a note to all our members but particularly to the many new members who have joined this year. The Rule book is there to both protect our waters and fish stocks, and to ensure that all have a happy and safe environment in which to fish. Please read it and don't get upset when a Bailiff or even a member points out to you the error of your ways. The rules are there for a reason and some have even been imposed on us by our landlords. I am sure most rules are broken in all innocence but I will draw everyone's attention to Rule 1 in the Handbook

Finally I would like to say thanks to our amazing Fishery management team for the fantastic work they have managed to achieve and are continuing to achieve in these most difficult of times.

I am sure that one day this period will eventually pass but in the meantime stay safe and enjoy your fishing.

Wishing you all tight lines,

Barrie Pascoe—Chairman

Treasurers Report

The Chairman reported last year, the membership (1228) which is a increase of 110 members from 2018 (1118), this has seen the Adult membership has increased and the senior (OAP) has stay steady which has increase the income. The club has maintained the required level of income to support our current leases. The budgeted Fishery Management and Administration expenditure has been maintained. This year has seen an increase in the use of machinery cost to support working parties due to the demographics' of the club. This year PDAS has re-paid the mortgage for Tithe ponds allowing to plan for next year.

The balance sheet details the summary of income against expenditure of last year which takes into account expenditure against for Water rents (including total mortgage repayment), Approved Fishery management, Rates, Administration, Stationary, Insurance and Incurred expenses.

The uncommitted balance of the Societies accounts at the 31st March 2019 (details 2018) is as follows.

Current Account:	£25653.36	(£12,506.03)
Deposit Account:	£7763.08	(£49,320.22)
Making a total of:	£33,416.44	(£61,826.25)
Tithe Mortgage	£0.00	(-£42,283.26)
Making uncommitted balance	£33,416.44	

The PDAS has assets to the approx. value of £530k these are Funtley lake, Soake pond and Tithe Lakes (Mortgage balance £0.0), are PDAS owned waters, also electro fishing, weed cutting equipment, nets, tools and fishery vehicle, these investments are now earning payback within the fishery management expenditure and securing future waters for fishing.

This uncommitted balance has allowed the committee continue to plan for this season, but with larger than expected increases in leases and inflation the 2020 subscription will increase by £5 across Adult and Senior memberships and £10 on Family membership no increase to Juniors/Juvenile's to align with inflation and leases increase. This will allow PDAS to continue to plan to meet the waters five year plans.

The Society's accounts are correct up to today and have been reviewed by the Chairman, Auditor Chris Gillott and Karl Smith.

Ian Snook—Treasurer

PDAS Balance Sheet for account April 19 to March 20 (Including Budgets)			
EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Expenditure From 01 April 2019 to Date		Opening Balance at 01 April 2019	£0.00
Rent Due	£114,552.64	Deposits into PDAS account	£4,420.00
Fish Management	£16,083.40	Deposits into PDAS account	£9,435.10
Expenses	£94.98	Deposits into PDAS account	£2,507.50
Rates	£0.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£497.50
Charity Payment	£3,221.25	Deposits into PDAS account	£6,520.00
Fishery Vehicle	£685.64	Deposits into PDAS account	£11,295.00
Hampshire Toilet Co	£692.40	Deposits into PDAS account	not used
Stationary	£2,110.84	Deposits into PDAS account	£780.00
Website	£1,130.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£472.50
Room hire	£204.35	Deposits into PDAS account	£11,839.00
Postage	£50.83	Deposits into PDAS account	£5,962.50
Angling Trust & Insurances	£1,035.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£620.50
Member Secretary	£1,384.04	Deposits into PDAS account	£1,820.00
Min Secretary	£800.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£5,320.00
AGM	£506.33	Deposits into PDAS account	£85.00
Refunds	£130.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£945.00
Floats	£350.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£4,250.00
Keys/Padlocks	£3,612.86	Deposits into PDAS account	£8,573.00
Savings	£300.00	Deposits into PDAS account	£1,120.00
Disciplinary	£45.17	Deposits into PDAS account	£3,250.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£35.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£7,847.40
		Deposits into PDAS account	£7,571.70
		Deposits into PDAS account	£8,282.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£674.20
		Deposits into PDAS account	£3,656.50
		Deposits into PDAS account	£5,665.10
		Deposits into PDAS account	£970.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£80.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£900.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£3,000.00
		Deposits into PDAS account	£94.10
		Transferred from savings (mortgage pay)	£42,283.26
		Transferred from savings (mortgage pay)	£3,252.31
		Deposits into PDAS account	£221.25
		BAC's into PDAS account	£800.00
		BAC's into PDAS account	£3,138.42
		BAC's into PDAS account	£1,081.00
		BAC's into PDAS account	£3,581.25
			£0.00
		Total	£172,846.09
		Expenditure	£146,989.73
		Unpresented Cheques	£203.00
Total	£146,989.73	Total Expenditure	£147,192.73
		Income	£172,846.09
		Total balance	£172,846.09
		Less Expenditure to date	£147,192.73
		Balance (Uncommitted)	£25,653.36

Membership Secretary's Report

Wow what a year that was! Everything was put into place for the sales of our memberships to be at the tackle shops and then lockdown occurred and the shops were forced to shut.

Plan B was instigated where memberships were still available through the post just as we did years ago. People were slow to join at first because of the unknown future, and the possibility of wasting money on a membership which may not be used. This was a worrying time for the Club as we still have rents and leases to pay, with very little cash flow. Then when the lockdown was lifted, it went stupid. This was a very very busy time for myself where I was doing up to around 50 or 60 memberships a day. It was made harder where some did not read the form correctly and either did not supply a Stamped Address Envelope (SAE) or photos etc. The phones were stupidly busy also, I even still had callers at the door which is not acceptable and clearly stated on the form. Add the risk of Covid to the mix too and it was a trying time to say the least.

On the positive side, the Club saw a record number of new members join as it was one of the few pastimes allowed by the government. However, this surge of people on the bank gave the Club a problem in over crowded waters and a lack of swims. It was decided to temporarily close the membership until things changed.

Our membership today stands at over 1200 members, and thankfully the Club has made it through a very trying year. I have learned a few things from this season and I will make a few subtle changes to ease the process should this happen again, but let's hope this is a one off.

Please remember we have a lot of new members who may require help, guidance and advice so please try to help wherever you can.

Onwards and upwards to another new season and some great fishing.

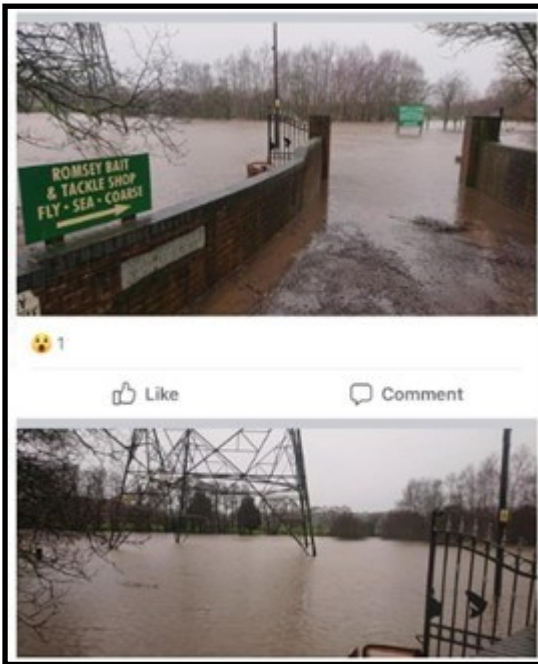
Roy Adams

Membership Secretary

2019-2020 Match Report

The 2019-2020 Winter League started in Oct'19 fishing CRF lake 4 and Tithe Barn bottom lake. Although the weights were a little lower than expected in general across the matches, this made for some interesting matches albeit dominated by the wet weather forecasts. By the time we got round to the January match most of the guys seemed to be struggling with the varying conditions scoring reasonable points at one match then fishing poorly at the next while others managed to fish reasonably consistently to build up a healthy points advantage.

Unfortunately, February's match was cancelled at the last minute due to a



storm which was suppose to hit us head on with 60+mph winds and driving rain, but overnight it headed further north and slid far enough past us here in the south not to cause any major issues other than a few trees and branches coming down which had to be dealt with by the fishery management team.

Then, just two weeks later another tropical storm hit us hard causing the river blackwater near Romsey to burst its banks flooding Whinwhistle fisheries putting our match there in March in doubt.

Thankfully the water receded in time and the match went ahead as planned. Daryl (Mannings) fished really well in the last couple of hours and not only managed to win his section beating me by a mere 2oz, but he also managed the best weight overall which was a surprise to be honest going by the results for his two previous matches. Great result Daryl.

Three weeks later all the guys were geared up ready to battle it out at the final match to decide who would be awarded The Rod Legg Winter League Trophy. It will not be any surprise to those who follow the match results on the forum that Derek Pickard had built up a two-point lead which meant Owen had to score at least two more points than Derek in order to tie on points and also clinch winning the league by default on section wins.

Once again, just days before the match the governments concerns over covid really hit home when they announced a wide ranging set of restrictions across the whole country, a day or so later the committee held an emergency special meeting and it was decided that we should close all our waters as the whole country was plunged into lockdown which left me no option but to cancel the last match and declare Derek the winner of the league and the trophy.

Summer League

It will be no surprise to you to hear that all the summer league matches were cancelled. Even after the restrictions were lifted and we were able to reopen our waters albeit it with strict social



distancing measures I had to weigh up if the matches should restart. This to be honest wasn't a difficult decision, on the one hand the guys were eager to get back fishing matches again, but on the other hand that would mean closing one or two waters preventing members from being able to enjoy a few hours bankside. With so many members unable to safely return to work leading to most of our waters being extremely busy every day and it would have been unfair to close waters just so a match could be held. Not the most popular decision I've had to make, but the guys understood the reasons why.

Instead it was agreed we (Ian Snook & I) would put all our efforts in putting in place whatever safety measures were required to be able to host the memorial charity matches and of course the 24-hour charity match and honour the club commitment to raise as much money as possible for our fantastic charity this year.

Winter League 2020-2021

On Sunday 4th October we held the first of the winter league matches 20-21. In order to comply fully it has been a question of dividing up the guys into three groups (max 6 per group) and each group fish a different water. Although, at the time of writing this I'm fearful of a second round of government rules and restrictions which could well force me to have to suspend the matches yet again...

Be safe...

Mike Alsop - Match Secretary

PDAS WINTER LEAGUE SERIES 2019/20

NAME	CRF/TB 27 Oct	CRF/TB 17 Nov	CRF/TB 8 Dec	CRF/TB 5 Jan	TBB/TBM 26 Jan	CRF/TB 16 Feb	Whin Whistle 8 Mar	CRF/TB 29 Mar	TOTAL
Derek P	9 19-8	10 19-2	8 5-8	10 7-6	7 6-0	-	9 12-4		53
Owen M	6 7-4	10 17-14	10 16-0	8 2-0	7 2-6	-	10 13-4		51
Sean S	8 17-4	6 4-0	9 7-4	8 11-4	9 6-2	-	7 7-0		47
Bunny	10 24-12	6 1-8	8 13-0	7 5-8	8 6-14	-	8 8-4		47
Mike A	5 2-0	8 7-12	9 17-2	4 0-1	10 13-14	-	9 16-0		45
Paul M	4 1-12	7 4-0	10 32-0	9 5-12	8 4-12	-	5 1-8		43
Terry S	10 22-12	9 15-6	6 4-0	6 1-4	9 12-12	-	-		40
Mike L	7 11-4	7 5-0	4 2-0	1 0-0	10 13-0	-	8 7-10		37
Jimbo	5 2-4	9 8-4	7 4-8	7 1-8	3 0-12	-	5 1-12		36
Alan H	8 8-2	-	5 3-0	9 11-14	5 3-14	-	6 1-14		33
Alan T	8 8-2	-	6 3-4	-	DNW 1	-	7 2-0		22
Barry S	9 10-0	8 6-8	1 0-0	-	-	-	-		18
George	4 0-12	6 1-8	7 5-4	1 0-0	-	-	-		18
Bob M	-	5 2-0	3 0-12	5 0-2	4 2-0	-	-		17
Steve I	-	-	5 3-12	-	6 0-1	-	6 6-8		17
Daryl	-	-	-	DNW 1	6 4-6	-	10 16-2		17
Tony H	-	-	-	10 16-0	DNW 1	-	-		11
Andy V	6 4-0	4 1-4	-	-	-	-	-		10

Trophy Submissions

At the time of writing this its been a little disappointing year for entries on the whole, sadly no entries from any of the big carp waters, Brownwich, Soake or Sinah. However, for the other species its been an interesting year although for obvious reasons there has been far fewer entries simply because the waters were closed for such a long time, but never the less there has been some stunning fish entered and lots of entries for the Tithe Barn Shield.

Just a small sample of the entries I've received.

Mike Alsop - Match Secretary



TROPHY APPLICATIONS 2019-2020 SEASON

Trophy	Applicant	Weight	Venue	Witness
Best Specimen from Sinah	Jim Tann	7lb 7oz	Sinah	Larry Mills
Largest Carp Club Waters	Clive Saunders	25lb 2oz	Tithe Top	None
Largest Carp Brownwich			Brownwich	
Largest Carp from Soake			Soake	
Best Specimen from Soake			Soake	
Largest Tench	Ian Snook	6lb 14oz	Sinah	Chris Gillott
Largest Bream	Jim Tann	7lb 7oz	Sinah	Larry Mills
Largest Perch	Archie Mann	2lb 6oz	Tithe Middle	Bob Mann
Largest Roach	Phil Saunders	1lb 7oz	Lakeside	None
Largest Rudd	Phil Saunders	7oz	Tithe Middle	None
Largest Grayling				
Largest Trout	Jim Hayter	2lb 0oz	Wallington	Robbie O'Hagan
Largest Chub	Charlotte Murphy	2lb 12oz	Hamble	Andy Murphy
Largest Pike	Sean Russell	22lb 8oz	Brownwich	S. Kimber
Largest Crucian	Phil Saunders	1lb 13oz	Tithe Middle	None
Largest Barbel	Phil Saunders	1lb 4oz	Tithe Middle	None
Largest Dace	Jim Hayter	5oz	Wallington	None
Largest Eel	Sean Woodgate	3lb 15oz	Tithe Middle	None
Largest Ide	Bunny Warren	1lb	Tithe Middle	Derek Pickard
Largest Gudgeon				

TITHE BARN SPECIES TROPHY APPLICATIONS 2019-2020 SEASON

NAME	Roach	Rudd	Perch	Gudgeon	Ide	Barbel	Chub	Eel	Crucian	Bream	Tench	Carp
Mark Davies	9oz	6oz	1lb 15oz		10oz	4oz	4oz		10oz	4lb 7oz	3lb 2oz	4lb 14oz
Jim Hayter	11oz	6oz	1lb 10oz		4oz	1lb 4oz	3oz	3lb 8oz	1lb 9oz	5lb 11oz	3lb 11oz	8lb 0oz
Tony Baxter			1lb 10oz									
Steve M	10oz		1lb 3oz		3oz		4oz			3lb 9oz	3lb 8oz	6lb 10oz
Phil Saunders	1lb	7oz	2lb 0oz		12oz	1lb 4oz	8oz	1lb 8oz	1lb 13oz	5lb 14oz	4lb 3oz	14lb 13oz
Clive Saunders	10oz	7oz	1lb 14oz		3oz	4oz	7oz			5lb 12oz	3lb 10oz	25lb 2oz
Tom Pegler					3oz		2oz			3lb 14oz		
Jeremy Allen										5lb 2oz		13lb 10oz
Bunny W					1lb							
Derek Pickard	12oz		2lb 4oz		12oz							7lb 8oz
Mike Alsop										5lb 12oz		
Mark Woodgate	1lb 3oz	5oz	1lb 12oz			1lb 3oz		3lb 6oz	1lb 13oz	5lb 6oz	4lb 4oz	14lb 6oz
Sean Woodgate	7oz	6oz	1lb 10oz			14oz	5oz	3lb 15oz		5lb 14oz	4lb 6oz	14lb 0oz
Sean Russell	3oz	4oz	1lb 3oz						1lb 8oz	6lb 2oz	3lb 8oz	12lb 5oz

Huge congratulations to all those who took part and the worthy winners, I will at some stage in the near future organise the trophy presentations. Let's hope 2021 will be a better year and I look forward to seeing what you all manage to catch between November 2020 and 2021.



Fishery Management Report

The Past Year

Firstly, it's been fantastic that fishing has been able to offer everyone a chance to safely get out in the countryside whilst nearly every other pastime and sport has had major issues. There was a small break whilst rules were agreed with the law makers but since then we have been welcoming anglers to our waters in large numbers. The club has a great portfolio of waters which have continued to offer a wide range of excellent freshwater fishing for all levels of ability. Our focus on is making sure we can offer as much variety as possible to as many anglers as possible.

However, this year has been particularly difficult for Fishery Management. The first part of the year from November to February seemed similar to previous years but since then it has been anything but normal. We have had to cope with closed waters, closed swims, too few anglers, too many anglers, Covid rules, limited work parties, limited materials, trees down, weed explosions and de-oxygenated waters. More of all of that later in the report but it suffices to say that there is nothing in the Fishery management handbooks to deal with many of the situations which presented themselves.

On the fishing front, it's been a good year. We have had a new club record carp, large bags of fish in pleasure sessions/matches and plenty of anglers beating their PBs. Not all of our waters produce huge bags, guaranteed bites or monster specimens but they all seem to have been appreciated. Sometimes it's just the challenge that attracts anglers and the satisfaction when the target fish is actually caught. For others, it's the peace and quiet whilst sitting in lovely surroundings. It's been great to see people getting out and being able to distance themselves from the problems in the world.

The weather plays a significant role in angling. Some anglers study the pressure and temperature gauges and decide when to go fishing. Others like the wind in their face and a handful only venture out when it's a very nice day. For the fishery team, it's not as clear cut. The weather can cause all sorts of issues and last year seemed to have it all. It's odd to look back at February last year, when Storm Dennis was visiting our shores with horrendous winds and record rainfall. Rivers flooded, trees came down and it left us a lot of clearing up. In the two months after that, we had more trees down than ever before (maybe connected?) which resulted in even more chainsaw blades being used. Clearing trees was also a lot harder with social distancing! Even that was a minor inconvenience compared with what we got in the summer. High temperatures and no rainfall led to large weed/algal growths, low water levels and soaring water temperatures. Inevitably water dissolved oxygen levels became a major issue resulting in many hours being spent in the early hours, checking waters, deploying pumps and generally worrying. It was fortunate that we had taken some steps to reduce the risk of problems like this and that meant the end results weren't as bad as they might have been. I think we need to plan for these events occurring more often so we will be looking to increase our defences for next season.

On the plus side, the weather was great for getting anglers on the bank which I'm sure was appreciated during these strange times. The club's membership continues to be strong (after the initial Covid glitch) and it was good to meet new members (and families) sampling our fisheries for the first time. We got a lot of positive comments which our teams on the waters fully deserve.



The catch reports from our anglers suggest that the conditions have continued to be good for fish growth. We like to keep an eye on our more recently stocked fish, and we are pleased that they all seem to have been putting on weight at a good rate. Many specimens are not put in for trophies or as catch reports, but the bailiffs do a great job trying to keep track of fish sizes and health. We have 5 new club specimen records this year so it's been another year when the majority of our different types of venues have all produced results. Our Carp fisheries have seen some exceptionally large specimens being caught including a new club record of 44lb 10oz from Sinah. Our specimen fisheries have produced some excellent Tench (near double figures), Bream (several over 7lb), Pike (biggest 22lb 8oz from Brownwich) and Perch (biggest at 2lb 6oz from Tithe). Our general waters have produced some extremely good (and sometimes large) bags of fish. Our rivers struggled for water at times but have still fished well. The Hamble is still dominated by the Trout, but Chub (and Dace) have returned, whilst the Wallington is producing a wide range of species including some great Chub, Perch and Gudgeon.

Unfortunately in August, the terrible weather conditions did take a toll on some of our fisheries with a few waters losing some small Perch and silvers. . Soake Pond was particularly badly hit losing some lovely fish to the de-oxidisation. Brockhurst was also badly affected where it was very sad to lose a nice shoal of Bream and the odd Pike. We also lost fish to predation and in one instance; we shot ourselves in the foot. Whilst assessing CRF lake 5, we managed to impact lake 4 and we lost some of the big Bream there. Apart from the major issues, every year we do lose fish which is perfectly normal. We occasionally get reports of dead fish or damaged fish. We do like members to report this and send us photos. Damage can be caused by predators, anglers or fish themselves. Fish can die at any age just like the rest of the animal kingdom. The rule of thumb is that a single dead fish or a fish which has fed is not a cause for concern. A large number of fish in distress or fish not feeding is a red flag.

As usual it has been a very busy year for the Fishery Management teams. The wardens and bailiffs on the waters do amazing work and we try to meet the aspirations of our anglers. We have had some severe limitations due to the virus restrictions and extra problems due to the extreme weather. This resulted in us doing unforeseen things and we haven't done some of the things we had planned. Each year, we identify the priority activities to carry out from within our 5 year plans and try and manage them against the resources available. Of course these activities are all in addition to the normal water maintenance and bailiffing. The following is a progress report on our main targets:

1. Fish Stock Management

We were very restricted in this area which was disappointing especially where we wanted to reduce biomass. The following stock management was carried out:

- Carp – In November 19, 15 C3 VS fish were stocked into Tithe middle (weight range 6-9lb). In December 19, 13 VS fish in the range 10lb to 24lb were stocked into the Alver. In February 20, 100 C2 VS fish were stocked into Tithe lower. Also in February, 28 'oddities' were stocked into Funtley. These were various sizes from 4lb to 24lb. and were sourced from VS fisheries. At the time of writing we are awaiting 10 C5 fish for Sinah and 10 C5 fish for Brownwich. We have also ordered another 100 C2 fish for Funtley.
- Barbel/Chub – The Barbel and Chub are popular in Tithe, so we purchased another 100 small ones of each for the middle lake from Hampshire Carp Hatcheries. These were stocked in November 19.
- Tench – A small number of Tench have been moved from Tithe top into Tithe Middle and Tithe Bottom.
- Rudd/Roach – 500 small Roach were provided by the EA and stocked into Stanbridge Lily Pond. Over 50 good sized roach were moved from Tithe top into Tithe Middle
- Bream – 500 small Bream were provided by the EA and stocked into Stanbridge Lily Pond

- Ide – We got permission from the EA to try a stocking of Ide in Tithe Middle. We stocked 150 up to 12oz purchased from Hampshire carp hatcheries.
- 2: Silt Management– The build-up silt is a constant problem for waters especially where there is incoming streams and large amounts of leaf litter. Overtime it reduces depth and limits aquatic life. The reduced depth increases risk of deoxygenation and fish death during really hot conditions. It can also increase turbidity. Mechanisms for reducing silt are generally expensive and messy. There are 3 waters which are currently being looked at for silt reduction:
- Soake pond – The de-silting program has been agreed and started. The work is being carried out by a contractor, Aquascience. We have has grant support from the EA. The plan is to use a large floating machine to move silt to behind curtains/bunds along the centre isle. The aim is to increase depth and strengthen the centre isle which has become very thin in places.
 - Brownwich Pond – The silt curtain made an improvement in water quality and clarity which suggests it's reducing the buildup of silt. We have started applying powdered chalk (Siltex) and will continue next year. We would still like to remove some of the existing silt or at least bund it into islands. We will need external funding support for this.
 - Sinah – No change from last year, the silt here has built up over numerous years in the troughs and, when combined with low water levels, makes the water at risk of Dissolved Oxygen depletion. We have looked at a number of options for reduction but the site is part of a SSSI, which is making any solution frustratingly hard to agree with Natural England.
- 3: Weed management – 2018 was a very bad year for weed and 2019 year wasn't a lot better...but 2020 was the worst yet. Weed plays an important role in aquatic environments but too much, or the wrong type, can cause problems. An area where achieving the right balance is often very difficult. The current status is:

- Abshot – For the third year there was ridiculous amounts of submerged weed. The swims were kept open by manual labour/ intensive raking. The Covid restrictions prevented any large scale action. Duckweed was more visible and is coming from a water body above Abshot; the duckweed may cause a problem in a year or two.
- Brockhurst – As with last year, strong weed growth which was increased by the low water levels. In fact, it was even worse as the levels were even lower, Some weed is definitely required to provide fish habitat near the fishing stations but it does make fishing tricky! Many fishing stations became restricted by large submerged weed growths but some manual raking provided a few channels. English Heritage support is needed to make clearing worthwhile
- Brownwich – As reported last year, the weed has returned on mass and it didn't really disappear. The team couldn't work on it due to the lock down. The dye was applied but struggles to work with weed that is already established. Some serious weed clearing was carried out manually but that is not sustainable. So it looks like we will be back to the dye for this water next year ...but only after a lot of weed clearing first.
- Lakeside – As usual there was a bit of weed in the middle section but it didn't cause a lot of problems. The management of the reeds was achieved manually.
- Funtley – The Parrot's Feather remained for the year. Currently the only solution is manual management in areas where it causes problems.
- Soake – This was another year with a large amount of weed. This was managed by significant manual work.
- Tithe – Like last year and the previous year, Lily and submerged weed were successfully manually managed on the middle and bottom lakes. The top lake was successfully dyed and we will continue do the same next year.

- 4: Tithe Lakes Development – This is the last report on this topic. At long last, the Care Home development has finished. We even recovered some materials when they invited us to dismantle their sales office. The fencing was fairly poor so we have planted all along the boundary. Water has been fairly scarce in the complex but the flows from the development are working ok and are not causing any new issues. Once the boundaries have developed and we have had a winter of rain, we will decide on any further work for the stock pond. We continue to work well with the council and the the atre company.
- 5: Toilets - We wanted to provide toilet facilities at the Tithe complex however we couldn't find a way with the Covid rules. However, we will look to run the scheme again next year.
- 6: Parking and Access - Overall, the clubs locks are coming to their end of life with many now failing or getting tricky to open. We have had locks stolen which doesn't help. Unfortunately we can't get replacements anymore and our reserve stock has run out. In order to keep going, we have replaced some key locks with combination locks. Next year, we will be introducing a new lock and a new key. We will try and make sure both old keys and new keys provide access for the season. We are always trying to improve access/parking and this year (across the waters) :
- Alver – The parking available for the less able has been improved. The internal parking is working well. The access road and combination lock are still not ideal.
 - Lakeside – Our plans to increase the parking were scuppered a bit by the virus and getting access for materials. That is all resolved now and we hope to improve both access and parking next year
 - CRF – Parking has been improved by the CRF owner. Work is still ongoing in the adjacent plot but we are hopeful that won't impact us. We would like to improve parking near to lake 4.

- Tithe – Parking has been improved further with more space by the swims on the bottom lake. The track is going to need a bit more TLC following more weathering. Access was changed to combination due to the clubs lock problems. We are hoping to improve less abled access to the middle lake next year subject to a grant.
- Soake – The extended parking and access road at Soake have been well received.

Water Snapshots

Abshot

The clubs nationally recognized true Crucian fishery provided fantastic sport again. For the second year, weed was a major problem and required a lot of manual effort to keep the swims open. Social distancing meant that we could keep 7 swims open safely. Anglers had great sport with large bags of Tench (loads of different sizes) and Crucians (upto around 1lb). These were backed up by some decent Roach (some over 1lb) plus lots of smaller Perch. All the fish continue to breed prolifically and this lead to some anglers catching well over 50 Tench and Crucians in a session. It is the best water in the club if you want to see the traditional 'Mr. Crabtree' style streams of bubbles next to your float.

Unfortunately, we wanted to net in late March to thin out the smaller fish but Covid lockdown put paid to that. Soon after, and in the middle of the full lockdown, a major oak tree fell into the pond cutting off half the swims. A major, almost military procession, style work party eventually cleared a path through and removed the branches from swims 5 and 6. In August, the very shallow water, weed and biomass led to de-oxygenation issues and the emergency aerator was deployed several mornings to supplement the on-site aerator. Fortunately, only a few small fish were lost, mainly little perch. We did have some problems during lockdown where the pond became a meeting point for local youths. An aerator solar panel was smashed, and a lot of litter appeared.

We will need to thin the fish out again next season to enable bigger fish to grow and reduce the risk of deoxygenation problems. We will also need to clear the silt trap out soon as it has nearly filled up.

Alver Valley

Alver has generally been fishing well although at times it has been a bit slow. We are getting reports of lots of Roach, Carp and Perch, of which some Perch have been a decent size, and a few Tench. We have had the big common out a couple of times and some nice mirrors. Most of the Carp being caught are up to about 10lbs with the larger ones being a bit more allusive.

In the past year we have added two new swims, one being a double and repaired others and redressed with wood chippings. The two disabled friendly swims now have their own parking next to the swims. The interior car park seems to be working well.

We are seeing an increase of members on the lake, some of which normally fish other venues, and quite regularly most swims have been taken. Although we had a problem with excrement for a while this seems to of subsided. There has been an uptake in members fishing nights with some good catches of Carp.

We are holding off with the Cormorant lines as long as possible as we have yet to see the return of them. If we continue to see the number of members fishing throughout the season, we may not need to put lines up as members should help keep the Cormorants at bay.

We are seeing an increase of dogs entering the water and swimming across the lake, so we would like to put up some more wire fencing this year to stop this. There are also some other wire fence repairs needed around the lake. We have removed several snags around the lake and cut back some trees but there is still an issue of some snags at the new QE2 swim. We believe this to be an old reed bed and are looking at how we can rectify this.

The fish growth of the Carp is not what we think it should be, some being a bit on the slim side. So, we will monitor growth and put in more feed next year if required. Members are asking if we have many Tench as not many are coming out, so we may consider increasing the Tench numbers next year. However Tench are always going to find it difficult to grow when competing with such a head of carp.

We would like to put in a some more lily pads to segregate some of the swims more and give a feature to fish to. These would be in front of double Oak tree, in the fish haven next to the old disabled friendly and to increase the size at the far end near QE2 again creating more of a fish haven.

Could we also remind members that the sanitising of hands, locks, and gates etc is as important now as it was after the lock down, we are seeing this getting a bit blasé in general.

Baffins Pond

It's been another good year for our inner city fishery. The lack of rain meant the water levels were low but there were no signs of fish in distress at any point even with the extreme temperatures. The council installed pumps have proven to be very helpful.

As usual, the fishing started a little late and the water produced some nice Carp including smaller fish. During the summer, some anglers had great bags. There are still some small silver fish being caught as well despite the large cormorant presence.

We didn't do our usual fish removal this year because of the Covid restrictions. Poaching is still an issue particularly in the summer months. Often the poachers fish the out of bounds areas.

Brockhurst Moat

Brockhurst continues to have major issues which centre around the water levels. The low levels have again been a real concern with levels dropping to the lowest we have ever seen. We have again discussed with English Heritage to try and resolve the issue. This ended up with regular reports being sent but as yet, nothing has been resolved which is concerning for the fisheries future.

The temperatures and lower water levels have meant the submerged weed has flourished again this season. In August, these factors led to deoxygenation and 25 lovely Bream and a few other fish were lost. We still allow anglers to rake swims again and will continue this next season. Removing all the weed is also not an attractive option as it will open the water up to more predation and the fish will seek cover in the non-fishing areas.

Anglers did manage to catch a few nice Carp as well as a few smaller fish but generally angling was poor. We did some restocking the previous year and we will continue to monitor the success of this (and the water level problem) before carrying out any further major stocking.

Brownwich Pond

This season has been a tough year with the advent of the lockdown that was forced on us. Roy and the team lost 5 weeks of the lakes closed season where some crucial work was needed but was unable to carry out. Added to this, we had to make a few visits to stop poachers who broke down fencing etc to gain access, which in turn added to the teams workload.

The lifting of the ban on fishing saw Brownwich open with a few less swims so it could be managed within the government guidelines and this saw the number reduced from 10 to 8, which also helped the social distancing rules in the car park. It must be remembered that Brownwich and Soake operate a booking system so most of the anglers arrive at the water at the same time giving a headache for social distancing.

Weed growth went unmanaged because of the lockdown so swims were open and closed accordingly to try to maintain the ability to fish with eight anglers fishing. The summer saw some high temperatures and low levels of rain, which put a lot of strain on the oxygen levels where we lost a large Pike and a Carp. The solar powered aerator proved to be very beneficial in keeping the water oxygenated throughout this time. The Club should be congratulated to have the foresight of fitting these on our waters as this seems to be an annual problem nowadays.

Brownwich is the only Club water where we supply nets, mats and slings in an attempt to increase our bio-diversity measures and safeguard the water for the future. It saddens me to see how some members cannot replace the equipment as found occasionally. The local team have also seen net handles swapped to suit individuals. This will not be tolerated and anyone caught taking or swapping equipment will face a disciplinary. This is a timely reminder to inform everyone to watch their speeds when driving down the single track road, and to replace the plastic swim fronts after your session to stop the swans contaminating the swims.

Please be aware that the close season will be changed to new dates as from the end of this season so it coincides with the spawning of the Carp, which in turn will hopefully reduce the stress on the fish at this time.

Overall, the members behavior has been good this season, but it must be remembered that Brownwich is not classed as a social water, but a water for the serious Carp angler who prefers their own company and space. Leaving rods unattended or under the control of another angler will not be tolerated. We have waters which are more suited for the social fishing that some desire and it is recommended that you attend those waters rather than face a DC after being booked or warned.

Carron Row Farm

CRF is a very popular fishing complex with our members providing a good range of fishing for all abilities. Regulars to CRF would have noticed that the main parking area has been dramatically improved and a number of trees and bushes around the lakes have been removed to open up some of the swims and a number of the swim's access have been improved.

Lake 1 never seems to be as popular as lakes 2 and 4 yet produces some lovely mixed bags of fish. Even this year, anglers often enjoyed a bit of peaceful fishing whilst Lake 2 was reasonably full.

Lake 2 continues to be very popular and had a lot of members and day ticket anglers all reporting that they have caught well using a variety of tactics and a wide assortment of baits. As usual, the main targets are the Carp and the Tench and they haven't disappointed

Lake 3 surprised everyone when a 30lb+ fish was caught, we didn't know it was in there. It is probably one of the most rewarding lakes if you do manage to get one or two of the decent fish onto the bank.

Lake 4 has fished well as per normal. It is a popular venue almost guaranteeing a bite or two. It is popular with many anglers and great for matches.

However, it's not all been positive news as throughout 2019 and the start of 2020 we had serious concerns about lake 5. The lake was stocked with a head of Tench and Crucians and then later with a fair few silver's (Roach and Rudd), yet several very experienced anglers had spent hours fishing it without a single indication or bite. Mid-March the fishery management team got to work unblocking the drainage pipe and hired an industrial water pump to drop the lake far enough down so we could see what was going on. There was a lot of hydrogen sulphide gas released during the pumping. Unfortunately, none of the stocked fish remained, after conversations with the EA we believe the problems were down to a combination of water quality issues. The gas released was so strong that it impacted Lake 4. We had to emergency aerate lake 4 for a few days and sadly, a few large Bream died. Lake 5 has been closed for the foreseeable future.



Soon after the whole country went into lockdown, with no anglers being able to visit, we started a programme to feed the fish; Bob (Bailiff) managed lakes 1&2 while Mike (Warden) fed lakes 3&4. As we emerged from lockdown a number of swims had to be closed to ensure social distancing and the anglers returned on mass so most days all four lakes were very busy or full. As the weeks rolled past all the lakes fished well and anglers were able to enjoy themselves out in the fresh air. With members being furloughed and or not wanting to sit indoors it's fair to say that CRF has been busier than ever before.

In August with the warmer temperatures and lack of fresh water the fish in both lakes 3 & 4 started to show signs of distress due to algae blooms which caused a problem with reduced levels of dissolved oxygen. Thankfully the fishery management team was well prepared and despite the 04:30 starts each morning thankfully fish losses were minimal and both lakes recovered quickly.

There is still an ongoing issue with rubbish being left in swims, several beer cans and bottles; takeaway containers and three bags of excrement have been found thrown in the drainage ditch behind lake 3 despite the huge bin in the parking area. Anyone proved to be responsible with likely be given a lengthy suspension or banned from fishing all PDAS waters.

Funtley

Funtley pond has fished reasonably well this year (ups and downs), it's never been a bagging lake. The deep water combined with a number of snags can make fishing difficult, but there are some really good fish in there. It often provides good rewards for those who make the effort.

We started the year with the introduction of stock from VS fisheries, sadly we lost the three largest fish within the first month or so but the rest seem to have settled in, and a few have been coming to the net.

Only a couple of Ide have been caught to the local team's knowledge and it remains to see if they have bred. It was hoped they would improve the winter fishing. The rest of the stock have fared well and, touch wood, only one loss due to dragging in a fishing rod. There did seem to be a lot of small fish visible. Fortunately, the deeper, cooler water meant we had no de-oxygenation problems.

Jock has been getting on very well with the locals and that certainly helps with the management of the water. He also has a new bailiff Vincent Wilde. Vincent is a landscape gardener and was a great help with his mini digger renovating peg 3 and moving scalping round the lake.

With the low water levels, the local team managed to remove several snags but I am afraid there is still a few in place. There is going to be an ongoing battling with the Parrot Feather weed which currently only has one winner. As per previous years, litter is still a big problem which is not helped by the public footpath and the dog walkers.

River Hamble

The start of the year saw numbers of Sea Trout in the river as they moved upstream to their spawning grounds. There was also some significant spawning activity in our stretch with several Redds being constructed, especially near the top end of our section. Early in the year we installed a wildlife camera and immediately obtained some footage of an otter family. They stayed on the river for a couple of months before moving away in the spring. There has been no evidence of otters or mink on the river over the summer but based on findings from previous years this is normal, and it is expected that as winter approaches, we'll see increased activity again. Working with South Downs National Park we are closely monitoring for any Mink activity and trapping any we come across. The eventual aim is for water voles to repopulate the Hamble and this cannot happen with Mink present.

As we moved into the Trout season after lockdown, we saw a significant increase in the number of members choosing to fly fish for the resident trout in the Hamble with some good catches reported. Although not as prolific as previous years the annual Mayfly hatch saw several anglers having good sport on a variety of imitations. Currently we are working on a project with the Wild Trout Trust to improve the habitat for Trout in the river which by next season will provide some new areas to fish

Due to the Covid restrictions our annual maintenance of the fish refuge did not take place and it is currently in the process of silting up and we are planning to rectify this over the winter. But even so, we saw a very successful spawning season with lots of fry present both in the refuge and the main river. We have had no summer flooding so hopefully the 2020 year-class will be very successful.

The start of the coarse season was the most successful we've had for 4 years and most of this was down to a significant increase in the Chub population with a number of 2lb fish being reported with a couple getting close to 3lb. But even more welcome was a variety of other sizes of Chub being caught from a few ounces upwards meaning that several year classes are present. Also, numbers of Dace and Roach were being caught and we even had a report of Grayling making a reappearance. Several members have also reported that the average size of the Trout has increased.

Then during the summer we had 2 events which caused significant disruption, the first being that the large oak tree in the second field came down in strong winds causing damage to our footbridge and blocking any access to the remainder of the river for several days while the fishery team cleared as much as possible. This tree was probably well over a hundred years old and very substantial and we are in discussions now with the farmer over options on how to deal with the remainder of it before the winter floods start. Secondly the disused railway bridge next to our entrance gate was hit by a vehicle and sustained structural damage so severe that the bridge had to be demolished. This closed the road for over a month and for much of that time access to the river was impossible which not only affected fishing but meant that our summer vegetation maintenance was interrupted.

As we move towards the end of the year as mentioned earlier we're working on habitat improvements, mostly in the second field and the woods section, re-excavating the fish refuge and looking at options on at least a partial removal of the oak tree.

Lakeside

Lakeside has become a very popular venue with members of the club. It has been fishing very well throughout the year with large bags of carp not unusual. The carp can be very exciting and you are never too sure how big they are going to be. There have also been some good roach and Rudd too. We've even had a couple of eels out but it's been quite slow on the bream and crucian front.

Thankfully, and despite the weather, we had another year without water issues and the Prymnesium fish losses of 2015 have been largely overcome. However the risk always remains with this venue due to its water quality and the reclaimed land it sits on. Carp still make visits to the canals which we often get reports about. There is always a strong risk of deoxygenation in the canals so we have made efforts to recover a few this year...it isn't the easiest job in the world though.

There are a number of new swims that are proving popular and overall we have been rather busy at times. We hope to improve the parking and the access over the coming year to support the numbers who like to fish. There was a fantastic turnout for the charity match and a great effort by all the anglers despite the heat and thanks go to all those involved in organizing and running the match.

We do have the odd problem with parking in the wrong places. There was also an incident with a fly tipper and someone made off with the club lock. Despite that, all in all, it's been a good year for this venue.

Sinah

Sinah has fished very well and continues to be one of our most popular waters. Unfortunately water levels again dropped during the summer. This led to a few swims being closed and a few having distance restrictions on them for fish safety.

The Carp are the most sought after fish in the lake and, as usual, Sinah has produced several of the biggest Carp in the club. The largest are over the 40lb mark (44lb 10oz is the biggest) backed up by a good head of 30lb and 20lb fish. Anglers have seen a good number of Bream being caught and some good size silvers. The Tench have been coming out and include some very large fish. Pike fishing is also popular and some lovely fish were caught last winter including some around 20lb along with a lot of jacks.

Again, there are extreme numbers of very small fish in the water which could lead to biomass issues (de-oxygenation) in warm spells depending on the water level. The Perch we have stocked in previous years are doing well with a few fish around the 2lb mark appearing. We would like to desilt the venue but this involves a number of hurdles due to the SSSI status. We are making progress with Natural England but it's been painfully slow.

With help from the fishery management team we have made some major improvements to 4 swims on that lake. These improvements include deeper water in front of them to land fish and improved levels. Overall they will provide better access when the water level rise and they are reopened. We have also opened a 'day-only' swim in front of the golf course which has been fishing well.

Sinah has also had some issues with rigs. We have had rigs set up with 4 hook link and a cage feeder attached to them. Unfortunately we have seen some real damage to the mouths of the fish on that this year. Some of the older fish that before this year have been spotless have been damaged so bad it will not recover. Litter as with many lakes still remains a problem.

Soake Pond

With lockdown and then all the restrictions and Government guidelines to follow and then be permitted to open the water but with limited access, the Fishing was somewhat of a slow start at Soake Pond. However, when the time came the water was looking superb and of course the Fish had clearly enjoyed the peace and quiet, and were showing in abundance all over the Lake.

Members were filling the venue, from pleasure anglers, to anglers targeting specific species and at the start of this resurgence of anglers, even the fish appeared pleased to see them. The weather as we all know, began to get warmer, which led into extremely hot and dry conditions over a prolonged period of time, promoting huge weed growth, which under the virus rules and conditions, made the management of such impossible to deal with in the way we would in normal conditions. Sadly this eventually led to oxygen depletion within the water and a large algae bloom forming, and fish clearly struggling in these unprecedented conditions and circumstances.

Unfortunately, whilst this was spotted extremely quickly and action taken immediately, whereby the FMO and fishery team responded in amazingly quick fashion and oxygen pumps deployed, it could not prevent the loss of some fish.



However sad this loss was, it would have been far worse if it not for the emergency aerator and the hours put in by Ade, Nicky and the team. We are extremely grateful to them in preventing a worse catastrophe at Soake Pond.

I am pleased to report that the water responded well with the hot weather eventually breaking and rains appearing along with good winds blowing on the water and fish were soon much happier and gracing nets again.

The booking in system for Soake Pond continues to operate using an Electronic Live Calendar which is proving a great success. If you would like to fish Soake, you must contact Ade using the number, available in the club handbook on the Soake Pond page. You may either call or text me in order to book on to the venue, however you **MUST** not assume you are booked on to fish until you have received a text from me confirming your booking. Your booking is then placed on the Electronic Live Calendar that retains all bookings made. Whilst he tries to accommodate all contact made by those wishing to book in, please try to keep your calls/texts within normal tackle shop hours and refrain from calling or texting late at night.

On a positive finish to this report, The Venue is still undergoing improvements, be it from general maintenance to larger fishery management, and therefore I am very pleased to announce after a lot of hard work in planning and arranging, that in the coming months a large project will commence at Soake Pond, and that work is to strengthen and rebuild the eroding centre causeway, and which will also include the de-silting of certain areas using heavy machinery, which can only improve the venue further, and therefore ensure 'Soake Pond' will always continue to reside as a quality venue within the PDAS portfolio.

As always, a huge thanks to the small but loyal team which Ade has , and also the new faces, whom he hopes will become well known faces within the team. You all know who you are.....thank you.

Stanbridge

These ponds have been appreciated more than ever this year due their very secluded location and beautiful setting. It has been pleasing to see an increase in anglers visiting the ponds especially families. In the summer it is possible to drive over and park right by the lakes making it ideal for a great day out.

Both ponds fished well this season with anglers catching Carp and Bream from Lily Pond and Carp from Long Pond. Cormorants have been a real problem in the past but the anti-cormorant measures (a huge net) have worked with a number of small Carp being caught along with larger Rudd in Lily. We have already put the deterrent back in place for this coming winter. We are hoping the fish supplied by the EA will grow on and start providing sport next year. One negative is that no Tench have been caught this season which can't be explained as these fish were too large for a cormorant. We will investigate further next year



Tithe Barn

This is one of our most popular venues with great fishing, good sized swims, 'close to the water parking' and mostly peaceful surroundings. The 3 lakes offer different types of fishing which should suit a wide range of anglers. The continuation of the Tithe Species Challenge Trophy where the aim is to catch all the species that swim in all three lakes has shown there are some fine fish to catch. We think the anglers that have taken up the challenge have enjoyed trying various methods to achieve their goals as well as being totally frustrated when certain plans don't come to fruition. Once we were allowed back on our waters the fish were ready & waiting for a baited hook & excellent catches were made in the opening weeks with the waters being very busy with the limited swims we had available. With the gradual reopening of all the swims things started to get back to normal & good catches were still being made .

The bottom lake has been fishing really well with good catches of all species to all methods but interestingly a couple of nice Perch pushing the 2lb barrier have also turned up in catches. We currently have a leak on the bottom lake which gave us very low levels during the summer, luckily the levels are back up after the recent rains but levels could still fluctuate. We have tried to do a temporary repair but have been unsuccessful, so in the New Year we will revisit it & do a proper job along with replacing some swim fronts.

The middle lake has been its usual up and down. The stocking of Tench showed up in many catches along with all the other species putting in an appearance, again we have had some nice Perch coming out with a best reported at 3lb 8oz. The Barbel we stocked 3 years ago have finally been caught weighing at over 1lb with a best of 1lb 4oz, so the next milestone will be a fish of 2lb in the not too distant future, however the Chub which were stocked at the same time seem very elusive so it would be nice to hear about any that are caught. We had plans to remove the slab path on the middle lake & relay a new wider path further back from the water but due to the lockdown we were unable to carry this out at this time but it is on the agenda for next year.

This year Tithe Top lake has established itself in to a specimen Carp lake with the biggest Carp coming out at just over 37lb, One lucky fishermen and his son fishing only two rods between them in a four hour period during the day had two Carp over 30lb, not bad for their first trip to the lake. It's also been good to see new anglers caching their Carp PB and enjoying their experience of Tithe. It is worth saying this is not an easy lake and sorry to say many sessions have resulted in no fish, for many anglers.

We dropped the level of the lake at the beginning of the year and the EA came along and netted the lake so we could remove some of the Tench, this was very successful and we removed nearly 40, which were relocated in to the middle lake. The downside was that we expected to get the rain to refill the lake and as we all know we have had a very dry summer so the lake stayed low all summer, at last it has started to refill and hopefully by Christmas will be back to its proper level.



We have removed all the snags around the lake but you still have to be careful of the lilies as theses grow in 7 foot of water and have very thick stems and if you hook a fish near them you run the chance of losing it in the bottom of the lilies. We have continued the dye program.

On the downside we still have some anglers who think leaving their rubbish in the bushes and also some that leave more than that is still acceptable, I do not want to put a booking system on Tithe but if this continues next year we may have to, to stop this behavior. At the beginning of the year we undertook a stocking programme on the bottom and middle lakes, the bottom lake receiving 100 C2 mirror carp from VS fisheries ranging in the 1lb - 2lb region. The middle lake received 15 C3 mirror carp again from VS fisheries ranging in size from 7lb - 9lb, we also stocked more Barbel, Chub & for the first time a stocking of Ide from Hampshire carp fishery. During our netting of the top lake we also moved small Roach & Perch to the bottom & middle lakes along with 29 Tench which were relocated into the middle lake, in addition another 13 Tench which have been caught for us by the carpers & placed in Fishery management supplied keepnets on the top lake have found a new home in the middle lake. On a downside we had a huge problem with cormorant's during last winter & some of the stockings of the smaller fish may have succumbed to predation. We have adjusted our plans for the coming year. We have had a lot of new members fishing at Tithe this year & a lot of good feedback about how pleasant the place is & how well looked after it is, this is thanks to Mark, Jim and team of bailiffs, Chubb, Bunny & Alan as well as members of the fishery team who regularly give their time to keep it in order.

River Wallington

What a season for rivers! Just over a week after the last one finished we went into lockdown. Work parties were put on hold but we were able to do bits of clearing individually or in socially distanced pairs until restrictions were lifted. After that, we could get more people on the bank which coincided with the nettle bash this means that the swims are little bit more overgrown than usual this season. But thanks to the hard work of Wally work parties, the river is fishable, and a few new swims have been added. We also managed to make access easier between Boarhunt, Sheepdip and Bridge Street by putting in some stiles.

Water levels have been up and down, mainly down but fishing has been good for most species since the season started, we've had good catches of Trout, Roach, Perch, Dace and Gudgeon and although apart from a couple of better Chub only smaller ones have been caught from all along the river but in good numbers. Carp seem elusive but one small one was caught from Southwick pool as was a Tench.

We had a pollution scare recently when a sewage station overflowed into a side stream of the river above Comphouse farm but thankfully it didn't get down that far and we suffered no fish losses.

We have had no Mink sightings, but Red Signal Crayfish are present, a reminder for members to ensure nets are dried thoroughly after use in the Wally to ensure they are not spread to other waters and also that they are not to be returned to the water under any circumstances.

It's nice to get calls from new anglers to the river enquiring about all things Wally and Robbie has met new faces along the river. All in all despite what's been thrown at the team this year, Robbie and his team have been excellent, and a lot of anglers have been able to sample one of the clubs hidden gems.



The Covid 19 Challenge

As mentioned earlier, the impact of lockdown and the virus have made this year a real challenge. We were faced with a set of unplanned additional jobs which had to be carried out in virus safe ways. The time line went something like this:

- Initially, with no anglers on the waters, we had to increase security. We had one attempted break in at Tithe and many visits from 'non-anglers' to our waters leaving litter, vandalising things (e.g. one solar aerator smashed at Abshot) and generally causing issues.
- All group work parties planned for the full lockdown (6 weeks) were cancelled. Local teams did the best they could individually to keep the fishery maintained.
- Next the fish were not getting fed at a time they most needed it. So we invested in a very large order of fish food which had to be stored, distributed and then deployed by the local teams.
- After full lockdown, we got the green light to start fishing again thanks to the Angling Trusts work. However this had to be done in a certain way. So before we could open, we had to plan bailiffing guidelines, restricted swims, paths, car parking, signage and barriers. This was new to everyone and subject to change so we kept in regular contact with the National Bodies (AT and EA) to understand what we could and couldn't do.
- Fishing opened in May and anglers who had already re-joined for the season started to return and reaped the benefit of unfished waters for a short while. However, soon we had loads of people joining and fisheries were put under pressure and occasionally became full. (CRF 2 and Tithe Middle were prime examples)
- Work parties were still limited and we had flurry of trees coming down from April to July including 2 large oaks. We did work out a safe method of working and were able to clear trees at Abshot, CRF, Tithe, Wallington and the Hamble.

My biggest gripe during all this was the complete lack of understanding that a few anglers had to the situation. I naively thought anglers would love getting back on the water and accept the restrictions. However, within an hour of re-opening we had complaints that people's favourite swims weren't open. Wardens got unfairly pressured on changing opened and closed swims. We also had anglers moving barriers and fishing in closed swims and others completely ignoring distancing rules when approached by bailiffs. This was completely out of order and actually made me question doing the job for the first time since getting the post.

Obviously, the virus is still with us and we don't know what is ahead but I hope we can avoid writing much in this section next year.



The Other Challenges

Work Parties, Manpower and Materials

The teams were still working normally until March and we have tried our best on other fronts since so here is a short summary:

- We were still able to buy and stock all the fish we planned. All fish stocking and fishery management- plans are discussed and approved by the EA.
- We completed Tithe top and CRF 5 surveys in early March. The Tithe top survey with the EA was very interesting. We saw how well the carp were doing in the Lake as well as a lot of perch surprisingly.
- We managed to keep most swims open throughout the summer despite the massive weed growth. This was a bit more piecemeal than we would have liked.
- We completed the Sinah North bank path and swim improvements in September
- We are in the middle of carrying out habitat improvements on the Hamble, working with the Wild trout Trust. These were cancelled in April and re-scheduled for October/November.
- We continued the programme of moving Carp trapped in the Lakeside canals back to the main lake. One of these outings in February was, perhaps, the most eventful of all our activities. It poured with rain, we all got soaked, the wipers on the vehicle went awry for a while , one of the team had to go to A&E and we only caught 4 carp.
- We applied a first dressing of powdered chalk to Brownwich in January. More Siltex has been purchased to continue this autumn and next spring.

- We have started deploying the cormorant deterrent for this year at CRF, Tithe and Stanbridge.
- The fishery vehicle and old trailer rarely let us down at the time of writing. It's one major blemish was when the alternator packed up on the way back from removing a tree in the Wallington. Unfortunately, alternators for this vehicle are not cheap. The vehicle was used on over 80 work parties covering about 1700 miles in the year.

The teams have done wonders to get on so well and still turn up in the most awful weather or to do the strangest jobs. They never moan (well they all do, but hopefully not seriously). Members are always asking more and more of the few people who do give their time. We sometimes get complaints about what we haven't or have done, however everyone is a volunteer and everything is managed according to our long term plans. We mostly rely on the same band of people to do the work and they are not getting any younger, and can't expect them to totally give up their fishing

Water Quality

The water quality of any of our fisheries is a variable feast, each waterbody being different. It is also not a static parameter which once checked as ok can then be ignored. One of our main concerns is Dissolved Oxygen (DO) which can be affected by many factors including weather, biomass, algae, plants and water flow.

The low water levels we experienced during the summer, coupled with the very hot temperatures led to the worst possible conditions. Throw in a lot of weed and algae and all the elements are in place for eutrophication. The biggest problem is that eutrophication occurs overnight and actions are required around dawn.

It all came to a head in a two week period in August. The team ended up visiting all the 'at-risk' waters in the early hours and checking if emergency actions were required. These actions managed to keep losses to a minimum. Fortunately, we have installed aeration in some of our lakes but even that was pushed to its limit. We also have the portable generator driven 'splash' aerator solution for emergency situations which was deployed several times on various waters. The worst losses for us occurred at Soake and Brockhurst. Luckily, the waters where there have been problems in the past e.g. Baffins, didn't suffer.

It is small consolation when you have lost any fish, but water around Hampshire suffered much worse losses than us. Many closed for periods of time and lost some large heads of fish.



With the trend of exceptional weather, the club is going to arm itself further next year. The aim will be to have emergency water pumps available for 'at-risk' waters plus the large 'splash' to be available for 2 concurrent problems.

Nasty Diseases and Invasive Species

It's vital to our fisheries that we are aware of the threat of diseases and also the impact of invasive species. Here is the latest:

- KHV - This year we have not seen KHV in our area. There was a batch close to home in 2018 but nothing since.
- SVC – Spring Viraemia of Carp has had no new reported cases since 2017.

- CEV - Carp Edema Virus – no new cases in our area since 2013.
- Anguillae Herpes Virus – no new cases in our area following the 2016 outbreak impacting Brownwich. Eels are now back at Brownwich which is good. The EA are introducing new rules about waters which have been impacted and we may not be able to move fish from Brownwich in the future.
- Top Mouth Gudgeon – EA are well on path to eradication across the UK, no problems in our waters since 2011.
- Signal Crayfish –Only the Wallington (down from Dryad) has seen these very occasionally. They are proving a disaster in many other waters across the country. Hopefully we can avoid them.
- Myriophyllum Aquaticum (Parrots Feather) – Funtley still suffers from this and we have had no success with its eradication. We may have to live with it.
- Himalayan Balsam – This is still rife on the Hamble and is also in the Wallington catchment. It is actually getting out of control in waterways up and down the country. There is still a hope of a ‘natural’ treatment in coming years. Until that time there is little we can do.
- Ergasilus Sieboldi (Gill Maggot) – No further signs of fish deaths as a result of this since 2017. Tench continue to do fine in Tithe and are growing on.

Predation and Pests - Humans, Cormorants (and others)

We have well stocked and well used fisheries. This can lead to predation/ poaching problems:

- Every year we get cases of human predation (poaching) on our waters, Baffins, Lakeside and Brockhurst are our most vulnerable but there have been suspicious activities at Sinah and Brownwich this year. So we need everyone to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious.

- We have been tackling Cormorants for a long time now. They continue to raid some of our fisheries but our protective measures have definitely worked in some cases. Our mechanisms include shooting, dummies, scar-eyman, deterrent lines, lasers, nets, starting pistols, kites and fish havens. These mechanisms are not always popular with anglers but we have to keep trying to make it more difficult for the Cormorants to feed. Unfortunately deterrents can't all be used on all waters. The worst impact last year was on Tithe where the stocks of Ide and Roach have been badly predated.
- Well used fisheries tend to attract other animal visitors. This is not always a problem, such as the tame robin, but rats are a constant problem especially in the evening and night. Rats are always likely to be near the water but we sometimes get large numbers. Discarding bait and leaving litter just encourages rats. Where possible we do deploy rat control methods.
- The Hamble otter has not been seen for a while at the time of writing. There is also the odd mink sighting on our rivers. We will keep vigilant as we don't want the mink coming back. There have been no further otter problems on our lakes.

Catch Reports and Galleries – We always repeat ourselves in this section. One of the best tools for assessing fish density and health is catch reports from members. Unfortunately, we have had fewer catch reports on the forum this year, around 200 (250 last year, 350 in 2018). A lot of the posts come from the same anglers ...and thanks go to them. Photos are wonderful too and adding them to the gallery allows others to see what they might catch. It is very helpful to hear what people are catching (and even what they are not catching). Please keep letting us know either by telling wardens/bailiffs or use the forum or even ring us up.

Litter and other things - On the downside though, sadly there always seems to be some rules which members can't seem to obey. These are really annoying for everyone else and also can threaten our leases. Unfortunately the most common is leaving rubbish lying around in swims and bushes. We still suffer from this on a lot of our waters. (Also, in a few cases, there is excrement being left too).

The Future

The aim of the fishery management team is to provide a wide range of good, safe and accessible fishing for the complete range of members we have. This includes providing sport for different species and sizes, different styles, different locations (both in the city and in the area), different venues (including running water), different ages and different abilities. We have a set of venues which do meet those needs but we always want to improve. We want to continually improve the fishing available, make waters more accessible, make them more usable by families/children/ladies and make sure the foundations are in place for the fisheries to provide great sport in years to come. Managing fisheries is a long term project....it takes time, patience and a realisation that you won't always get it right. You also can't please all the anglers, all the time. Luck will play a hand and nature will always prevail.

We are still on a path to try and improve our winter fishing. The Comp House stretch of the Wally has been a good. Chub are showing on both Hamble and Wally which is promising. The stocking of Chub and Ide at Tithe middle worked for a while but cormorants then made an impact. We will continue to try and resolve that by growing the fish on before stocking them in the middle lake.

We are yet to see a lot of results from the Funtley Ide but we will add 100 C2 carp similar to the ones which have been so popular at Tithe Bottom.. We continue to have some great winter Carp fishing. We do have some reasonable predator fishing. The Perch catches are getting better and better and we have some steady Pike angling. We will continue to monitor catches to see if we can make further improvements.

This year we carried out none of the planned fish moves. We move fish primarily to manage biomass, moving them from waters which are over abundant to waters where they will thrive better and give great sport. We will continue this practice as we have had a huge explosion of smaller fish across many of our waters – with Abshot, Baffins, Sinah and Soake all capable of providing fish. We only buy quality or specialist stock e.g. VS Carp, which we will introduce to Brownwich (10 C5s), Sinah (10 C5s) and Funtley (100 C2s) next year. We are hoping to get some Tench (for Tithe middle) from the EA Calverton stock. We will be getting more Ide and possibly Chub.

Below is some of the larger work on the radar for the coming year, (assuming Covid rules allow). Much of this work is intrusive but can only be done when people are willing to give their time. The members understanding of this is always appreciated:

- De-silting at Soake
- Major weed removal/dye at Brownwich and dye at Tithe top.
- Improved access for less able anglers to Middle Lake at Tithe
- Stock assessment/management at Abshot, Baffins and Sinah (subject to EA approval)
- Extended car parking and improved access at Lakeside.
- Continued weed management at Abshot.
- Lock replacement

- Deploy emergency aeration equipment to 'at-risk' waters
- Further habitat improvements on the Hamble

Thanks

I would like to thank all the people who give up their time so we can all enjoy our sport. This includes Paul and the EA team. None of our fishing would be possible without the work that our wardens, bailiffs, and a few volunteers put in for free. Members should continue to support them at every opportunity. The people who continue to give so much for the club are (apologies for anyone I have missed out):

- Derek, Clive, Shaun and Steve at the Alver.
- Dave, Tony and Tony and Tony at Baffins.
- Paul and Roy at Brocky - it's been a very difficult year
- Roy and the Brownwich team – amazing work including fighting the weed again.
- Mike, Bob and all those who have helped at CRF.
- Jock and Jonathon at Funtley who are getting on very well with the local residents.
- Andy at the Hamble, now getting some support again.
- Nev, Ant and the team who do a great job looking after the place and are looking forward to the coming season when we should have a lot of work going on improving the lake when safe to undertake..
- Bob and his Sinah team for their contribution but the bailiff who has contributed the most is Alan Robins. He has been to every work party and cracked on with things that need doing.

- Ade, Nicky, and the team at Soake.
- Pete at Stanbridge.
- Jim, Mark, Chub, Alan, Bunny Derek on Tithe.
- Everyone who has helped at Abshot particularly Phil with the weed and Ian.
- Rob and the excellent Wally team (which seems to grow each year). This year the Wally work party regulars included some new faces like Mike French, Roy Taylor and Dave Coombs.
- A huge thanks to Jerry who has given time (and bits) to help maintain the club's mechanical equipment, ordering parts, talking to suppliers and also chief designer on anything 'technical'. He has had a particular issue with a design problem on the two latest aerators which led to odd and unpredictable failures (Abshot and Brownwich) ...the result of Jerry's persistence and knowledge is we are getting two new parts fitted for free in the near future.
- Another huge thanks to Phil who turned up on his bike and helped at loads of waters during lockdown.
- Too many Jims but thanks go to multi-tasking Jim for driving the digger and shooting the pests; to Jimbo for health and safety and supplies!
- The fishery team which has increased in size again and now has Mark, Jim, Chub, Pete, Mike, Phil, Derek (1), Alan, Derek (2), Bob, Ian, Jerry, Bunny ... it's tricky to remember everyone's name. Also Clive with his help with resources.
- And finally, as usual, another HUGE thanks to finish for Mark, the AFMO. He has worked on every water, attended meetings, wrecked waders and made a massive contribution to everything we achieved this year. And again I mustn't forget to thank Lynda too for letting Mark out so often!

Finally -Despite all that the last 12 months have thrown at us, it still seems to have gone by very quickly, maybe it's because doing the fishery management job is nearly always rewarding - **Steve & Mark - FMO & AFMO.**

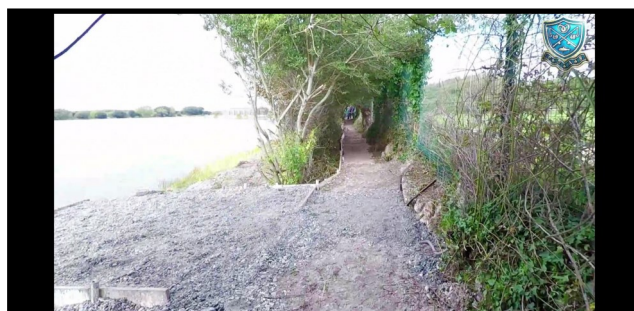
Grant Officers Report

This year has been a difficult year for grants with Covid-19 turning up out of the blue. Most if not all grants have been focused around keeping people safe. This has meant as a club it has been a challenge getting grants for the club.

During the Winter the country was hit by a lot of storms and due to the location of Sinah lake its north bank was hit hard. This caused damaged to some of the paths. Sport England gave a grant for £2000 pounds to get there fixed. The fisheries management team, bailiffs and some anglers all worked hard over 3 days. A 5tn digger was involved to dig out some gravel from the lake to be used in the swims and paths.

Covid-19 has played havoc this year with club and its membership. As with a lot of clubs covid-19 could not have come at a worse time than at the beginning of the season. This meant a lot of members held of joining due to the uncertainty the that laid before us. As with everything though bills still needed to be paid. Sport England came to the rescue again and awarded us a grant of £10,000 to help toward these out goings. The EA also gave the club small grant to help improve the fish habitat on the River Hamble.

Bob—Grant Officer



Charity Update

This year we were wondering at one point whether there would be a 24hr match. Then, as government restrictions were relaxed and we were allowed once more to get out on the bank, finally preparations for 2020 could begin.

Inevitably there were obstacles to be surmounted: note, for instance, the absence of the word 'social' this year. The sale of raffle tickets, the match draw, the raffle draw, distribution of prizes and trophy presentations all had to be re-thought, new Covid compliant strategies implemented.

For the second successive year the barbecue that brings us all together before the main event was cancelled. At midday on Saturday a rolling draw was held, with anglers then moving directly to their pegs and getting set up.

During Saturday afternoon temperatures peaked at 29 degrees, and, as if that were not bad enough, they soared to 32 on Sunday. As Noel Coward said, "Only mad dogs and Englishmen go out in the midday sun". Substitute "anglers" for the "mad dogs" - I wonder how many of us would have enjoyed a pleasure session under these conditions? Yet no one withdrew, all remained cheerfully stoic, perhaps mindful of the cause that had brought us together.

And, talking of that cause, I was delighted to welcome Nicola Montague, mother of Finlay, for whom we are helping to raise funds towards the cost of a sensory space in their home. Nicola brought Finlay, 4-year-old Florence and infant Reece. We chatted away for a half hour or so, I'm not sure how much she took in as we talked about those things that enthuse us so much about angling, but she was a good listener.

The raffle is a vital feature of the 24hr match: takings from ticket sales produce perhaps two thirds of our total for the weekend. For this to be a success we need a good selection of prizes, so I am especially grateful to all those who have given so generously this year. My marshals, Jim, Jock, Pete and Derek were joined this year by Phil Hazell: thanks for your work, the seemingly endless tea and the near constant chatter.

Steve Mottershead and Vicky did the raffle draw and to Dave who helped throughout the weekend. Thank you

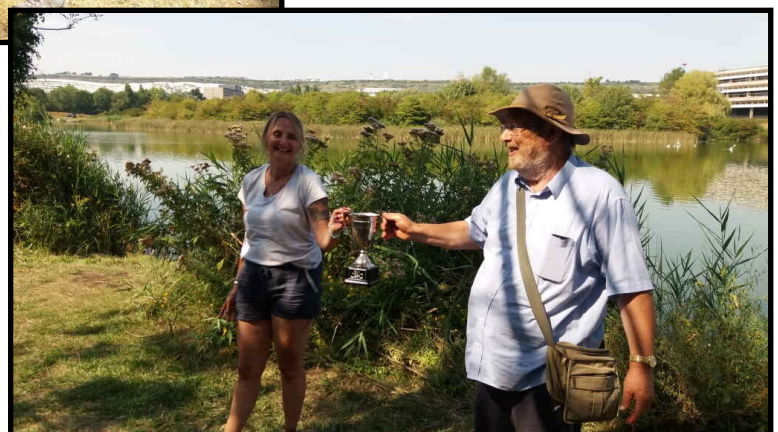
Most of all, though, I have had to ask more of Mike this year than previously. In addition to his regular duties, he walked the bank, bucket in hand, selling raffle tickets to all who preferred to buy them on the day, as well as undertaking other tasks that would normally have fallen to me.

And finally: I've said this before but I'll say it again. The 24hr Carp Charity match can only happen if people sign up for it. In this difficult year we had 38 taking part - more than last year's 36 - some regulars, some first timers. To date we have raised more than £1400. This speaks volumes for the spirit that exists within this club. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Congratulations to Karl Smith who managed a massive 156lb 4oz from peg 38, then Rob and John Ramsey who managed 103lb 12oz and 97lb 6oz respectively from pegs 46 & 46A and of course congratulations to Paula Parker who won the biggest carp trophy with a 13lb 1oz common.

My very best wishes to you all

Stephen Foster



Thank you to all those who attended the AGM this year, and a huge thanks to all of the people who gave up their time to help the club be what it is today.

Here's to the future. Tight Lines!

The PDAS Committee



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A final thanks to the tackle shops that have supported us with the sale of our memberships. Please remember, you may be able to get tackle cheaper on line, but its important that we support our local shops to ensure they stay put.

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