

BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST FEBRUARY 2024

IMPORTANT CHANGES

The role of Membership Secretary has become very time consuming and if our present Secretary ever wishes to resign it is not likely the Club can find anyone else to take on this position. Another factor has been the poor postal service in 2023 which looks to get even worse and very expensive. This has happened to many other clubs and some have even had to close. The Committee has decided that in order to ensure the continuation of the Club it has to change the membership process. It has therefore been decided to change to an online system using the Clubmate program. Clubmate is approved by the Anglers Trust and has signed up over 300 fishing clubs and commercial fisheries.

To renew your membership.

Our data has been transferred to the Clubmate data base. Renewals will be available on **Saturday 2nd March at 9.00am** To help members a video help will be posted on the membership page.

1. To renew you need to go to our website bdac.co.uk and on the membership page click on the Members Renewal button. To access your data you will need to sign in with the email address the Club holds for you. This can be found on the address page we used to send this newsletter to you. If the email address is incorrect or you have not previously provided one you will need to email the Club on bdacmembers@gmail.com before renewing so we can update your profile.
2. Once you have entered your email that the Club holds click continue. You will then be asked to verify your account by the email containing a one time password sent by Clubmate to your email address, enter this and click continue. You then need to tick Terms and Conditions and the privacy policy. Next you will be asked for your contact preferences, please tick newsletter and work parties options so the Club can send you information.
3. You'll now be asked to create a new password, ensure the two passwords match and click on change password. You will then see the "Renew" notification in the middle of the screen and if you click on this button it will show you the membership options available to you.
4. Click on the appropriate option, including night tickets and FGC, this will provide details of the membership and click on Select Membership. Check your personal details and make sure the information is correct, make any changes if needed and you will be asked to upload a photo. While we love seeing photos of the fish you have caught and your family we do require a **full face photo of yourself**. This is important as the Club has arranged for photo ID cards to be sent to members and you will not receive your card if you do not upload a photo.
5. Check your details are correct before continuing and save. Next you can choose any add-ons i.e bait boat.
6. The last action is to make the payment which will be by credit or debit card only. Click on Add card and enter your card details securely before clicking on Save card. Confirm your membership and click pay. This completes the purchase and you will receive a email confirming your membership. Your ID photo card will follow within 14 days.

To add Juniors or Associate members.

Under Clubmate Juniors and Associates have their own membership and will **need to provide photos**. To help members a video help will be posted on the membership page.

1. Log into your profile and click on the option "Click to edit your profile".
2. Then click on "Add another member" and add their name.

Renewals

Members will have up to 30th April to renew their membership. Failure to renew by this date will mean that your membership will have lapsed and you will need to join as a new member.

Gate Entry

The Club will be changing to combination locks from 1st May 2024. The new combinations will be found on the back of your photo ID membership card. The combination will change during the year but that new combination will also be on your card.

Dodds Farm
5th August

Junior match
won by
Jasmine
Wilkinson
with



BILLERICAY & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The 2024 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Nevendon Centre, 21 Nevendon Road, Wickford. SS12 0LN on Wednesday 20th March 2024 commencing at 8.00pm.

President

Following the death of the Club's previous president, Trevor Chamberlain, the Committee approached Derek Howard to take on this role and we are pleased to say he has accepted. Derek has been a member of the Club since 1970 and has undertaken several roles including Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor and has been the Club's Treasurer since 1983. He is also the longest serving trustee of the Club. We wish him well in his new position.

The Club will no longer be producing a printed Handbook. All our maps for our venues have been updated and can be found on your Clubmate account.

The Match Calendar will be posted on the Club's website **bdac.co.uk**.

Rules and bylaws will also be found on your Clubmate account.

This will also be the last printed newsletter due to high postage costs.

Don't forget to click the newsletter option when renewing as the Club will be sending out regular reports.

2024/5 FEES

The Committee has looked at the new fees for the new season.

They have tried to keep the increases to a minimum but like everyone else the Club has experienced rises in rents, toilet hire, insurance and maintenance work. Some fees remain unchanged.

Ordinary	£106
OAP/ Disabled	£90
Intermediate	£54
Junior	£24
Associate	£35
Non Fishing	£15
Night ticket Barleylands	£150
Night ticket Laundry Lake	£120
Bait Boat for B/lands/Laundry	£25

NIGHT TICKETS

These will again be limited to avoid overcrowding and will be on a first come basis.

By-law Change

There have been a number of instances of carp caught at Barleylands trailing hooks and line of low breaking strain. It has therefore been decided by the Committee to bring in a rule that **only at Barleylands** members must use a minimum of 12lb breaking strain line to protect our valuable fish stock. This new rule will apply from the beginning of the new season on 1st May.

VACANCIES

The Club is looking for Fishery Officers for Hicks Farm and the River Wid. Anyone interested please contact the Chairman, Keith Collard on keithcollard19@gmail.com for more information

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 together with a stamped addressed envelope (**C5 size**) to BDAC PO Box 2046, Wickford. SS12 9YW.

Cards will be sent out during May/June 2024.

Name.....

For office use only
BS&DAS no.

MATCH SECTION

Retired and Disabled

It has been a good year overall. We had 24 matches and had an average turn out of 16; 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. Overall league points winner is Brian Webber, well done Brian.

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

Ret. & Dis. League : Points & Aggregate Weight Results 2023

1	Brian Webber	549	1	Paul Mortimer	1036.19
2	Derek Howard	528	2	Brian Webber	1029.13
3	Paul Mortimer	517	3	Dave Sykes	717.00
4	Dave Fackerell	483	4	Derek Howard	700.25
5	Ray Nicholls	458	5	Ray Nicholls	434.00
6	Clive Gliddon	426	6	Steve Ewin	408.13
7	Dave Fox	422	7	Dave Fackerell	395.13
8	Dave Sykes	421	8	George Rivers	390.13
9	George Rivers	419	9	Colin Sinclair	352.00

Senior Points & Weight League Final Positions 2023

1	Paul Mortimer	609	1	Paul Mortimer	428.0625
2	Dave Edwards	590	2	Ray Ankin	329.0625
3	Ray Ankin	582	3	Dave Sykes	289.125
4	Ray Strutt	579	4	Ray Strutt	278.8
5	Nigel Warwick	573	5	Dave Edwards	255.75
6	Clive Gliddon	550	6	Nigel Warwick	227.75
7	Dave Fox	539	7	Clive Gliddon	207.625
8	Geoff Eves	429	8	Dave Fox	164.125
9	Dave Sykes	414	9	Keith Furze	152
10	Keith Hiam	189	10	Geoff Eves	134.75

With an unprecedented eight wins it is Paul Mortimer who has won the Senior Championship for 2023. Congratulations to him on an excellent season. A couple of venues were difficult to fish, as a consequence been removed from the fixtures for the coming season. A core of 9 were the mainstay of the section with 3 or 4 other members rounding of the numbers for most matches. I thank Clive Gliddon for his valuable contribution to the running of the matches. Also thanks go to the Fishery Officers from Parsonage (Steve), Straits Mill (Colin) and Southminster (Dave) for their contribution and help to me personally in making the matches at these venues the best experience for all concerned. I hope that you winter well and



2023 JUNIOR CHAMPION

Well done to

Jasmine
Wilkinson

2023 Junior Championship

The combination of all of the matches for the season meant again the end result was close.

However Jasmine Wilkinson was crowned as the 2023 Junior Champion.

The full results of the year are:-

Jasmine Wilkinson	339lb 13oz
Riley Joy	248lb 4oz
Marley Darch	222lb 9oz
Hannah Dakin	203lb 1oz
Guy Sinclair	121lb 0oz
Ronnie Darch	13lb 12oz

End of Season Report

Another season completed and the results for this season as follows:-

Ladies Matches

1	Kathy	250lbs	5 ozs
2	Alison	77lbs	3ozs
3	Wendy	27lbs	1ozs

Mixed Pairs Matches

1	Kathy & Nick	290lbs	11ozs
2	Alison & Martin	249lbs	5ozs
3	Wendy & Alan	192lbs	12ozs



All the guys and girls on the charity carp match at Laundry Lake last year.
Dates for this year's matches are:-
27th/28th April
14th/15th Sept.
Both are 30 hour

The Match Calendar will now be posted on the web site under the Match Section.

To book matches contact the Match Secretaries.

Senior Matches	Nigel Warwick	nigelwarwick@msn.com
Ret'd & disabled	Ray Nicholls	raynicholls44@gmail.com 07801 398374
Ladies/Pairs		
Matches	Nick Mitchell	07970 606558 nickmitchell138@aol.com
Junior Matches	Nick Mitchell	07970 606558

WORKS CARRIED OUT IN 2023

<u>STRAITS MILL:</u>	Trees removed due to storm damage	£3470.
	Stocking of 26 carp	£2100.
	Otter fence around the stock pond.	£1270
<u>SOUTHMINSTER:</u>	Trees removed due to storm damage	£12634.
	Rebuilding of swims on Pit 6	£4850
<u>FISH STOCKINGS:</u>	Crucian carp into Parsonage Farm	£1000 (Our Share with owner)
	Restocking of carp in Barleylands	£2550 (final figure)
	Two new John Deere sit on mowers	£6535

Last Spring some fish spawn was taken from the large lake at Straits Mill Braintree and transferred to the stock pond.

This produced hundreds of small carp which have grown very fast and have benefitted by regular feeding by the Straits Mill team.

As the stock pond is outside our main otter fence it was decided to build a separate fence around the pond to protect the young fish.

It is planned to get these fish health checked and with the appropriate permits they can be moved

One of the 26 carp stocked into the large lake at



Club Clothing

The Club has teamed up with Clubmate to provide high quality merchandise personalized with the Club's logo. To access the shop use this link clubmateshop.co.uk. You will also be able to access this when you renew your membership online. The Club will receive a small

Improvement of swims at Southminster.

As we had recently had to close several swims on pit 6 due to disrepair and erosion, we have now employed a local contractor to carry out a series of swim renovations. The work on Pit 6 was completed in January and work has now been started on Pit 3 at 5 swims, and it is planned to make safety improvements to some swims on Pit 1 shortly.

CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS 2023

The following money was collected from:-

Donations from Club members	£145
Senior Matches	£180
Retired & disabled Matches	£156
Carp Matches at Laundry Lake	£895

Total £1376

The Committee decided to distribute this money as follows:

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£500
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Charity	£500
Hopefield Animal Sanctuary	£376

We have received letters of thanks from all 3 organisations.