

Bishop's Stortford and District Angling Society

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Newsletter March 2021

AGM MEETING

This years AGM meeting has been cancelled again due to the restrictions around Covid-19. Most of the club officers and committee members are willing to stand again for the coming season. There are 2 vacancies for new committee members—please apply to The Honorary Secretary for more details. If you would like a copy of the clubs accounts for 2020/21 then please send a SAE to the Honorary Secretary

DIARY DATES

Membership Books

Will be on sale mid May hopefully in the usual tackle shops and at the Malcolm Barker Lake on :-
Sat/Sun 22nd/23rd May
Sat/Sun 29th/30th May
from 10am until 1pm.
We are also hoping to have an on-line facility called “Clubmate” available where you can purchase memberships and Guest/Day tickets using debit/credit cards. Please look for updates on the website—www.bsdas.org.uk

Hall Farm Small Lake

Will close on the **31st March** and open again on the **1st June**.

Fisheries open all year

Hall Farm Large Lake.
Beggars Hall.
The Malcolm Barker Lake.

River Stort (including the backwater)

Closes on the **14th March** and re-opens on the **16th June**.

PRESENTATION EVENING

Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions, this years annual presentation evening will not take place.

HALL FARM LAKES

Small Lake

Again the lake has fished extremely well all year and we have added more Tench this year (8 females & 4 males all around the 1-1.5lb).

A great lake for juniors as the fish are quite obliging but beware there are a few bigger specimens lurking in the depths!

Large Lake

Fortunately we managed to run the British Heart Foundation & Grove Cottage charity matches in the summer - thanks to all who participated. We are hoping to run these matches again this year. Please look at the website for more information on these dates.

Catches on this lake have again exceeded expectations with a new record Carp for the water weighing in at 14lb and match weights exceeding 100lb. Individual catches have also seen a rise with the average fish weighing 3lb+. Perch are also being caught on a regular basis with several being in the 2-3lb range (and 1 or 2 a bit bigger!).

MALCOLM BARKER LAKE

Due to the increase in members this year this venue has proved very popular and from what I can gather almost everybody has caught quality fish. “Two-Tone” the 10lb Bream has been caught several times this year along with lots of Carp in the 10-15lb range with the odd “20lb” being caught.

Tench have continued to show well again with specimens up to 8lb being landed. Crucian Carp were also caught on a regular basis up to 3lb in weight. Some big Pike made appearances this year with a great fish of nearly 20lb being caught in February.

The cormorants continue to dine on our fish but hopefully this situation should improve in the coming months as we will hopefully have a licence to “control” their numbers.

RESTOCKING

Several re-stockings have taken place this year as follows:-
Stort backwater— 1000 Roach, 1000 Dace, 1000 Chub & 1000 Bream (all between 4-6”/10-15cm) were introduced in December 2020—kindly supplied by the EA—also thanks to “Munch Baits” who initiated the stocking through their Charitable work programme.

Several hundred quality roach were transferred into MBL & Beggars Hall during the autumn plus 240+ Tench between 1-1.5lb were stocked into MBL in January 2021.

Beggars Hall – 100 Bream between 8-10” (20-25cm) were stocked using the donation from John Pretious.

BEGGARS HALL

This lake has been absolutely phenomenal this season! The average Carp was in the 7-10lb range with quite a few “doubles” being caught and confirmed reports that a “20” had been landed! Bream to 6lb, Crucians to 3.5lb and Perch to 3lb were also reported.

On a slightly different note, quite a few anglers reported that they had lost their rod and reel due to the strong takes they had (probably from Carp). **PLEASE NOTE**— 1. Do not leave your rods un-attended. 2. Ensure you have either a “baitrunner” reel to let the fish run **OR** have the clutch adjusted so that line will come off (not your rod) **OR** leave the bale arm open.



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EXCHANGE WATER

We will again be continuing with the exchange ticket with Billericay A/C (Straits Mill in Braintree) for the coming season 2021-2022. Anybody wishing to fish this water please contact the Honorary Secretary for further information.

JOHN PREVIOUS—RIP

John passed away on January 1st 2021 and was one of our longest standing members. He regularly took part in club matches and was frequently in the “pay out” places. His wit and humour will be sadly missed.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Due to the influx of new members we are pleased to say that the membership subscription will remain the same as for last year. 2021-22 Memberships costs are :-
Ordinary - £65, Senior - £45, Junior - £10, Guest ticket - £7

COMMITTEE

Steve Foster : Chairman
Robin Merritt : Hon Secretary
Tony Cruci : Match Secretary
Malcom Head : Treasurer
Committee members:
Reg Speller : Don Copping
Dave Fuller : Rob Rostron
John Todd : Rob Rudge
Vacant : Vacant

WORK PARTIES

Every Thursday, all welcome. Thanks to all those who help on the work parties during the year in order to keep the fisheries looking as good as they do.

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Champion Match Angler

Not contested

Over 65 Cup

1st - Terry Moranda

2nd - Fred Hunt

His'n'Hers Cup

1st - Jeff & Sally-Ann Pearson

2nd - Reg & Pam Speller



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