



CAPS NEWS from the 2009 Annual General Meeting

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During the year...

This has been a very busy year for the Society with four new waters opening, read on....

Election of Officers

The following list of members were voted in to serve on the committee for the 2009/10 season.

President	Reg Upsher
Vice Presidents	Bill Warner Paul Acres
Chairman	Mick Turner
Hon. Secretary	Steve Dormer
Treasurer	Tom Baker
Membership Sec	Mick Turner
Fisheries Officer	Wayne Clarke
Estates Officer	Reg Upsher
Bailiff Officer	Chris Cade
Match Secretary	Andy Howard
Committee	Ian Hearsom Jack Buttle Mark Castle Justin Chesson Shaun Taylor Phil Thurley

Rule Changes

There were no rule changes at this year's AGM.

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2009/10 Subscriptions

The following subscriptions will apply for the following season.

Adult - £80
Husband & Wife - £120
Senior Citizens, Disabled - £40
Intermediate - £52
Under 16, £26
U13, £13

The society are committed to increase expenditure next year, especially with increased fish stock and lease renewals on the horizon and for this reason we have decided to increase subscriptions, but don't stop here read on as there are some exciting new waters coming on line.

Fisheries Officer's Report

Chairman's Opening Remarks

Due to further scientific evidence the Spodding ban at Layer Pit will not be implemented. However due to this evidence a total ban on the use of all forms of Bird Seed (i.e. Micro Seed) is to be introduced on all Society Waters. This ban is based on the evidence received in the last week. We have been advised to Micro chalk Layer Pit for the next 3 - 4 years and also to put in a form of sludge disperser, combined this should eventually get rid of the silt and sludge which is full of uneaten birdseed and faeces. This has combined to reduce the Oxygen content of the water hence resulting in the fish deaths last year. The cost to club will be in the region of £5000 per year, this is a small price to pay if you consider what the fish lost last year were worth. The fisheries officer will give a more detailed explanation of this situation later.

Estate Officer's Report

Firstly on behalf of the society may I apologise to Mrs. Jessie Nichols and her Family for the incorrect statement made at the A.G.M. in 2008 and repeated in last year's news letter. The Treasurer stated "*Due to Stan's untimely passing the accounts were unable to be completed on time.*" At the time of the A.G.M. the information had been provided and delivered to me and was immediately passed over to our auditor before I left to tour New Zealand without informing the Treasurer. Unfortunately neither the auditor nor I informed the treasurer of this and therefore the above incorrect statement was made. Again I unreservedly apologise for this error. **Bradwell** – The paperwork to allow EDF to access and install ground based transformers is with the landowner's solicitors, once complete and access is agreed the overhead cables can then come down.

Gt. Oakley – This complex of three waters opened 1st October. There are some major works to be carried out on site in the coming months and we may need to close the water, whilst these take place.

St. Osyth – A virgin 12 acre water with 35 swims, works are ongoing we expect to open 1st June.

West Mersea – We are finalising the lease before installing a Car Park.

Our Website - For more info on all of these waters and more go to our website

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Layer Pit – Good News, I am pleased to report that new agreements to cover the period up to the commencement of the works on Abberton, during the works, and a final lease upon the completion of the works taking us up to 2032 have now been signed.

Rockingham's Farm and Joyce's Chase - On the down side we have advised the owners of Rockingham's farm and Joyce's chase that we wish to relinquish these waters as at the end of March due to uncontrollable Cormorant predation.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer circulated the 2006/7 accounts and an income and expenditure summary up to the 31st December 2008. The treasurer stated that we are still awaiting the 2007/08 accounts which are being finalised and reported that the Exec had decided to run our accounts from the 1st January to 31st December in future so that we could present a full set of accounts at the next AGM, therefore the income & expenditure sheet presented tonight at this AGM is for nine months only rather than the full twelve. The 2006/07 accounts and the change in the accounting procedure for the future was unanimously accepted by the members present.

Inworth Grange – A recent survey (by Bernice Brewster) showed that the fish deaths are due to excessive weed growth depleting the water of oxygen the carp were the first to die as they are more susceptible to these changes in dissolved oxygen levels within the water table. To remedy this, the society is going to bring in a fisheries expert to remove a large percentage of the weed and we will then apply chalk to the water, this will be addressed in the spring. We are also cutting back the bank side vegetation to allow greater wind movement on the water

Layer Pit - The recent deaths of many carp have resulted in the committee calling in Dr Andrew Worthington of Spirex aquatics Ltd. He came to site and took six samples from the lake bed, these were analysed by an independent laboratory and the results have showed that the pit has anything up to 2 meters of silt plus a further level of sludge on the bed of the lake. The evidence has however thrown up a more concerning issue and that is that the upper layers of the silt contains a very large amount of volatile suspended solids and fish faeces, these solids have been further analysed and found to be bird seed which are suspended in the silt, as such these two matters are combining and when they break down are burning up the dissolved oxygen in the water and giving off carbon dioxide. At this time of the year oxygen levels should be 100%, however, the current level of dissolved oxygen in the pit at this time less than 60% if this situation goes untreated then as soon as the weather warms and we will see yet more fish deaths, our only saving grace at this time is the amount of fresh water being pumped into the pit. So to clarify the situation, Bird Seed mixes like **“Party Blend” “Red Band” “Red Stripe” “Pigeon Conditioner”** or any other bird seed based mix or ground bait (The ban does not include bird seed Boilies) are banned on all Society waters until such time as this situation is resolved.

Rectory Pool, Bradwell - A number of small carp have been stocked. A few specimens will be introduced.

Pebmarsh - Members have reported the capture of several upper 20lb carp and at least one 30lb.

Oliver’s - A survey of the fish stock was carried out last year and it proved that the stock level was very good. 100 small Tench were stocked.

Bovington Lakes - Continues to be very busy throughout the summer months with Carp and Tench being the main target for most anglers.

Snake Pit - The big common has been caught again this season at a top weight of 47lb plus. Plus some cracking Tench have come to the net.

Houchins - The back lake seems to be recovering well but continues to be monitored. The Total Pellet Ban remains in force.

St Osyth – stocking to date. 200 Bream to 4lb, 150 Carp to 12lb, and 10 Mirror Carp 20lb to 25lb. with more to follow in the coming weeks.

Match Secretary's Report

Preston’s lake has continued to fish well with good weights of bream and two matches being won with over 70lb. The “Teams of Four” Charity Match was very well attended again and £761.20 was raised and split equally between “ST Helena Hospice” and “Motor neuron sufferers”.

With the acquisition of Great Oakley we have had some very good winter matches with good weights of silver fish up to nearly 30lb. The River Stour threw up some good catches in this year’s summer league with a winning weight of nearly 20lb.

Poor Results in the Essex Interclub League this season with CAPS”A” finishing 5th and CAPS “B” finishing 9th out of ten teams.

Angling Times Super Cup This year we have a first round home draw and are taking the two teams to Great Oakley so good luck to all those involved.

It’s always nice to see new faces attend our matches and this year has been no exception with several new faces. So if anyone is interested in fishing any of our club matches please email me or phone me. The matches are there for all members, we never take it too seriously and have a laugh and a bit of banter amongst ourselves and enjoy the day whatever the weather. So why not give it a go

Bailiff Officers Report

We would like to thank all of the bailiffs for their commitment during this year, if you are interested in becoming a bailiff give me a call or talk to the head bailiff on your local CAPS water.

I think we can all say that it has not gone unnoticed that Oliver’s Lake is a very different venue from times gone by. This is solely down to the amount of hours that Justin and Ricky are putting in on our behalf and I would like to say thank you on behalf of the society. These two bailiffs then received an ovation from the members present.

Working Parties

We again have working parties scheduled for the forthcoming season, and this is the only way that our members can upgrade their membership to include Layer Pit.

Members will need to complete four work parties at any society water other than Layer Pit and pay £30 for the upgrade. All layer upgrades had to come through the membership secretary the members were advised that when sending off for their Layer upgrade to include a stamped, self addressed envelope so that you get a speedy reply.

Our Website

As detailed above, our website resides at www.colchesteraps.org and contains a host of information about current venue moods, venue captures and more. When visiting please add you email address and name and sign up to receive electronic information from the club. This will ensure that you will receive up to the minute information regarding the Society. While you are online why not add a picture of your captures so the rest of our members can see it, it also gives us a record of what fish stocks exist within our waters.

Membership Renewal

Just to remind that your club membership expires at midnight on March 31st 2009. Please visit one of our agents to renew, send your card to the Membership Secretary or join online via our online shop. at

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