

Billingshurst Angling Society



Welcome to the latest newsletter from B.A.S. We, the committee, are very proud of this club and are being very proactive in taking it forward. Just some of the improvements made this season are as follows:

- Members toilet installed at Shillinglee
- Car Park re-done and greatly improved at Shillinglee
- 150 Tench stocked into Shillinglee
- Fishing rights for members negotiated at Weirwood Reservoir (more on that below)
- Canal at Newbridge stocked with silverfish and bank clearance undertaken to make it more accessible for members to fish

We are also continuing to make improvement to your fishing, future projects include, further stocking of fish to be introduced to Alfold lakes in the near future and reed cutting to be done at Jubilee Fields to open up more water to fish.

The committee are always looking out for new waters for our members to enjoy and will continue to pursue any options, our exchange ticket systems also opens up a lot of places for our members to fish at no extra cost.

We encourage our members to contact the committee with any suggestions for improvement; this is your club so please come forward with any suggestions, either in person or by the contact email addresses on the website.

Also, the club has a thriving and very friendly match scene, all members are welcome, why not try to win one of the many trophies the club has available, please contact Pete Stockwood at pstockwood@sky.com for further information

SHILLINGLEE



This beautiful and challenging water attracts a good mix of both specimen and pleasure anglers, the Bream provide excellent sport to those that target them. All catch reports have been very few and far between this year, I would encourage all members to report any notable catches from any of our waters to secretary@billingshurstas.co.uk so the

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AGM

Wednesday 28th.
March 2018
7.30 pm

Jubilee Fields Pavilion,
Billingshurst.

Licensed bar and
Refreshments

BAS welcomes all members
and newcomers to its AGM.

Do come along and meet your
committee. It is also an
occasion to make your opinion
heard.

WORK PARTY DATES

9.00am Start

15th April 2018 – Shillinglee

6th May 2018 - Shillinglee

committee can gauge how well our venues are fishing and plan any needed fish stockings.

The beautiful Carp in Shillinglee have brought pleasure to the lucky few, and frustration to many more, both mirrors and commons have been caught to over 30lbs this past season. The stocking of Italian strain mirror carp in the lake have already started to pack on weight in their new home and will become as sought after as the originals.

We have work party dates booked, we aim to replace the fence and improve security on the wooded bank, this work is dependent on the members help, last year's work parties at Shillinglee were very well attended and I hope that it will be the same this year, the club own this lake so we all have a duty to look after it, which brings me on to litter, there is no excuse for littering and we have a zero tolerance policy, if you are caught you will be banned, if you arrive at a swim with litter then report it to the secretary of bailiff immediately, it goes without saying that if you find it please clear it up, whether it is yours or not, this goes for all of our waters please.

ALFOLD

This lovely little venue has thrown up some specimen carp to the upper 20lbs mark, the pleasure fishing is also very good with some great mixed bags of fish being reported. These lakes have a lot of potential that the club is very keen to explore, again please report catches as this helps us to monitor the standard of the fishing. There is some fantastic wildlife to be seen at this venue proving how lucky we are as anglers to be able to witness some amazing sights of nature that would never be seen from the comfort of an armchair at home. I am very keen to hear if anyone has caught either of the two Grass Carp seen swimming around the middle lake. The Perch fishing at this venue has massive potential, with no Pike in the lakes, Perch are the apex predator and it is conditions like this which allows them to thrive, I have heard of 3lb+ Perch being caught but would love to hear of larger specimens, also has anyone had any notable Roach from these lakes?



JUBILEE FISHING LAKE (disabled friendly)

Fantastic and popular little water that keeps throwing up surprises, the Tench are coming on very nicely and the carp, that aren't even supposed to be in there, have come out this season at over 20lbs! Great fun can be had down here with light tackle and a mobile or just enjoying a day pleasure fishing to see just how many different species you can tempt.



THE ARUN

Catch reports from our various stretches of this amazing river have again been scarce, the few that I have had include Chub to just under 4lbs (Lee Place), Carp to over 20lbs (Rowner) and Pike to 20lbs+ (Wonderful Bridge). Light, mobile and quiet will reap the rewards and there is the added bonus of being out in the beautiful Sussex countryside.

THE WEY AND ARUN CANAL, NEWBRIDGE

B.A.S. has recently invested a lot of time and effort into opening up this stretch of water as a new fishery for the members to enjoy. Major works have been completed on the overgrown banks and a large amount silverfish have been added to the water to supplement the existing stocks of fish already present. Any members who fish this water are encouraged to report any catches to the committee



WEIRWOOD RESERVOIR

B.A.S. members are able to fish about a mile of bank on this huge expanse of water at no extra cost (boat hire will involve an extra charge payable on the day), simply produce your membership book at the café/shop upon arrival. Weirwood holds an amazing mixture of fish to suit all, from the renowned carp fishing (look up Carl & Alex on YouTube) to the specimen predator fishing for Pike, Perch and Eels. For the pleasure angler, the Roach and Bream fishing is simply superb, please check the Weirwood website for further details and permitted fishing areas.

<https://www.weirwoodcarpandcoarsefishery.com/>

Tight lines, send me your catch reports and keep our beautiful waters litter free.