

The Flydressers Guild Sussex Branch



Newsletter

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Reel Fair by Phillip Ellis

I recently took myself off to the Fishing Fair at Romsey one Sunday in April just to have a look and see if it is a way of getting rid of some of my tackle before I am forced to stop fishing. Held at the Community School in the sports hall, full of tables. Each table had reels with additional boxes in front, so there must have been well of 1000 reels in the hall. There were some quality reels amongst them including Hardy and a lot of Mitchell 300's. Also, many old reels that could start one off

collecting. Why the need to bring so many reels by each seller is beyond me. Most of the rods were either Coarse or Sea but a number of cane fly rods. Coch-y- Bonddu books were there selling books with the newly published book "the Klink" by Hans Van Klinken. Surprisingly they were quite a few boxes of flies on offer that seemed to sell quite well. Did not see any fly-tying material of any consequence. I think it well worth going to if only once just to see how it works but without our auctions it may be a way of disposing of your tackle. Being an established show, it was well attended. The next is in October. I will inform the date in the newsletter nearer the time, now I am on the mailing list.

Fishing in France

Hi, Terry Tullett here, long term member of the Guild prior to our move to Normandie. Had a good day on the river the other day fishing with a dry fly, which I think is a Dun imitation, but not sure. Would anyone be able to identify it?



Just to say I have access to all rivers in France for a one of payment of around £90, the cost of my licence. I'm also a member of the "Truite chauchois" a small, local group of fly fisherman with our own, stocked lake for winter fishing. Tomato cost for the 6 months is £27. Tad cheaper than in the UK
Cheers, Terry.

Moorhen Trout Fishery update

Just to let you know that Moorhen Trout Fishery is back up for sale due to a change in our buyer's circumstances. However, we are still open as normal with a fully stocked lake that is fishing really well. We have also received new stock for the shop and have taken great care to keep our prices very competitive.

If you're interested, we are currently taking bookings for our May Competition, and there is a reserve list available for our Easter Monday one, which is already full. Please let us know if you'd like us to reserve a space for you.

In the meantime, if anyone has a piggy bank to raid and is interested in buying our business, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Renewal of your Fishing Licence

A reminder to all that your Fishing Licence may be due for renewal. This can be easily done online on the Environmental Agency web site – <https://www.gov.uk/government>.

Dates for next seasons meetings

For the 2024/25 season of The Sussex Branch of the Fly Tyers Guild The tying evenings the dates are as follows:

September 2024 5 & 19

October 2024 3 & 17

November 2024 7 & 21

December 2024 5 & 19

January 2025 2 & 16

February 2025 6 & 20

March 2025 6 & 20

April 2025 3

Please put them on your calendars and in your diaries.

Lakedown Lashing

I'm afraid it was 3 wins in a row for Ouse Valley at Lakedown on Saturday. A cold start didn't deter 22 anglers, a great turnout which allowed us sole use of the fishery. Despite the clear water many of our chaps couldn't seem to find the fish whereas OVSF boys were doing well. It does pay to move around the fishery here but you can then sometimes find a pod which pays dividends. By lunchtime the weather had mildened and a pleasant lunch break & banter accompanied by some Lakedown ale was had, with myself and a few others having bagged up in the morning. Sadly the afternoon saw us struggle to get more fish whilst Ouse Valley went on to catch plenty. So they swept the match, best bag, best fish and smallest fish prizes, which included some fishing vouchers kindly donated by Jamie at Lakedown. To cap it all it started raining at 3.00 but despite this I think people enjoyed their day.

SFDG	No of fish	Bag weight lb Oz	Best fish
A.Wells	4	7 0	2 2
J. Pursglove	3	5 0	2
S. Mustchin	2	5 12	3 0
B.Black	1	3 4	3 4
P.Winder	1	1 4	
A.Middleton	1	1 8	
A.Wood	1	1 8	
H.Dodsley	1	1 8	
J.Ploman	0		
A.Neave	0		
A.Woolnough	0		
Total Weight	22 12		

OVSF	No of fish	Bag Weight lb oz	Best Fish
Lee Holden	4	10 2	4 8
Tony Godden	4	10 0	4 2
David Little	4	9 2	
Mike Hirsh	4	8 0	Smallest fish
Des Watson	4	7 2	
John Lindley	4	7 0	
Martin Nock	4	6 8	
David Holmes	2	5.0	
Kay Holden	0		
Steve Armitage	0		
Bob Woodhouse	0		
Total Weight	62 14		

Frank Darrah Pairs boat competition Thurs 16th May at Bewl

Hot on the heels of the Lakedown comp I need to sort out entries for the above competition. As the attachment says this is a 3 way "outing" but having listened to peoples views on Saturday I have emailed EDFFC and said we would prefer wherever possible to have our members sharing boats.

So I need to have commitments asap and I think by May 10th at the latest so I can let Bewl know of our boat requirements- this should include the Wheely boat should you feel you need access to that.

If you have a preferred boat partner please let me know when you email me **but each individual should let me know they are entering and have paid** and as usual make Bill aware of your payment if doing a bank transfer.

The price is the same as last year & very competitive considering todays usual small water costs and reflects a commitment by Bewl to encourage fly fishing.

Hope to hear from you soon

Regards

Alan Wells

NB. IF YOU DECIDE TO USE ELECTRONIC BANK TRANSFER THE DETAILS ARE BELOW BUT PLEASE INFORM THE ORGANISER OF THE EVENT AND BILL BLACK (TREASURER bblack47@outlook.com) THAT THE PAYMENT HAS BEEN SENT USING EMAIL & MAKE IT CLEAR WHICH EVENT YOU ARE PAYING FOR

PAYING BY BANK TRANSFER:

Account name: Fly Dressers Guild

Sussex Branch

Sort Number: 30-99-50

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Thurs 16th May 2024 – Frank Darrah Trophy - Branch Pairs Boat Competition & Match V Eastbourne and District Fly Fishers & OVFSF Boat Competition – Bewl Water

Cost £45 - which includes boat hire, 4 fish ticket and then C & R.

This is a 3-way event but the main focus is our club boat competition the Frank Darrah Pairs. We start at 9.00 am but as you know you need to be there well in advance to set up your boat and weigh in will be at 4.30 pm- weather permitting.

If you have a definite boat partner please let me know, if not I will try to pair people taking account of any physical needs and trying to match people with different levels of experience.

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Please make cheques payable to "FDG Sussex Branch" and send by May 10th to:

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