

BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST FEBRUARY 2016



Some of the fish stocked at Windmill Lakes in December

RE-STOCKING

Two years ago the Club's Committee re-negotiated the rents on Windmill Lakes and Parsonage Farm. The owners agreed to accept a reduced rent provided the Club stocked their waters with fish to the value of the reduction. In April and December 2015 the following stockings took place:-

Field & Swan Lakes

Bream	400 fish at 4" to 8" 100lbs of fish over 10"
Tench	200 fish at 8" to 10"
Crucians	100 fish at 6" to 8"
Carp	200lbs of fish over 10"

Parsonage Farm

Bream	400 fish at 4" to 8" 200lbs of fish at 10" plus
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At the same time **Asheldham** was re-stocked with the following:-

Tench	100 fish at 6" to 8"
Crucians	300 fish at 4" to 6"
Bream	100 fish at 6" to 8"

Keys are back

Following three years testing of combination locks it has been decided to return to locks and keys. Your 2016/7 renewal fee will cover the cost of a free key which will automatically be sent out with your membership. Extra keys can be bought for £3.00.



Laundry Lake 2nd November 2015

Just a short session in the fog at dusk I had a nice common of 23lbs 12oz and 30 minutes later a beautiful common of 30lbs 8oz. Nick Kersey



Robin Driscoll, the Club's Gen. Sec now has a radio show called *It's all about fishing in Essex*, the only dedicated fishing radio show in Essex. It can be found at www.phoenixfm.com At present it goes out on a podcast (pre-recorded) but he is hoping for a live slot in the not too distant future. Phoenix98fm and Robin are holding a Charity Fishing Match at Puddledock Farm Fishery (Snake Lake) on Saturday 30th April 2016. Match tickets cost £30 each and the Charities benefitting are Saint Francis Hospice and Essex Air Ambulance. For all bookings and enquiries please contact Robin by email rad@robindriscoll.co.uk or phone 07732 695586.

BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

As General Secretary and under the constitution of the Club I hereby give notice to all members that the 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held at the **Wickford Community Centre, Market Road, Wickford, SS12 0AG** on Wednesday 16th March 2016 commencing at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. President's address.
3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18th March 2015.
4. Chairman's address.
5. General Secretary's report.
6. Treasurer's report and adoption of the accounts for the year ending 31st December 2015 (Copies will be made available at the meeting) plus a Membership report.
7. Junior Secretary's report.
8. Senior Match Secretary's report.
9. Retired and Disabled Match Secretary's Report
10. Ladies/Pairs Match Secretary's Report
11. Presentation of Trophies
12. Resignation of Officers and Management Committee. The President temporarily taking the Chair. Appointment of 2016/17 Officers and Management Committee.

Nominations received and seconded are as follows: -

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

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

Nominations received and seconded are as follows: -

REPRESENTATIVES & ORDINARY MEMBERS

Derek Sweetlove
Geoff. Latham

Calvin Elder
Roy Mills

Ray Nicholls
Dean Mansfield

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

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

1st February 2016

Robin Driscoll

Hon. General Secretary

FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

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

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

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

FISHERS GREEN CONSORTIUM

APPLICATION FOR 2016/17 CARD
Send this form (or Photocopy) with your BDAC renewal, completing the details below:-

NAME

FEE £10

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TOTAL

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For office use only:

FGC No. REC No. ID No.

GUEST DAY PASSES

These will be available online in future on the Club's website or in writing now. They are only available for the Club's freehold waters at **Southminster, Asheldham and Straits Mill, Braintree**. To apply online members will need a printer and a Paypal account.

In Writing

To apply in writing, first phone the Club's Helpline to ensure a guest pass is available for a certain date (during busy times their issue may be restricted.)

Then complete your details on the form opposite (or photocopy) and send to the Membership Dept. Payment can only be made by bank transfer and at least 48 hours before the proposed visit.

Rules:

Limit of one pass per member per day.

Guest passes are only valid from 6am to 10pm (no night fishing.) The pass must taken with the guest on the day.

These passes are non-transferable and non-refundable.

The member must be responsible for the guest adhering to the Club's bylaws and venue's rules.

All guests must be accompanied by the fully paid up member.

GUEST DAY PASS APPLICATION FORM

Member's Name:

Member's Current receipt no:

Guest's Full Name:

Date of Visit:

Venue:

Pass Price: £10.00

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

Signed (Member)

Club's Bank Account Details:

Barclays Bank Plc

Sort Code: 20-37-75

Account No. 90158224

Billericay & District Angling Club.

Quoting Member's name as reference.

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIPS

Put your name on the reverse of your photo and sign your cheque. If you wish to pay by bank transfer remember to use your ID number (See renewal form) as the reference so the Club knows who the money is coming from and don't forget to send in your renewal form and photo. Any new non-fishing member will require another form available from our website or via the Club's helpline. Memberships will be processed in the order they are received but cheques will take up to approx. a week to clear. You have until the **30th April** to renew, any forms received after this date will require the payment of the £10 entry fee as membership will have deemed to have lapsed. If you wish to fish from **1st May** you must ensure that your renewal is received by the Membership Dept by **9th April** to guarantee you will have your card back in time.

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

Memberships are issued only by post.

No photos are required for Associate or Junior members.

Any Junior becoming an Intermediate must fill out their details in the Junior box and include a photo.

Disabled members **must** send the required proof showing current eligibility, any members who don't send this will have their application returned. Please provide either a phone number or preferably an email address to contact you if there are any problems with your renewal and to help the Club keep you up to date with any urgent news.

FISHERY REPORTS

STRAITS MILL, BRAINTREE

Work on removing the sycamores around the site has had to go on hold whilst we work on making some of the swims more fish friendly. Trees that had fallen into the water and rooted are being cut back to just above water level opening up some swims to anglers, but more importantly removing the snagging hazards as much as possible. Several carp have shown in the past month with the best in January of 15 lb+, best this season 26 lb+. The pike are the main target species at the moment, best recently was 21 lb+, with a number of anglers having multiple catches on the day. Our stock pond had an injection of 100 small tench year before last, we will be checking on the size of these and when they are big enough they are destined for the small lake. We have over the past two years removed any pike and carp caught into the big lake for the arrival of these tench and we intend this to be on going. At the time of writing this, February, the river is up and down with all the rain we have had. As the ground is quite wet the rain runs off quickly bringing the river up fast. If you can time your trip so that it is falling you can have a good day, the perch showing themselves first with a few chub of any size but they are there. 28th of April is the Club work party day, this is Easter Monday so that those that have to work for a living, can come along if they wish, (8.30 to 13.00) then you may fish afterwards until about 8pm if you have any energy left. We have lots of painting this year, but come along you may be surprised and enjoy it we may supply burgers but you bring your own beer. We do have a regular Monday Morning work parties, and these will carry on throughout the month we are closed (April), if anyone has a vehicle that we can use to transport materials around the lakes, we do have a very old trailer but nothing suitable to pull it with, so moving bagged material, wooden steps even tools is problematic. This needs to be a 4x4 or mini tractor because of the terrain. Finally I would like to thank those guys, who give up their fishing on almost every Monday / Tuesday, to work to make Straits the best looking fishery on the ticket especially the bailiffs, Chris, Colin, Malcolm and Roger, who receive nothing for their work except thanks and occasional abuse. May you all catch the fish you want in the 2016 season.

07745 454758. **GEOFF LATHAM**

WINDMILL LAKES

Fishing has been generally good this season with plenty of fish being caught on all methods and with the mild weather we've had this winter more anglers have been out on the bank than usual. The landowners removed a lot of the reeds that were threatening to take over the lakes in the summer which resulted in the lakes being left in a sorry state but they've started to recover and look more appealing again.

If you have any questions or just want information about the lakes please feel free to ring me on 07516 522701

COLIN ETHERIDGE

ARMIGERS

It's that time of the year again and it seems to come around quicker every year. We have had another season of large bags of fish at Armigers, whether in competitions or just a few hours down by the lake. I would like to thank Pete and Annie for their hard work as always. Dates for work parties are April 17th and 24th starting about 9-30ish. and any help would be greatly appreciated, new volunteers especially welcome. Just contact me if you have any questions. Best wishes for 2016 – tight lines! 01799 524677 or 07976 635569

PHIL TRUNDLE

HENNY STREET RIVER STOUR

Hello Everyone. Mainly small pike have been caught so far this year but as the season draws to a close the chance of a better specimen increases (personally I think the mild weather has not helped the predator fishing at all). Chub have been more consistent with many fish to just under the 5lbs mark. The usual specialist large baits, mobile approach being the best bet. As this venue is quite a journey for some of our members I cannot stress how important it is to check the EA River level web site before venturing out. (The Lamash metering point gives the most accurate reading for our venue). As with most rivers, I would avoid Henny when it is on the rise but once its falling I would get on it! Hope to see you there.

STEVE HOWELL

SHALFORD PONDS CHURCH PONDS

These ponds are fishing well especially since the farmer removed the tree which had fallen in the back pond. This also freed up another swim. Carp are being caught up to 10 lbs. Lots of rudd, roach

and crucian are also showing. One angler told me he had caught a couple of chub around 3 lbs. My thanks go to Tony the bailiff for his work at the ponds.

ROAD LAKES

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

RIVER PANT

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

DEREK MARRIOTT 01371 850359
Work Parties.

Road Lakes Sunday 17th April 9 am
Church Ponds Sunday 24th April 9 am

BARLEYLANDS

Last summer saw many stunning carp caught by members, with more in the high 20's caught than ever before. With the quality of carp on offer at this venue the number of members fishing Barleylands has risen significantly, with most weekends seeing many swims taken and still busy during mid-week. Members will also be aware of the very mild weather we have had this winter. All of these factors have led both Peter Fox, the Fishery Officer, and myself to believe that Barleylands is being overfished. Peter and I have had to remove two dead carp from the water. Both were in excess of 20lbs, one before last Christmas and one this January. Both deaths appear to have been stress related. The amount of weed and algae bloom is very high for this time of year. With all of these factors taken into account Peter and I have recommended to the Committee that Barleylands fishery closes from Tuesday 1st March 2016 and re-opens on Sunday 1st May 2016. This recommendation was agreed by the committee and therefore the **LAST DAY MEMBERS CAN FISH BARLEYLANDS THIS SEASON WILL BE MONDAY 29TH FEBRUARY**. I know many members will be deeply disappointed by this decision, but I ask all members to understand that this action has not been taken lightly and all of these precautions have been taken to protect the welfare of the carp and indeed the long term future of this fishery. It will also give us the chance to sow grass seed on to some of the banks during this longer than normal closure. I hope to see you at the start of the new season with Barleylands once again in pristine condition. **KEITH COLLARD**

FISHERY REPORTS

WILLOW MERE

Firstly I would like to thank the members who attended the close season work party for their hard work and help. The fishery has been well attended over the last few months. Carp continued to be caught until early January. The best reported carp so far this season was a fish weighing 30lbs. Carp from 18 lbs to 25 lbs have been caught on a regular basis. The best perch reported was one of 3lbs, best bream 4½lbs, lots of roach up to 1lb, F1s up to 3lbs and pike up to 9lbs. This fishery produces its best results early morning and late evening in the Summer months. It is advisable to take a rake if possible as the lake can become quite weedy during the Summer months. Tight Lines.

BRIAN THORPE

HICKS FARM

Hicks Farm is a 1.5 acre lake with comfortable swims that are easily accessed from the adjacent car park. The predominant species at Hicks are carp. Large catches have been made regularly with individual fish reported in excess of 16lbs. There are some good sized roach to about 1lb and a few large perch although these are not often caught. Hicks is a friendly place and we need a couple of bailiffs to help check licences. This could be done when you visit to fish the water. If any member would like to become a bailiff for Hicks then please contact Jim Beaver the Fishery Officer.

JIM BEAVER 07580 022674

THOBY WOOD

I have been the Fishery Officer here for 1 year now and have met some lovely people. The fishing can be a bit slow at times and most of the carp have been caught from mid water in the late afternoon. Bream have been coming out at around 8 to 9 lbs. I myself have had quite a few jack pike. Some tench have been reported to me on many occasions so the waters are quite hard to read at times but with patience it can be rewarding. I have been over to Thoby and many times seen carp on the top but not always feeding. Silvers are not coming out as frequently as many would like.

Looking forward to 2016 season, hope you all enjoy Thoby Wood like I do.

RON COOK

LITTLE EASTON

LAUNDRY LAKE

With another year nearly gone, not much has changed. In the summer months some good carp were caught to 20lb+, but now the cold weather has set in things are slow. Some members have reported to me that carp weighing between 1lb and 4lb are now being caught which means the fry are growing. The swims have become very muddy so care must be taken when returning fish. Would all members please take all their rubbish home and not leave it in the toilet, and please make sure you leave by 10pm. The work parties are on 16th and 23rd April 8.30am start. All are welcome.

RECTORY PONDS

Both the lakes are fishing well, with good bags of fish being reported, carp and silver fish gracing the banks. The main baits I have seen members using are pellets, corn and meat all working well. Many thanks to the people who helped at the work party last year and hope to see you this year.

The work party at Rectory will be on the 30th April 8.30 am start. Tight lines.

STEVE SMITH

DODDS FARM

Many thanks to those members who helped out clearing the swims, I can't name you all but you know who you are and I hope you enjoyed your fishing afterwards.

What a good season for catching specimens! Carp up to 28 lbs plus, tench 9 lbs plus, perch 3 lbs plus and specimen crucians up to 3 lbs. By continuing not to free feed Boilies has kept fish active and clean. Catches have clearly improved.

There is a pair of mink loose. I am told that one has a damaged eye. Several members have reported sightings. Traps have been set.

Regarding the gate lock and the issues surrounding access, I have gone back and forth helping members in and out via land owners lock on numerous occasions. This will be remedied next season. Sorry if I upset any members by carrying out checks.

Please ensure you have your Club ID card on you during entry to the lakes, this is a Club Rule.

MICK JENSEN

PARSONAGE FARM

On the whole this has been another very good year for fishing at the lake. Big bags of tench up to 6lbs have been regularly caught on a variety of baits. Also good numbers of crucians up to 2lbs have been caught. Rudd and roach to over 1lb and also some big perch to 3lb. Some small skimmers were stocked in the lake in February and some of these have been caught and have put on good weight. In December around 500 skimmers between 1 and 2lb were stocked into the lake, this should make it interesting next season, tench or bream? The lake has been really busy again this year and at the time of writing this, my bailiff Keith and I are creating three new swims. A big thanks to him and a few others who are on hand to help out at various times. Finally a big thanks to all who fish in the lake and keep it tidy and a friendly place to spend a day. Contact me for work party dates.

STEVE SWALLOW 07411 988519

SOUTHMINSTER

I would like to thank my bailiffs and other members who have helped over the last year with the work that has been done. A lot of work repairing swims and banks has been carried out but with the amount of rain we have had since the work was done it has left the banks very soft so take care when near the edges of the pits. The fishing has been good with carp to 20lbs bream to 6lbs 8oz perch to 3lbs 4oz roach and rudd to 1lb 8oz. Hope to see you on the banks in the coming weeks. Work party 3rd April 2016. Call me for further dates. **BILL BROOM**

RIVER RODING

The Roding has been at good levels all winter with good bags of perch to worm at Shonks Mill Road Bridge and chub to 5 pounds 10 ounces at the big pool just downstream. I repaired and replaced the platform on the big pool with scaffolding poles and timber but its average 8 foot deep only one metre out. I am in the process on making a platform 100 yards up at Irons swim to give more access for winter river levels. Members have reported good dace, roach and chub here. Andy Banham has been getting good perch from the upper reach at Passingford Bridge on legered worm.

JOHN LESURF

RIVER WID Due to lack of rain, the river was low and difficult to fish all summer and into autumn. By New Year the rain arrived and levels rose. The fishing picked up with some good roach and dace showing to maggot feeder. Link ledger, or free lined worm (or bread/cheese paste) picks up chub and the odd perch. The bigger chub seem to show when light levels are low and there is some colour in the water. Some members report brown trout being caught from the bottom most field. If any member wishes to join me in a pre-season work party (on the weekend of 11/12 June) please text me your details. **PETER YATES**

RETIRED & DISABLED SECTION

The year started at Southminster, with rain and high winds. The winner was Lenny Goulding with 84lbs. Next match was at Bicknacre where we arrived to find overnighting carp anglers. **Can all members please look at your Handbooks** as you could be having a good day's fishing and then have to leave. The winner was Steve Foster with 15lbs 2ozs. Next to Parsonage Farm which was won by Brian Thorpe with 35lbs of tench. On to Hicks Farm where we always seem to get decent weights as did Lenny Goulding with 132lbs. Shalford always seems to get a few good results but not this year, top weight was Nigel Warwick with 31lbs 4ozs. Good to see the fallen tree had been taken out. Next to Straits Mill where the bream are beginning to show, Derek Howard was top gun with 18lbs. Now Thoby Wood, a beautiful fishery, but we don't seem to get the weights, although Paul Mortimer did with 27lbs 1ozs. Paul won again at Bicknacre with 19lbs. My old favorite is Southminster with always good weights, top was Steve Foster with 84lbs 4ozs. Back to Shalford and the top weight went to Calvin Elder with 27lbs 4ozs. The next 2 matches were home and away to Bishops Stortford. First match at Rectory Ponds won by Billericay 124pts to 86 and second at Beggars Hall Fishery also won by Billericay 116.5 to 93.5. Since I have been running the group we have not lost a challenge match, so keep up the good fishing boys. Next the 2-day festival at Rectory Ponds. Day one winner was Ray Nicholls with 96lbs. Day two winner was Tony Read with 88lbs, but the winner on points over the two days was Bert Blackwood. Hicks Farm: the winner again was Lenny Goulding (got to watch this guy, I think he has some kind of secret). On to Straits Mill, and the small lake is fishing well, Fred Barnes won with 33lbs. Parsonage Farm let us down this time, not a lot caught but Colin Sinclair won with 17lbs 8ozs. Next Maldon Canal, what can I say, I think there are fish in it but they don't show. The winner was Fred Barnes with 6lbs 14ozs. More good weights at Hicks Farm, the winner Shaun Mahoney with 60lbs. River Blackwater at Straits had a good flow this year so a few more caught. Top weight was Steve Foster with 9lbs 10ozs. Southminster: the winners were Ray Nicholls and Shaun Mahoney with 50lbs 8ozs each. If anyone fishes out a top 3 from pit 3 it more than likely mine. And last but not least Armigers, the Christmas Match won by Nigel Warwick with 166lbs 4ozs. A special thank you to Bert Blackwood who put in £500 to the Christmas fund and I put in £200 so hope you all enjoyed your Christmas and New Year . P.S. Many thanks to Bert Blackwood and Paul Mortimer for helping me out through the year and thanks to all the members who turn out as it is you that makes this such a good group, see you all next year. **Ray Nicholls**

Final League Positions

Name	Points	Name	Weight
1 C Sinclair	442	1 E Sugden	867-3-0
2 S Foster	424.5	2 C Sinclair	816-6-0
3 E Sugden	422	3 L Goulding	803-7-0
4 C Elder	399.5	4 B Blackwood	692-7-0
4 B Blackwood	399.5	5 S Foster	686-1-0
6 F Groves	386	6 F Groves	604-8-8
7 P Jones	383.5	7 S Mahoney	570-4-8
8 R Nicholls	374.5	8 M Salmon	557-1-0
9 M Salmon	373.5	9 P Mortimer	526-13-8
10 P Mortimer	370.5	10 T Batterbee	510-12-0

LADIES & MIXED PAIRS SECTION

LADIES - HICKS FARM

1. Kathy 81lbs 12oz

2. Debbie O'Flynn 57lbs 1oz

3. Sheila Wilson 12lbs 9oz

MIXED PAIRS - JACKLETTS FARM

1. Kathy & Nick 28lbs 2 oz

2. Debbie & Kevin 23lbs 9oz

3. Sheila & Derek 19lbs 4oz

LADIES - SOUTHMINSTER

1. Mandy Burrige 113 lbs 12oz

2. Kathy 18lbs 3oz

MIXED PAIRS - RECTORY POND

1. Kathy & Nick 71lbs 8oz

2. Debbie & Kevin 30lbs 14 oz

3. Mandy & Ralph 21lbs 12 oz

MIXED PAIRS - ARMIGERS

1. Kathy & Nick 681lbs

2. Debbie & Kevin 679lbs 5oz

LADIES - WINDMILL LAKES

1. Kathy 17lbs 6oz

2. Debbie 3lbs 7oz

MIXED PAIRS - ARMIGERS

1. Kathy & Nick 604lbs

2. Debbie & Kevin 538lbs 5oz

For full reports and photos, see BDAC website

Nick Mitchell & Kathy Chisnall

2015 SURVEY RESULTS

Firstly thanks to all those members who took the trouble to complete the survey on the back of last year's renewal form. The results were very interesting and have been analysed carefully. We received a lot of positive comments from members who were happy with the Club and its waters. On the survey you voted for your top three favourite waters and the results for the top five are as follows:-

1st Choice 1. Southminster 2. Windmill Lakes 3. Hicks Farm 4. Laundry Lake 5. Armigers

2nd Choice 1. Windmill 2. Armigers 3. Jackletts 4. Southminster 5. Dodds

3rd Choice 1 Windmill & Armigers Joint 3. Southminster 4. Straits Mill 5. Dodds

The most popular rivers were the Roding, the Pant and then the Stour.

IDEAS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

1. Night Fishing. Members asked for more night fishing on the waters. However the BDAC waters that currently have no night fishing is because the riparian owners have made this a condition of our lease. This is always under review when we renew our leases but is not often agreed to. The exception to this is Straits Mill where no night fishing is allowed due to the closeness of our neighbours.
2. More river fishing. There are a limited number of rivers in Essex and the vast majority of stretches are controlled by other clubs. Some have been approached in the past but were not interested in sharing their waters. To overcome this, three years ago, BDAC joined the Fishers Green Consortium. Members have the chance for a small fee to access the Old River Lea and Relief Channel. It is well worth those members who enjoy river fishing to take up this offer which has been popular and the Club has sold its allocation out each year.
3. Many members indicated that they preferred carp-free waters. We would point out that we have an excellent venue at Parsonage Farm (recently stocked with bream). Well worth a visit.
4. More large carp waters. BDAC has always positioned itself as a family orientated, mixed fishery club and has not specialised in any species. There are reasonably large carp in most of our waters. The Club would not be able to purchase a large carp water and to keep its fees at the same level.
5. There were lots of problems with the combination locks and the Committee took these on board and as a result will revert back to locks and keys for the coming season.
6. Fish stocking. Members asked for more variety of fish to be stocked. We are looking into barbel but some of the other species suggested were alien species and would require special licences to stock. This may not be possible in a lot of the Club's venues as they have outlets to running water and this is not permissible. The Club spent nearly £9000 on restocking Club waters this season.
7. Rubbish - Bins have been requested but last time the Club provided these members were actually bringing rubbish from home. They also needed emptying (not what our Fishery Officers signed up for) but the main problem was they encouraged rats and other vermin. **Take your litter home.**

Armigers

There were a lot of comments about Armigers. When the Club re-negotiated the lease in December 2012, it agreed to pay a very high rent on the proviso that the riparian owner carried out major work to the spillway and a walkway further up the stream at the north end of the lakes.. To date despite several reminders none of this work has been done. There were also comments about the over stocking of fish at the venue. These fish do not belong to the Club and are believed to be suffering from a parasite called Chinese tapeworm which is common in that area. This means no fish can be removed or indeed any new fish introduced. Our present lease expires at the end of March 2017 and the Club may not pay a very high rent for a water with so many problems.

Southminster

Pit 2 contains an invasive weed which the EA has said can only be removed by draining the pit and drying out and removing the weed. The Club doesn't have the resources to carry this work out at present.

However the Club has spent over £30,000 in 2015 at Southminster on swim improvements and reed and weed clearance together with raising the banks on Pits 4 & 5 which have been flooded in recent winters. A lot of these problems have been caused by the change in water levels here since the abandonment of the adjacent gravel workings. Members have suggested that pits 4 and 5 be joined into one larger pit, however this is not possible because of the different water levels in each pit. The Committee is always looking at improving our freehold waters but this is always dependent on income.

2015 SURVEY RESULTS CONTINUED
IDEAS FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS.

Hicks Farm

A lot of members asked if the parking at the lower level could be extended. BDAC have previously asked the riparian owner if this was possible. His answer was that yes this could be done but the Club would have to pay for all the work to be done **but** then he proposed to ask a higher rent for the water in future. The Committee felt that this was unreasonable but will look at this again in the future. At present this water is leased on an annual licence and the Committee feels that if this work goes ahead it would require a longer lease period.

Laundry Lake

Members wanted night fishing or longer hours at this venue. Again these restrictions are imposed by the riparian owner but the Committee will look at bringing them up again when re-negotiating the lease.

Asheldham

We are again going to look at the state of the bank and paths around the lake. These are a major problem with this particular venue as it was an old sand and gravel pit and the banks are constantly being undermined. The Club did install plastic piling but the banks are still being washed away. To rectify this could be extremely expensive.

MATCH SECTION

<u>Season 2015</u>			<u>FINAL POSITIONS</u>		
<i>Pos</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Pos</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Weight</i>
1	Mick Brown	548	1	Paul Mortimer	2338.625
2	Tony Eustace	519	2	Mick Brown	2331.6
3	Dean Mansfield	440	3	Tony Eustace	2219
4	Jamie Byford	434	4	Robin Driscoll	1742.19
5	Ray Strutt	421	5	Ray Strutt	1584.7
6	Shaun Mahoney	407	6	D Jarvis	1391.25
7	Alan Walton	405	7	Chris Ward	1381.063
8	Vic Allum	369	8	Dean Mansfield	1315.9375
9	Ray Ankin	355	9	Vic Allum	1239.3
10	Chris Ward	352	10	Alan Walton	1232.63

REMEMBER ALWAYS TO TAKE YOUR HANDBOOK WHEN FISHING BDAC WATERS

Armigers doesn't just hold carp, it holds some nice rudd and roach too. Dave Flynn

Southminster: fishing pit 8 and another member fishing pit 3. Temperature was 3 degrees rising to 10 degrees midday. One of 3 bream to 3.12 and roach and rudd to 12 ounces. John Le Surf

