

BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST

FEBRUARY 2023

Barleylands



On the 8th January the Club took delivery of 15 fast growing C4 Mirror Carp for Barleylands Fishery.

Please note from 1st May 2023 the fishery rules for Barleylands are changing to "Members may enter the fishery at 6 am and must have left the fishery by 6pm. A night fishing permit is required to fish or enter this venue between 6 pm and 6 am."



Nice common carp caught in January 2023 by returning member Dave Johnson on Laundry Lake. Well Done



Straits Mill, Braintree
Luke McCann with his beautiful tench caught on Sunday 22nd August

Distribution of charity pot.

The Club's Committee decided on the beneficiaries at the end of 2022, and they are as follows-

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	534.50
PTSD 999(post traumatic stress disorder)	500.00
Hopefield Animal Sanctuary	250.00
Grapevine Essex (Adult learning difficulties)	250.00

Thanks to all Club members who contributed this money through matches and private donations.

Letters have been received from all the charities thanking the

SENIOR MATCH SECRETARY

Jamie Byford has decided to stand down from this role and we thank him for his past efforts.

Nigel Warwick has offered to take over the position, ably assisted by Clive Gliddon and plans to run matches on our waters only for 2023/24.

He can be contacted by email at nigelwarwick@msn.com.

BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nevendon Centre, 21 Nevendon Road, Wickford. SS12 0LN on Wednesday 15th March 2023 commencing at 8.00pm.

IMPORTANT—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL **NO MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE SENT OUT UNTIL 24th MARCH**

The Club asks any member who can do so pays through Internet Banking (using their surname and ID number as the reference). Priority will be given to these payments as cheques will take up to at least 5 working days to clear.

Any new non-fishing member will need to contact the Club's Helpline.

NIGHT FISHING: The new night fishing tickets for Barleylands and Laundry are to be limited for the 2023/24 season and will be issued on a FIRST PAY first served basis (with priority given to internet banking payments) and to 2022/23 renewing members only. When these are sold out it will be posted on the website where members should check before applying.

Memberships will be processed in the order they are received. You have until **30th April** to renew after that a £12 entry fee will be charged as your membership will have deemed to have elapsed. If you wish to fish from **1st May** you must ensure that your renewal form is received by the membership dept. by **8th April** to guarantee your membership card will be back in time.

Memberships are only issued by post. No photos are required for Associates or Juniors.

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

TURNFORD CONSORTIUM

Following last year's trial of membership of the above, it has been decided not to offer these tickets to members this year.

The reasons for this decision are as follows.

Bad communication from the consortium which meant they didn't tell the Club the gate combination was incorrect and they also closed the venue on two occasions again without informing the Club. This meant our members arriving at the venue couldn't get in.

Secondly they are insisting the Club take a minimum number of tickets, more than we can sell, and therefore would be a loss to the Club.

The Committee understands that the fishing was not great but apparently they do intend to restock with silver fish on some of the lakes. The Club will keep up to date with any developments and if we feel this is something we can again offer members we will inform members.

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

The Club has again agreed with BSDAS for a water share arrangement where BSDAS members will be able to fish our water at Straits Mill, Braintree (both lakes and river), and our members will be able to fish their water "**Malcolm Barker Lake**" and a short stretch of the River Stort. Full details of these fisheries including directions can be viewed on www.bsdas.org.uk.

This will be on a strictly first come first served basis and successful applicants will receive a BSDAS card in May and will be valid from 1st June. The BSDAS card will show the gate padlock combination for Malcolm Barker Lake for the 12 month period together with their club rules and directions

Only the following classes of members of this Club will be eligible: Ordinary, OAP, Disabled and Intermediate.

BISHOPS STORTFORD & DAS

APPLICATION FOR WATER SHARE CARD

Complete this form (or photocopy) and return with your renewal form together with a stamped addressed envelope - **C5 size. (If there is no correct sized envelope included, the application will be rejected).**

Cards will be sent out during May 2023.

Name.....

I.D. no.....

For office use only

MATCH SECTION

Retired and Disabled

It has been a good year overall. We had 26 matches and had a average turn out of 17; well done you guys. Once again I am not going to talk you through all the matches as it would take ages, but I think everyone enjoyed the year.

We also had another match at Puddledock for the Malcolm Salmon Memorial Trophy; Ray Nicholls won with over 30lbs of Carp.

Overall league points winner is Dave Sykes, well done Dave.

I would like to give many thanks to all the guys who have supported me over the year, you are a great bunch of guys and it's a pleasure to be along side of you. Special thanks to Bert Blackwood who helps with pegging etc, Paul Mortimer and a special thank you to Clive Gliddon who helps on the day and sorts out the points each match. Hope you all have a great New Year and I will see you all in March.

Ray Nicholls Match Secretary

Ret. & Dis. League : Points & Aggregate Weight Results 2022

1	David Sykes	560	1	Paul Mortimer	1439.06
2	Paul Mortimer	520	2	David Sykes	1013.38
3	Derek Howard	490	3	Shaun Mahoney	831.44
4	Ray Nicholls	479	4	Derek Howard	812.88
5	Shaun Mahoney	436	5	Ray Nicholls	737.88
6	David Fackerell	427	6	Steve Foster	642.50
7	George Rivers	420	7	Bert Blackwood	598.25
8	Clive Gliddon	418	8	David Fackerell	472.06
9	Len Rivers	412	9	Clive Gliddon	469.56

Senior Points & Weight League Final Positions 2022

1	Jamie Byford	438	1	Paul Mortimer	997.125
2	Ray Strutt	437	2	Jamie Byford	667.6875
3	Ray Ankin	432	3	Ray Ankin	663.625
4	Chris Ward	431	4	Chris Ward	649
5	Keith Ward	388	5	Ray Strutt	622.925
6	Paul Mortimer	367	6	Peter Bicknell	587.3125
7	Peter Bicknell	329	7	David Sykes	473.5
8	Nigel Warwick	310	8	Keith Furze	406.25
9	David Fox	287	9	Keith Ward	406



2022 JUNIOR CHAMPION



For the end of the season, every Junior received individual prizes plus each received a fishing rod and reel and for winning the Championship, Riley also received a full-size Carp Cradle and his Championship baseball cap.

All of the prizes for the juniors were generously donated by members of BDAC, the committee and MH Fishing Tackle of Wickford which are always gratefully received.

2022 Junior Championship

After such a wonderful season with various winners throughout and some really great weights from all of our Junior members with after nine matches some close results, which just shows you that it is not over until the last whistle. Our new 2022/23 Junior Champion – Riley Joy, well done.

Riley Joy	250lb 14oz
Marley Darch	248lb 4oz
Jasmine Wilkinson	232lb 9oz
Ronnie Darch	187lb 13oz
Fraya Dakin	167lb 2oz
Harry Moore	156lb 6oz
Hannah Dakin	142lb 6oz

End of Season Report

We have had a wonderful season with some really interesting and sometimes difficult matches, but it has meant that we have yet again had to wait until the final match to get the end of season results, as follows:-

Ladies Matches

1	Kathy	164lbs 12 ozs
2	Alison	90lbs 7ozs
3	Wendy	78lbs 3ozs
4	Madge	33lbs 9ozs

Mixed Pairs Matches

1	Alison & Martin	193lbs
2	Kathy & Nick	168lbs 10ozs
3	Wendy & Alan	110lbs 9ozs
4	Madge & Jason	11lbs 3ozs

WORKS CARRIED OUT IN 2022

- ASHELDHAM:** Further piling and backfilling, costing £36432.
STRAITS MILL: Removal of 14 leylandii trees behind toilets, and replacing them with 30 laurels, costing a total of £6520.
SOUTHMINSTER: Supply and installation of a new aeration system, costing £5784.
Storm damaged leylandii removed and damaged fence replaced, a total of £8075.
Cladding of container, costing £2928.
WINDMILL LAKES: Removal of storm damaged trees, costing £3875.
WILLOW MERE: Removal of fallen trees, costing £2175.
FISH STOCKINGS: 1000 rudd into Thoby Wood, £500. 25 carp into Straits Mill, £2000.

The stocking of 15 double-figure carp into Barleylands has already taken place, and stockings of silver fish

WILLOW MERE, WRITTLE

The Club's Committee has given notice to end our lease of the fishing rights on this water, and the last date members will be able to fish there will be 31st March 2023. The main reason for this decision is that, although this water had a healthy head of carp when we took it over, with fish to over 30lbs reported, otter predation has probably reduced this number to under 10, with deaths occurring regularly. The Newland Brook runs beside the fishery, and is an ultimate tributary of the Chelmer system, where otters are multiplying. This has resulted in a very reducing number of members fishing there, and this is further affected by the lack of winter parking near the water in view of the regular flooding of the Brook over the adjacent field. The savings due to this decision will be at least £5000 p.a., and will help limit the increase in subscription rates to under inflation.

DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The Club's Committee has decided to hold a trial on Barleylands and Laundry Lake of clipping membership cards. Where a bailiff finds a member breaking Club rules they will clip their photo card. Anyone who is found with three clips will be subject to the Club's disciplinary process which could lead to a ban. This brings the Club into line with other clubs.



Dodds Farm
Braved the storm and managed to land a few fish, 3 tench with this one being the biggest at 6lb! Then waited out till the very end during packing up and managed to land a low 20 common.



Junior Match - Windmill Lakes - September 2022

Jasmine Wilkinson with her 9lb 13oz carp, part of her winning catch of 12lb 4 oz.

HANDBOOK 2023/24

There have been a number of changes to Barleylands fishing times also changes of Fishery Officers. Members should make

Straits Mill Braintree
The Club bought 4 tonnes of SILTEX to be put into Straits Mill fishery. Siltex is a soluble chalk which stimulates the aquatic food chain and helps to increase biodiversity and dissipate unwanted organic matter like silt. This is to improve water quality on the fishery and cost around £1200.00.