

**CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE**

Unfortunately, poaching has been a problem at Datchet and a member's car was broken into. Make sure that your vehicle is fully locked and that nothing worth stealing is visible from outside. At Crabtree Lake security has been tightened up and it is no longer possible to park on the road by the entrance. The gate has been considerably reinforced and our landlord, Elmbridge Model Club, is organising a working party to plant thorn bushes all the way along the roadside fence line. Although this will take a few years to become an effective hedge, it will be virtually impenetrable when fully grown. Details of the working party are below. Any member who suspects poaching at Crabtree Lake, and at other venues, should immediately call the police on "999" and tell the operator that a crime is in progress.

Wearing my Hon. Membership Secretary's hat, I am pleased to report that on 22 October 2016 we had 532 members, which is approximately where we were at this time last year. Our online payment method is being used increasingly, but we are still having problems with people trying to join as full members when they are not signed-up to CSSC Sports & Leisure. Again, I would urge any full members, who are not linked CSSC members, to let me have their names if they are willing to sponsor applicants who wish to join CSSC. You get £10 for each one you sponsor, up to a maximum of three applicants. It is a likely condition of the leases for Ellis Water and Hambridge, which hopefully will be concluded soon, that 50% of the Society's membership are full members, and we will need to maintain this ratio.

I hope to see you at the Fur n' Feather event, details of which are to be found below. Furthermore, I wish everyone a very happy Festive Season and tight lines in the coming months.

*Grant Milliam*

Hon. Chairman & Membership Secretary

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**FUR N' FEATHER & CHRISTMAS SIDES MATCH, 11 DECEMBER 2015**

This will be held at Windsor Racecourse and once again Tony Paul has kindly agreed to organise it. The draw will be at 08:00 hours. Entry will be strictly limited to those who have previously booked with Tony [01932 563094, [tonythefish1@aol.com](mailto:tonythefish1@aol.com)]. **Please book your place with Tony by 5 December 2016 at the latest. If you have not contacted Tony by**

**this date, you will not be able to fish in the match.** The winner will receive the Reg Dance Memorial Cup, and as before every participant will receive a prize. The meal and prize giving will be held in the Duke of Edinburgh pub in Windsor Forest. The address of the pub is: The Duke of Edinburgh, Woodside Road, Windsor Forest, SL4 2DP. The entry fee for the match, including the meal afterwards and a prize for every entrant, will be £15. The menu is as follows.

- Roast turkey & stuffing, roast potatoes, parsnips & seasonable vegetables
- Roast beef & Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, parsnips & seasonable vegetables
- Hearty steak & ale pie, French fries & garden vegetables
- Fresh haddock in beer batter, French fries & garden vegetables
- Lasagne verde & mixed salad
- Chilli con carne & rice

Please make cheques payable to Tony Paul, and place your food order with him when you book.

### **DATCHET GATE INCIDENT**

Ian Campbell, our Fishery Officer, received a complaint from Nigel Berryman, the farmer at Datchet, that when a member was leaving at about 2200 hours the automatic gates failed to open for him and he knocked on one of the cottage doors for assistance. The resident, an elderly lady, in her dressing gown, offered to help him. He went ahead, and when she arrived the gates had opened and he had driven off without a word of thanks or an apology. Not only did this bad behavior bring the Society into disrepute, there was a clear breach of the fishery rules which state that on no account should members drive down the farm lane later than one hour after sunset, which at that time of the year was about 2000 hours. As night fishing at Datchet was allowed subject to the driving curfew, it is possible that further breaches of the rule could result in night fishing being prohibited again. If the gates fail to open for you, it is because you are too close. Back off, approach again and stop a bit further away!

### **WINDSOR, NEW GATE & COMBINATION NUMBER**

It was reported that a recently a small group of travellers got into the Racecourse. While there is no suggestion that this was because one of our members left the gates open, a reminder is needed that gates should always be left as they were found. **The Racecourse management plans to install some new gates to improve security. These will incorporate an overhead lockable barrier for vehicles higher than 6ft 6in for which**

**the combination number will be 18660.**

### **NUMBER OF RODS ALLOWED**

Members are reminded that, apart from Ellis Water and Sheepwalk, where special rules apply, no more than two rods are allowed.

### **CRABTREE LAKE, KOI HERPES VIRUS DISEASE [KHV] RISK**

KHV disease has been confirmed at Thorpe Lea Fishery which is very close to Crabtree Lake. Defra has advised the Society to take precautions against the possible introduction of the disease to Crabtree Lake, and elsewhere. Cefas carried out experiments that showed that anglers' nets can be involved in the transmission of KHV disease and that drying and exposure of nets to sunlight can substantially reduce the risk of transferring the virus to other waters. **Accordingly, until further notice, no landing net, keep net, weighing sling, other net, net container, e.g., a "stink bag", or unhooking mat may be taken to Crabtree Lake, or any other fishery, unless it is absolutely bone dry and preferably has been exposed to sunlight. Net containers should be turned inside out to facilitate drying. Findings of dead or sick-looking carp, especially if their gills look pale or rotten, must be reported without delay to the Fish Health Inspectorate on 01305 206700 [fhi@cefas.co.uk] and to Ian Campbell on 0771 6116164 [[cmpfranc@aol.com](mailto:cmpfranc@aol.com)].**

### **CRABTREE LAKE, FISHERY MANAGER WANTED**

A fishery manager is urgently required for Crabtree Lake. If you are prepared to take on this responsibility, please get in touch with Ian Campbell on 0771 6116164 [[cmpfranc@aol.com](mailto:cmpfranc@aol.com)].

### **CRABTREE LAKE, WORKING PARTY**

There will be a working party at Crabtree Lake, on Sunday, 27 November 2016, to plant thorn bushes. Elmbridge Model Club will be supplying bacon sandwiches, mulled wine and beers to participants. More information can be obtained from Ian Campbell on 0771 6116164 [[cmpfranc@aol.com](mailto:cmpfranc@aol.com)].

### **WEBSITE**

The Society has a member's-only website which includes the latest news, photo gallery, a copy of the latest Newsletter, details of our forum, Angling Trust postings, AGM minutes,

details of working party venues and dates. The key component of any good web site is the content and you can help by providing pictures and reports. This can be done by emailing your pictures and/or reports of catches to Graham Sigley [[graham.sigley@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.sigley@btinternet.com)]. Alternatively, you can post a topic on the CSAS Forum.

The main website address is [www.civilserviceas.org.uk](http://www.civilserviceas.org.uk) and the members'- only web site address is [www.memberlogin.civilserviceas.org.uk](http://www.memberlogin.civilserviceas.org.uk) which can be accessed by using the username: **member123** and password: **jumbo747**. If you have the time please click onto our website and have a look and hopefully contribute.

The forum address is [www.civilservas.freeforums.org](http://www.civilservas.freeforums.org) which you can visit at any time. If you want to contribute, you will need to register by going to the aforementioned address and clicking on register, fill in your details on the registration page using your proper name or membership number as a username. There is no need to sign up for anything else. Tick the terms and conditions box and complete the spam protection box. You will then be able to exchange information about your catches and see what's hot and what's not. If you have difficulty signing on to the forum please contact Graham on [graham.sigley@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.sigley@btinternet.com)

With the lifting of the publicity ban we are more relaxed about the reporting of catches and would appreciate any photos. It does not have to be an enormous monster, just something that you would be proud to display on the website. Email to [graham.sigley@btinternet.com](mailto:graham.sigley@btinternet.com)

Finally, regarding emails, when you renew your subscription please fill in the relevant box with your email address, taking care to use the lower or higher case where appropriate. If you have already renewed, please send a sample email to our Hon Membership Secretary, Grant Milliam, [[grant\\_milliam@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:grant_milliam@blueyonder.co.uk)].

## **HAMBRIDGE, NEWBURY AA's CHRISTMAS MATCH**

Please note that with the exception of the stretch below The Stakes, Hambridge is out of bounds from dawn to dusk on 11 December 2016 because it is being used by Newbury AA for its Christmas Match.

## **COMPETITION RESULTS**

### **S. King/J. Speer Memorial Trophy**

#### **Round 1, 31 May 2016, Crabtree Lake**

Cancelled due to lack of competitors.

**Round 2, 7 June 2016, Crabtree Lake**

1. T. Gyngell, 11lb 1oz; 2. K. James, 7lb; 3. T. Paul, 4lb 13oz.

**Round 3, 21 June 2016, Windsor**

1. D. Steele, 12lb 4oz; 2. A. Boutell, 9lb 15 oz; 3. T. Gyngell, 7lb 10oz.

**Round 4, 28 June 2016, Windsor**

1. T. Gyngell, 6lb 7oz; 2. T. Paul, 3lb 8oz; 3. P Seymour, 1lb 7oz.

**Round 5, 5 July 2016, Crabtree**

1. T. Paul, 18lb 2oz, 2. T. Gyngell, 14lb 8oz; 3. J Merry, 5lb 15oz.

**Round 6, 12 July 2016, Windsor**

1. A. Boutell, 15lb 13oz; 2. T. Paul, 2lb 14 oz.

**Round 7, 19 July 2016, East Whitley**

1. T. Gyngell, 4lb 13 oz; 2. T. Paul, 4lb 12 oz.

**Round 8, 26 July 2016, Windsor**

1. A. Boutell, 22lb 3oz; 2. T. Gyngell, 8lb 11oz .

**Winner, T.Gyngell 52 points**

**Robbins Trophy, 26 June 2016, Hambridge**

Cancelled due to lack of competitors

**Night Match, 9/10 July 2016, Windsor**

1. D. Barnard, 82lb 8oz; 2. P. Avery, 19lb 11oz; 3. B. Cushing, 14lb 13oz.

**Inter-club match v. Reed Thatcham AA, 7 August 2016, Hambridge [canal section]**

[CSAS] 1. J. Fisher, 7lb 2oz; 2. T. Paul, 5lb 11oz; [RTAA] 1. T. Cummings, 5lb 7oz. RTAA beat CSAS by 1lb 2oz.

**Inter-club match with Old Windsor AA, 21 August 2016, Hambridge**

Cancelled due to the sudden death of the OW Match Secretary.

**Hurcomb Trophy, 18 September 2016, Windsor**

1. J. Nash, 26lb 2oz; 2. A. Boutell, 17lb 2oz; 3. T. Gyngell, 12lb.

**Guthrie Trophy, 9 October 2016, Woolhampton**

Cancelled due to lack of competitors.