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The membership card for the next season will show a new combination lock number as well as the old number.

Membership subscriptions are due for renewal from the 14 March 2021



Rule changes

Owing to Covid 19 the AGM planned for the 14 January was cancelled. The Committee has been meeting since May either socially distancing in the Spring Lodge Community Centre, Witham or recently using Zoom.

Although subscription rates have not been increased for the past three years, the Committee has decided not to increase them for the next season.

It was felt necessary to make some rule changes to appear in the Handbook for the new season which will be ratified at the AGM in January 2022.

Constitution paragraph 3 amended with the additional wording 'Under 12 year olds fishing with parent/adult member may only fish with a float rod'.

This is to stop the exploitation of the two rod rule by members taking a young child under 12 years old who is not capable of handling a carp rod. The member effectively fishing with three rods when only two are allowed.

Constitution paragraph 3 amended with the additional wording 'Night fishing permits will be available up to a limit set by the Committee each year. Night permit upgrades can only be made through the Membership Secretary and within that limit'.

A limit on night permits has become necessary to reduce angling pressure on our night fishing venues.

Conduct Rule 6 amended to read 'allow a maximum of two rods on all waters at all times'.

This is to avoid the on going confusion of members fishing with three rods at the wrong time resulting in disciplinary action being taken and also on the basis that our waters are not that large to warrant fishing with three rods.

Conduct Rule 7 amended to include the wording "No guest tickets at Silver End Pits". This makes the existing arrangement permanent to reduce angling pressure on these popular carp waters.

Reduce number of Guest tickets from three to two.

Conduct Rule 17 amended to read 'from 1st April to 31st October the maximum time allowed on a water is 72 hours. After which the angler must leave the complex for at least 24 hours, i.e. a member cannot move from Silver End Front Pit to the Back Pit or vice versa without a 24-hour break. The Committee reserve the right to reduce the 72-hour maximum if circumstances make it necessary'.

This rule change is to give night anglers a greater opportunity to find an available swim.

Conduct Rule 18 amended to include the wording 'or sets up in a swim opposite'. This change removes the ambiguity in the wording of the existing rule.

Fish Welfare Rule 5 amended to "Fish may be kept in floatation slings only for no longer than 30 minutes, or less at the discretion of the bailiff. Carp sacks are banned"

The banning of carp sacks brings us into line with other clubs. With modern digital cameras it should not be necessary to retain fish during the hours of darkness.

'Fish Welfare Rule 19 amended to include the wording 'Particle bait that contains micro seed including items such as Partiblend, Pigeon conditioner, Multiseed or other similar products that contain small seed or bird seed is banned. Prepared maize, sweetcorn, hemp and tares are allowed including pellet.'

The reason for this change is to avoid the overfeeding of low nutritional bait. Please see the Fishery Manager's Report that provides more information on the reasons for this.

All existing Officials and Committee members are willing to stay in post for the new season. No doubt we will have to continue with our Zoom meetings until it is safe for us to meet up again.

Fishery Manager's Report

This has been a very difficult year for us regarding fisheries management. We have been unable to have work parties due to Lockdowns and social distancing. We have managed to keep on top of general issues and in January 2020 the planned wind tunnel was created on the Silver End Front Pit west bank.

Hopefully, next year we may be able to do more depending on the government guidelines going forward.

After the first lockdown that closed our waters on the 24 March we found many of our waters very busy after they were opened on the 13 May. At first all waters fished very well but as time went on with fishing pressure and the amount of bait going in the fishing became harder and has continued to be the case and now with the incoming winter weather times will be challenging.

After the first lockdown the club had installed two extra toilets to cope with the increase in anglers. These were located at the Silver End Pits and for the first time at the Layer Marney complex. Unfortunately, the Layer Marney toilet was burnt down at the end of September only a week away from when it was due for removal and club the had to pay over £800 to cover the cost as they cannot be insured. We, therefore, cannot risk installing another toilet at Layer Marney next season.

A new car park was provided by the farmer landlord of Pennett's Farm Reservoir located at the bottom of the hill to the rear of the farm buildings.

With the increase in memberships we find ourselves in the position where we have some extra funds available. We have spent a large portion of those funds on a restocking plan for some of our waters in the spring more details of this will follow in due course.

We are also planning to undertake work on the carpark at Seabrooks which becomes waterlogged in the winter to provide a firmer surface.

Hopefully, we will get out of this situation sooner rather than later and we can all get back to normal

Tight Lines

Bob Reed Fishery Manager

Silver End feeding

The Committee was concerned generally about angling pressure and over feeding on our waters last year. However, recently we became aware that the quality of feed that went into Silver End Pits was an issue as much as the quantity.

Many anglers have been using small seed-based particles. These, whilst have the attraction of being relatively cheap, do little for the well-being or maintaining the weight of the carp or any other fish. This year we have a plan to help the carp and the carp fishing members.

During January, February, March you will see bailiff Chris Parrish and his son Cameron introducing high quality low temperature pellets to the Front Pit. Starting in March and continuing into April will see a change to feeding with a quality higher temperature pellet.

From April onwards the same high quality summer pellet will be available to members. The price will be very competitive. The pellets will be available from Chris Parrish at the club's onsite container. The details will be announced on the KDAAs website and Facebook page during April. The low price is made possible due to the club making a bulk purchase.

Before anyone points out that the other coarse fish will be eating the pellets, we have taken that into consideration when calculating the feed amounts.

The emphasis on the quality of feed is the reason for the amendment to Fish Welfare Rule 19 and the banning of particle feed containing micro seed.

Treasurer's Report - Year end 31 Dec 2020

Along with most fishing clubs, during 2020 we saw an increase in membership and hence an increase in our income. Indeed, our income for the year was, almost 50% higher than anticipated. We also had a budgeted level of expenditure but due to various reasons, including the Covid 19, some of these were lower. This included the fishing stocking for the year. The upside of the higher income and lower expenses was that we were able to undertake other projects such as

updating our website. In the end our expenditure was slightly lower than planned. With the higher income and lower expenses, at the year end this resulted in a significant surplus for the year.

By the early summer we had noted the increased income and the possible surplus for the year. Therefore, subsequently the committee and particularly the officers have been considering how to utilise this windfall. This has resulted in plans for increased fish stocking and improvements of our fisheries. This will occur in 2021, circumstances allowing, and will probably result in a large deficit for 2021. However, this will be covered by the surplus from last year. There is also no guarantee that our income for 2021 will be as high as last year.

For the last three years we have kept our subscriptions at the same level. As part of finalising the budget for 2021 we did consider increasing the subscriptions. From this newsletter you will see we decided this was not required. Part of the considerations was the knowledge that several of our water rents may increase soon. Therefore, it may be necessary to increase the subscriptions next year, not only to cover the higher rents but also to allow further fish stocking and fishery improvements.

I am writing this report at the start of the third lockdown: "local" fishing has just been allowed and the prospects for 2021, good or bad, are uncertain. However, I conclude by saying, from a financial point of view the club is in a healthy position at this point in time; and I wish you all the best for 2021.

Chris Lee
Treasurer

Match Secretary's Report

Firstly, I would like to thank all those anglers who attended and helped with all the matches over this very trying year. Obviously we lost many matches due to the lockdown and social distancing guidelines but once we were able to get under way interest and attendance's were increased on previous years. This was possibly due to public houses being closed and our partners having had enough of us. Joking aside I would like to thank

the KDAA committee for agreeing to sponsor a prize fund for match man of the year, paying out for 1st 2nd and 3rd based on 1pt for 1st place 2pt for 2nd place 3pts for 3rd place and so on, with best 6 results counting.

Silver Match Layr Marney 3

1 st	Mick Murton	7lb 4oz
2 nd	Adam Brett	6lb 12oz
3 rd	Andy Aves	3lb12oz

Club Match Elm Farm

1 st	Kim Naish	7lb 4oz
2 nd	Andy Aves	3lb15oz
3 rd	Derek Harper	2lb 14oz

Curtis Cup Pennetts Farm

1 st	John Daniels	12lb 14oz
2 nd	Kevin Howells	9lb 14oz
3 rd	Mick Murton	9lb 12oz

Club Match Layr Marney 2

1 st	Mick Murton	18lb 10oz
2 nd	Jim Loosley	6lb 14oz
3 rd	Jamie Derry	6lb12oz

Feeder Match Seabrook's Reservoir

1 st	Jamie Derry	51lb 0oz
2 nd	Andy Aves	33lb 1oz
3 rd	Derek Harper	29lb 10oz

Away Silver Match Colemans Cottage Pathfield Lake

1 st	Gary Spong	6lb 14oz
2 nd	Scott Chopping	10lb 4oz
3 rd	Steve Mason	8lb 10oz

Club Match Match Layr Marney 3

1 st	Jamie Derry	48lb 1oz
2 nd	Gary Spong	27lb 8oz
3 rd	Simon Gypps	14lb 2oz

Matchman of the Year

1 st	Mick Murton	14pt
2 nd	Jamie Derry	15pt
3 rd	Derek Harper	27pt

Lastly, the KDAA match section is a sociable friendly group of anglers that enjoy the company and good humoured banter that goes with the

not too serious competition, if you would like to join us for a match feel free to contact me.

Stay Safe and Tight Lines for 2021

Derek Harper
Match Secretary

Head Bailiff's report

It has been a very unusual year with lockdowns, social distancing with many people taking up fishing for the first time or returning after a lay off. This has resulted in a large increase of anglers using our waters. Which has caused some problems with fisheries being so busy, most people have acted in a responsible manner and been considerate of other anglers unfortunately there have been some exceptions and we have once again had to issue membership suspensions for rule breakers and a life time ban for threatening behaviour. We cannot let a few people spoil it for the rest.

Can members please park in the designated car parks at the Layr Marney complex. Please note this is a working farm. We have received complaints from farm staff that anglers are parking on tracks and other places obstructing tractors and farm vehicles even when there are spaces in the car parks.

One issue that has come up is the matter of fish care we have large fish in a lot of our waters and they need to be handled with care using the right equipment when on the bank so please be mindful of this and if you are unsure, please look our Fish Welfare Guidance page on the club's website and the many videos that you can find on line that are there to help you handle big fish safely and confidently

Important advice for anglers new to carp fishing is not to start on a water such as Silver End Pits where there is every chance of catching a twenty to thirty pound plus carp. Novice anglers should not attempt carp fishing on these venues but gain experience on a water where the average size carp is smaller. Novice young anglers should be accompanied by an experienced carp adult angler.

Tight Lines

Bob Reed
Head Bailiff

Membership Secretary's Report

I don't normally write a Membership Secretary's Report for this newsletter as I give a full report at the AGM.

However, with no AGM having been held, I felt it was worth saying something about last year being exceptional in regards to the take up of membership with the club.

When the club was allowed to open its waters for fishing on the 13 May we were faced with a significant increase in members. By the end of July the membership had increased by 38% and Night Permits by 43%. Many other clubs found themselves in a similar situation as anglers who were furloughed now had time to take up fishing again. Owing the increased angling pressure on our waters we took the decisions to suspend the issue of new Night Permits on the 15 June and then closed our membership on the 2 August.

A significant workload problem for myself was that tackle shops Agents who sold the majority of our cards in the past were unable to open for four weeks between the 13 May and the 15 June. This meant that hundreds of applications were made online which had to be processed by myself.

I am requesting members to apply for the renewal of their club membership at our tackle shop Agents for the new season, assuming they will be allowed to open, to avoid me experiencing hours of work again this year. However, at the time of writing the Government has announced another national Lockdown possibly lasting to March!

Fred Merrin
Membership Secretary

KDAA website

A redesigned KDAA website has gone live at www.kdaa.co.uk.

The old website developed by myself some 20 years ago had becoming increasingly unstable and outdated. The Committee was, therefore, looking to having a new site professionally developed.

By chance, we were approached by a new member and web designer, Jake Murray of DigiBulb to develop a new site which has been completed with the assistance of myself.

The new site has been designed using WordPress and is responsive to the device it is being viewed on PC, tablet or smart phone.

The content of the site is similar to the old one but with a much more modern interface.

One major improvement is the Gallery. It has a Catch Report form for members to submit their photos. I have populated the Gallery so far with photos sent by anglers to our Facebook page in the past two years. We would encourage members to submit photos of fish they catch to the website in addition to Facebook. It would be good to build up a Gallery of fish from all our waters and all species in addition to carp.

The new website still has a Sell or Buy page and we would encourage members to make use of that.

Fred Merrin
Membership and Publicity

KDAA Facebook page

The Page was first published in 2015. If you have something to share with the membership or public such a fish catch then 'Create Post' it on the page. Please do not post a new item as a Comment to an unrelated Post or send a catch report as a Message.

However, if you require an answer to a specific question relating to the Association then send a Message. It will be answered by an Official within a day.

It will be appreciated if you can post your catch report on the club's website at the same time.

Keeping in touch

In addition to keeping our Facebook and Website News page up to date, I send out regular emails with the latest news affecting our fishing venues and membership. Last year with so much going on, nearly 50 emails were sent out since March. Hopefully, members did read them!

Two rod rule

Every year we have to suspend members for breaching the two rod rule for fishing with three rods on the Silver End Back Pit outside the November to March permitted period or on the Front Pit during that period.

To avoid this ongoing problem the Committee will be removing the three rod arrangement for the Back Pit so there should be no confusion that only two rods are allowed on all our waters all year. It is also felt that two rods are adequate for the size of the Back Pit.

Angling Coaching Initiative

The club was approached at end of 2017 by Angling Trust qualified coaches Chris Burt and Graham Garnham to set up the Initiative to provide coaching for juniors in collaboration with Maldon Angling Society. A lot of preparatory work and publicity was undertaken, tackle purchased with Sports England and Angling Trust grants. Colin Presland a MAS member set up an excellent website

www.anglingcoachinginitiative.co.uk

Just to remind you the Initiative is to recruit youngsters aged 8 –16 offering coaching sessions so newcomers learn how to fish and existing junior anglers can develop their skills as far as they want e.g. waggler and feeder. It is our contribution to help address the significant decline in youngsters taking up the sport and although we may not see any immediate benefit to our clubs in terms of membership numbers it is very much about taking a long term view.

Last year was, therefore, our third year but owing to Covid 19 pandemic we found ourselves in March having to suspend the planned coaching sessions. In July with the first Lockdown having been lifted and angling resuming in May, ACI under guidance from the Angling Trust decided that it would be possible to resume coaching but under strict Covid safe restrictions with the

youngster being supported by a household member.

The first of 6 sessions was held on the 12 August and the last on the 26 September. Two of these were held on Seabrooks Reservoir. There was a total of 9 coaches assisting and 78 participants over the events. Some of the regular coaches were unable to help as they were in a Covid vulnerable groups.

Feedback highlights the Initiative is viewed as well organised, enjoyable, instructive and value for money.

As we have found from the start of the Initiative the major limiting factor has been the lack of Voluntary Coaches from the clubs. As people became more aware of the ACI we are turning youngsters away owing to a lack of coaches.

To make it more successful we need more coaches. With a larger pool of coaches we will be able to work towards 1 to 1 coaching.

The Committees of three clubs, KDAA, MAS and CAPS have agreed with continuing with the Initiative this year and dates and venues will be shown in the Handbook and on our website.

If you are willing to help, if only for a few sessions, please email kelvedon.daa@gmail.com or phone the club mobile on 07952 058389. For more information contact Chris Burt on 07917781299.

Horse care

Can anglers please remember to close and lock all the gates surrounding Silver End Back Pit. Horses have strayed into the wrong fields. The KDAA shares access to the fields surrounding the Back Pit with three different horse owners who also pay rent to the landowner. Can you please respect the rights of these owners to keep their horses secure.

WORKING PARTIES

Working Party dates are not preset but will be advertised on the website and Facebook as soon as Covid 19 conditions allow us to safely undertake them again. If you would like to help please contact the Fishery Manager, Bob Reed, on 07983801960. Please put something back and help the club maintain our waters.