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Do Not Forget to renew your Fishing License

Just a reminder that some of you
may need to renew your fishing
license.

Latest Round of the Brick Farm Winter League February 2023.

I have been having good results with my Blood
Worm in various colours – Dark Red, Orange,
& Yellow.

Everyone was pulling lures and catching.
Some finishing on the second peg, but I
thought I would carry on with the Blood
Worm. Using slow figure of eight retrieve, pulling a
lure is not my favourite. I know it catches but I
would stick to my plan. Anyway on peg three I
caught a Rainbow 3lb 12oz. On peg four I
caught another of 2lb 2oz. By now most people
were back in the Lodge, only two of us on
Spring Lake. There were fish of 5lb and 6lb
weighed in, but I still kept on with the Blood
Worm, but by now I was having second
thoughts. By now and on the last peg I had a
little pull and a fish was on. Just a 2lb stockie I
thought. Then it came to the surface and this
was no 2lb fish. It suddenly woke up to the fact
it was hooked and tore off on one of several
long runs.



Well it was netted eventually and weighed 6lb 5oz. It was the biggest fish of the day, which gave me second place and the pool money. Blood Worms rule.

Peter Winder

Chalk Springs Fishery, Arundel Report by Phillip Ellis



12lb lb Rainbow

Chalk springs has perhaps been on the back burner for many of us and you may not be aware of the changes that have taken place since the lease was handed over to Dan Christian and his father four years ago. There are now separate male and female toilets, small tackle shop, mainly selling Snowbee products. The lodge is now more comfortable has tea and coffee making facilities but otherwise very much the same.

The fish are grown from fingerlings on site are now back to where it was with fish usually over 3lbs and doubles quite common and look at the quality in the photo, fully finned. The fishery is well run with a few changes, a fence alongside the fish farm as you walk down to the lakes. The water is still gin clear making it a stalking fishery.

Cost of a two fish ticket is now £40, 3 fish ticket £50 and a 4 fish ticket £60 and with ever rising feed costs, need I say more! If you wish to fish, they prefer making a prior booking over the phone or online so that they can anticipate numbers for stocking and you can

avoid corporate days. If you go along, you will be greeted by Dan, Callum or Graham who all help run the fishery who will be helpful and cheery. The fishery no longer stays open until dusk, possibly no later than 6pm at height of summer with a Thursday late night. From observation an early morning start is best from 8am. My only tip regarding what flies to use is have different colours, even of the same pattern and make sure weighted to get to where fish are. Dry flies do work and our Tony Harrison is an expert on using dries at the fishery.

It is possible to get tuition or guiding with Steve Batten or myself as backup, booking through fishery.

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Books Galore

Phillip Ellis has a huge collection of books left by Alan Chamberlain for sale on a first come basis.

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Another Carp on the Fly venue

Looking ahead to next season and Albury Estates have some very exciting news! They will be changing Mill House lake at Weston to a **fly fishing for carp lake.**

This will be available as a stand alone day ticket but will also be included as part of the season membership package. It is hoped that this will give anglers an option of good sport during the difficult summer months and also affords a catch and release option. To fish for

carp anglers must adhere to a strict set of rules shown below.

Only anglers in possession of a carp day ticket or relevant season membership may fish for carp.

Fly fishing is the only permitted method of fishing.

All carp caught must be carefully returned to the water.

Only barbless flies maximum size 8 may be used. No other bait is permitted.

A minimum leader strength of 8 lb must be used.

Anglers must have a suitably large landing net with Knotless mesh

Anglers must use an unhooking mat (available to purchase in lodge), carp must not come into contact with the ground.

Anglers may feed a small amount of floating pellet which must be purchased from the lodge

Maximum of 8 anglers on the lake at any one time.

All anglers must dip their landing net before and after their session in the disinfectant tub.

Anglers must sign in and out of the catch return book and record any carp caught.

Duncton Mill - Changing Times

I had an interesting talk with Dan Young the manager at Duncton about their philosophy on club/corporate events at the fishery. As you may know Duncton offer the buying of a quota of fish to be decided upon before the actual event. How the visiting club administers the sharing of that quota was then their affair. This decision was prompted by past experience and present economics. Too often in the past a club would say that they would bring say 20 of their members to a venue with the aim of acquiring a discount on normal ticket prices. However, on the day a far lower number would turn up, expecting the same discount, with the venue often having closed it's waters to other users and stocked heavily with fish to

ensure good sport. With fish food prices having risen by 63% in the last year this is not a business model that can be supported with margins so low. Also at a venue which offers supposedly exclusive membership benefits, the offering of heavily discounted rates to non-members can induce resentment amongst those regular members.

So this clarifies the position and I must say Dan's arguments have some merit in my view. As far as membership prices go it is down to the market as to whether they have pitched it right but certainly there seemed to be a solid level of uptake at their recent "Opening Weekend", though I know of quite a few past members who will not be returning. You pays your money.....

Alan Wells

Another Reminder

There are only 2 more Thursday meetings, the 6th and the 13th April. Meetings to resume in September 2023.

Carp on the Fly

Carp on the Fly 17th June at Spring Barn Fishery, Kingston, Lewes. More details to follow.

SFDG vs Ouse Valley Fly Fishers

A competition between SFDG vs Ouse Valley Fly Fishers to be held on the 30th April. We need at least 10 fishing to secure discounted prices and great prizes. AW to advise full details soon.

