

The Flydressers Guild Sussex Branch



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Alan Middleton

Alan Middleton has decided to retire from the Club after many years of service. Alan has confirmed that he will still be hosting the Salmon Fly Tying event in the new year and will occasionally visit us on Thursdays. You never know but we may see Alan attending one of our fishing competitions. We wish Alan best wishes for the future.

Club Membership

We have a very good membership of 50 plus members, but we would like to see more of

you on a Thursday evening. Phillip Ellis, Jim Harris and John Plowman regularly attend as instructors but are all concerned about the low numbers of regular attendees. Where are you all? I appreciate that work and family commitments cause you to miss fly tying evenings, but are there other issues. Is the location of our Club meetings of concern to you? Are we tying the flies you want to tie? Your feedback is essential in the success of running the club, so let's hear what you have to say.

I have sent in the list of dates for the 2022/23 season to the Hall Committee which are yet to be confirmed as they are expecting to have to increase the hire charge for the hall due to the rising electricity and gas charges. So if the location is an issue now is a good time to let us know.

We also require a new Chairperson and Treasurer so if anyone would like to put their hand up to take on one of these roles please let me know.

Lakedown Larruping.

Sadly our first inter-club competition of the season ended in resounding defeat at the hands of Ouse Valley Sussex Fly Fishers. Admittedly they did have 12 fishing to our 10 but their 61lb 14oz to our 44lb 4oz was a substantial margin. It could have been worse as Tony Godden generously "returned" a dead trout from his bass bag to the water and of course he didn't get the micky taken at all! Our results are shown below:

| | No of Fish | Bag Weight | Best Fish |
|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Andy Wood | 4 | 10lb 8oz | 5lb |
| Dave Painter | 3 | 6lb 4oz | 2lb 4oz |
| Steve Mustchin | 3 | 4lb 4oz | 2lb 8oz |
| Keith Verral | 3 | 6lb 6oz | 2lb 4oz |
| Alan Wells | 2 | 5lb | 2lb 8oz |
| Sam Wells | 2 | 4lb 2oz | 2lb 1 oz |
| Tony Woolnough | 1 | | 4lb 4oz |
| John Plowman | 1 | | 3lb 12oz |
| Tony Ryan | 0 | | |
| Tim Glass | 0 | | |

To be honest though the bright sunshine was pleasant , that and a quite blustery NE wind did not make for ideal fishing conditions and both sides did well to winkle out the fish they had. It was quite tricky to pick tactics on the day with some catching on Damsels or Cats fished deep on floaters , others bagging up on Boobies and one getting 4 on Diawl Bachs. For my part I just couldn't get fish to hang on – losing 3 in the pm that I should have had and I know others found takes difficult to recognise at times. John Plowman lost probably the best fish of the day which took him down to the backing before spitting the hook. Nevertheless people seemed to enjoy the day and it was good to see familiar faces out on the bank again ,as the clubs share quite a few members. Lakedown also did us proud with sole use of the fishery allowing space for a relaxed feel to the fishing and some generous prizes of a 3 fish voucher to Andy for his best bag / fish and a 2 fish voucher to Tony Godden of OVFS as runner up on best bag. (don't throw them back next time Tony!) Thanks to Des for helping to organise and let's hope we can repeat the fixture next year.

AW 26/4/22

George went fishing, but he had not caught one fish. On the way back home, he stopped at a supermarket.

“I want to buy three trout,” he said to the assistant. “But instead of putting them in a bag, throw them to me.” “Why should I do that?” the assistant asked. “So I can tell everyone that I caught three fish!” George said.

Ardingly Shows

We are now only a few weeks away from the Ardingly South of England Show at which we have

a stand. In order that we can plan cover for the event , can we have some volunteers for staffing the show and setting the Gazebo up, if you are available to assist please contact me. The dates are as follows:-

Wednesday 8th June Collect the Gazebo and tables etc and take to Ardingly ShowGround. Set up Gazebo and tables etc
(Thursday to set up if bad weather on Wednesday or bits missing)

We need 4 people for this , one on each corner

Friday 10th June show day 3 people required

Saturday 11th June show day 3 people required

Sunday 12th June show day and pack away. 3 people required

I am not looking for the same people every day but some continuity is useful . You do not need to be expert tiers but able to talk to the public about the FDG.

Bring along some flies , materials and some tying (not very small)

Please contact me on tonykaatze@aol.com or phone 01273 834026 or 07742 181185 and I will put you on the list and arrange passes.

Kind Regards
Tony Kaatze

Moorhen Trout Fishery Update **We have sunshine!**

Moorhen is fishing well and the water is clear and weed-free, too! It is a beautiful time of year to fish and enjoy the surroundings. We have baby Mallards and baby Coots on the lake with many birds nesting. Our bees have survived the winter, so hopefully, lots of honey will follow.

The ever-popular Blue Flash Damsel is still the favourite fly. Buzzers, Cat Whiskers and even dry flies, when the weather is kind, work too.

We are doing all we can to maintain our prices during these challenging times, as we know it is important to you. Please check our website for dates and details on future competitions or closures (thanks also to all our returning clubs), and do not forget that we do open at the weekend for groups of ten or more on four fish tickets. You get exclusive use of the lake and the facilities for the day and bacon rolls for lunch or breakfast. It's proving to be well-liked by groups of friends or clubs.

Please do not ever hesitate to make suggestions on how we can improve things, and thank you to our visitors who have taken the time to award Moorhen 5-star reviews on Google, as it makes a massive difference to how we feel.

Filleting & Hot Smoking Trout - Friday 29th June

From now on, we will carry out talks and demonstrations on subjects that we hope you will find interesting. There will be no cost, but we do ask that you fish on the same day

Filming at Moorhen – Monday 16th May

If you don't want to feature in a promotional video, please avoid this day for fishing! However, if you do.....

Why did Batman and Robin quit going fishing together?

Because Robin ate all the worms!

We are short a boat partner for this event for Howie. I know this is late notice but if there is anyone who would like to fish, please get in touch with Alan Wells asap. Things can be left to the day itself if there is a difficulty committing till late.