

Stewart's Great Day

Stewart Allum had a tremendous day on the Avon and netted a salmon that broke his scales at 32 lbs. Not only that it also virtually destroyed his landing net and we understand he has now bought a bigger one!! Stewart was on his own and after photographing the fish, he safely returned it to the river.



Branch Fishery 2010 Report



The Fishery had another excellent year in 2010. In November 2010 the three smaller lakes were netted to remove coarse fish. We expect that the removal of the coarse fish, and a substantial number of crayfish, will reduce competition for food sources, reduce the availability of silver fish as food for the trout and improve the fishing for the future. We were also able to get a good count of the trout in the lakes and to confirm their good condition and healthiness. After 3 very successful years of running the fishery Derek Bargh has decided to retire as organiser. His careful and prudent management has left the fishery in an excellent financial position. After all his hard work it was felt that no one person could replace him so he has been replaced by a committee of 6 people; John Butler, Mike Bryne, Christian Marryat, Chas Metcalfe, Tony Prosser & Bob Thomas.

The new committee intends to take some steps to improve everyone's enjoyment of the fishery while ensuring it remains on a stable financial footing. Among these steps it is intended to stock some brown trout again and to stock a few "specimen" rainbow trout bigger than the usual stockies.

MEMBERSHIP

Existing members of the Fishery **MUST** notify the committee by 7 January 2011 if they intend to resign from the fishery.

The new committee has carefully considered the costs of membership for 2011 and have decided that the following will be the levels:

Full rod – (maximum 2 fish to be taken in any 7 day period) - £340 (reduced to £290 if paid by 31 January 2011 or within one month of being accepted as a member)

Double rod – (maximum 4 fish to be taken in any 7 day period) - £600 (reduced to £550 if paid before 31 January 2010 or within one month of being accepted as a member)

Country rod – (4 fish in any 28 day period) - £170



Applications to John Butler, Ikoyi, Rickman Hill Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3LD. jgb_uk2002@yahoo.com

The Committee are also going to permit catch and release on all lakes in 2011 as an experiment to allow everyone to enjoy their fishing without necessarily filling their freezer with trout!! Full details will be in the new Fishery Rules for 2011.

The committee will welcome new applications for membership of the fishery for 2011 and all Branch members are encouraged to use this facility

Everyone is invited to submit pictures or articles for our Newsletter. Please send them to me; John Dumbrell, Riverholme, The Towpath, Shepperton, TW17 9LL john@dumbrell.org.uk



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The Salmon & Trout Association, Surrey Branch Annual Newsletter January 2011

This year has seen an innovation in that every 3 months or so we have published an electronic newsletter that has gone out to all our members on email. One result of this is that the annual "paper" newsletter is a compilation of the "e" ones issued throughout 2010.

Our first 3 evenings at Tyrrells Wood were a little down in numbers which was disappointing but the quality of the talks was excellent. Pat & Sue had some spectacular pictures of their exploits in the Americas and with Peter Cockwill we all learned some fascinating details of the Grayling. Peter also had some beautiful pictures. Our March talk was by the Thames Rivers Restoration Trust and they are doing a lot of work to improve the quality of the Thames and its tributaries.



April 7th saw eight of us fishing at Ashmere on a very pleasant evening. Again we were short in numbers but made up for it in quality as two of the fish caught weighed 8lb 4oz and 6 lb 10oz respectively. Our pictures show some of the activity that evening. Finally, Jean and Keith Howman provided an excellent supper.



What a Summer!

Following our cold and wet spring, we have now had some scorching weeks which has left those of us who fish the lakes with disappointing catches. We visited Dunton Mill on the 5th May expecting a good evening rise with good weather instead we had a muggy and cloudy evening and the catches were correspondingly light although the seven of us enjoyed the magnificent spring fed lakes and were made most welcome with tea, coffee and a lovely cake. When most of us left only two fish had been caught but one or two hardy souls fished on and were rewarded later in the evening. The fishery were kind enough to give us some vouchers to return at a later date which many of us did.



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Salmon & Trout Association, Surrey Branch held at Tyrrells Wood Golf Club, Leatherhead, on Thursday 18th November 2010.

John Dumbrell on behalf of the Committee welcomed all Members and guests to the Annual General Meeting of the Branch. He apologised for not sending out an Agenda but the meeting had been announced in the programme and his 3rd news letter. He had not received any new nominations for office.

1. Apologies for Absence

12 apologies for absence were received. There were 23 Members present from the Branch total of 456

2. Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the 2009 AGM were accepted unanimously and were duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters Arising—None.

4. Chairman's Report

John Dumbrell presented his report on the Branch's activities over the past year, taking the opportunity to say a few words about the events that have been organised for members, the health of the Branch and some thoughts about the future. He mentioned the fall off in attendance at Branch events and asked everyone to publicise them and bring a guest if possible.

On the Flanchford Fishery, the Chairman paid tribute to Derek Bargh and welcomed the new committee that was taking over from Derek. He thanked Derek for his three years of hard work and this was echoed by the meeting. He also thanked The Branch Organisers and the whole committee and members for their hard work on Juniors' Day and at the Edenbridge Show. He then emphasised the need for the Branch to save money and explained that from now on members with email addresses would receive all their communications by email but the Branch would continue to send paper versions to those without email. This would save the Branch about £300 per year.

John Butler then made a presentation on the future of the Branch Fishery and Derek Bargh summed up the year there.

5. Financial Report

The financial report was presented by Dr. Ken Brown, the accounts having been distributed to those present. He also presented the accounts for the Flanchford Fishery. Both were accepted by those present. He also mentioned that economies had to be made if the Branch was to remain in a healthy financial state. Derek Bargh explained the large balance in the Fishery account had been built up over the years and was there to provide cover if the fishery had to close as otherwise any costs arising would have to be met by the Branch.

6. Election of Chairman

John Dumbrell was proposed by Derek Bargh and seconded by Jack Straw and re-elected unanimously. He thanked the meeting for electing him but stated that he wished to retire from the post and would look for someone to shadow him in 2011 with a view to taking over in 2012.

7. Election of other Officers and the Branch Committee.

There being no other candidates, the existing officers and committee were re-elected with the addition of Trevor Coxon as a second Branch Organiser. The Officers and Committee are Ken Brown, Treasurer: Jean Dumbrell, Membership Secretary, Secretary vacant: Branch Organisers, Steve Fisher, Trevor Coxon, Committee Members - Stewart Allum, Mark Ruggles, John Butler, Derek Bargh, Jack Straw, and Terry Gould. The representative of Fishing For Fun remains as Dr Ken Brown. Chris Reeves has stood down from the Committee.

12. Honorary Independent Examiner.

Bob Meier confirmed his willingness to continue and was re-elected unanimously

14. Any Other Business

The Chairman outlined the programme for the coming year and also proposed that the Branch visit the Weir Wood fishery and that the October meeting be a members evening. Both these suggestions were well received. There were no other items raised from the floor and the Chairman closed the meeting with many thanks to those attending.

OTHER EVENTS OF THE EVENING.

Bob Morgan left £1500 to the S&TA, Surrey Branch, the interest from which was to pay for an outing for a member each year, decided on by raffle at the AGM. Recently the income hasn't been enough for this but this year John Dumbrell offered a day on Ashmere Lakes as his guest and this was won by Peter Webber. The raffle for the rod donated by Greys was drawn and the winner was Maurice Bryan – ticket no 57 and the second prize of a book on Fly Fishing by Sadie Kennedy – ticket no 24..

After the interval, we were fortunate to have Paul Knight the CEO of the S&TA who gave a most interesting talk on the progress and future aims of the Association. The talk was most appreciated by the members.

Juniors' Day at Albury 19th September

Early on the Sunday morning, just after 9 o'clock, the instructors and their helpers arrived at Vale End and started to assemble the rods and tackle for what was to have been a Juniors' Day. However circumstances forced us to cancel the Ladies' Day in June so both groups joined together for this Sunday.



Around 9.30 some thirteen would be fly fishers began to arrive. Some were complete beginners and some had done a little fishing before. Steve Fisher, who was running the day gave a brief introduction and was followed by Trevor Coxon who covered all the safety points. He emphasised the need to wear glasses and a hat for protection against the sharp hooks.

Soon after this, instruction got underway with the novices, while those with a little experience started to fish as the instructors would check on them later.

Well before lunch time everyone had tied on proper flies rather than the wool they had been learning with and several fish were caught before the lunch break. Everyone had brought a packed lunch and by this time were very hungry.

After lunch everyone went on fishing and by teatime, when the event finished, all had caught at least one fish.

The day was a great success and next year we hope to repeat it. This time we will promote it as a "Families' Day" when everyone over the age of ten can come and learn to fish. So members with would be fishers, be they wives, husbands, children or grandchildren who would like to try their hand, are encouraged to pass their names to either Steve Fisher or Trevor Coxon



Edenbridge and Oxted Show 29th & 30th August

Sunday promised us sun and showers together with a blustery wind. Early on we had the sun and finished setting up the stand ready for the early birds arriving at the show at 8am.

We had managed to get together our instructors to Fishing lessons and there demonstrating rod making with Trevor, the taxidermist showing his wares. Fly Tying was also on show.

A reasonable flow of visitors passed through the stand, although it did not seem as busy as last year. We rescued several of our banners as the wind got up during the day. This also gave Steve some problems during his casting demonstrations.

Midway through the afternoon, the heavens opened and there was a terrific downpour with gales of wind. Our marquee rapidly filled up with refugees from the weather. After this had passed the showground emptied quickly as people went home to dry out.

Monday was a much better day, although the wind was still troublesome. More people were about but did not seem to be spending much money. Overall we had plenty of people interested in the stand and they took away a number of joining booklets and we had a number of enquiries for tuition on Juniors' Day.



September 12th—The Sussex Ouse

Stewart Allum had arranged this outing and had picked excellent weather coupled with the big spring tides that promised excellent fishing.

We all assembled in the carpark at Barcombe Mill at 8.30 on the Sunday morning and Stewart showed us the best places to go. Some fished the mill pool and others disappeared both up and downstream. Those who went far downstream were amazed to find shoals



of mullet swimming slowly upstream, sadly oblivious to any lure. No one in our party caught a seatrout although a local fisherman had one. Our party had to content themselves with a few perch and pike!



As usual the Anchor provided excellent food when we all met there at lunch time which we enjoyed outside.

After lunch one or two left for home while others explored the river up and downstream from the Anchor.

It was an excellent day with many promising to be back next year - hopefully to connect with a seatrout.