



MALDON ANGLING SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL MATCH

On Sunday 9th June we held our annual Tom Martin memorial match. Unfortunately, due to an Algae bloom at Bog Grove the match was moved to Slough House West.

It was a surprisingly chilly day in the wind, and it wasn't easy for most, but a decent number of small roach and Skimmers did show which is a good sign for the future. 4 Carp to 16lb 3oz were caught along with around 25 Bream, a couple of Tench and 4 rather nice sized Perch of 10oz to 1lb.

Many thanks to Britt and Nick Snelling for the bubbles and to our Vice-President Bob Gower for presenting the prizes on their behalf and also Nic Lindsell for doing a cracking job of polishing the Trophy. A shame this match couldn't be held at one of Toms waters this season, but we will be back at Totham Pit next year. Steve Willis come first with two Carp and 10 Bream while Colin Presland took second place with a single 16lb 3oz Carp and 7 Bream.

FINAL PLACINGS

- 1st Place – Steve Willis – 42lb 7oz
- 2nd Place – Colin Presland – 34lb 7oz
- 3rd Place – Martin Willis – 11lb 13oz
- 4th Place – Kelvin Willis – 5lb 14oz
- 5th Place – Jane Presland – 4lb 8oz
- 6th Place – Jack Hughes – 4lb 3oz
- 7th Place – Ian Shepherd – 3lb 15oz
- 8th Place – Adrian Hughes – 3lb 13oz
- 9th Place – Gus Lee – 3lb 2oz
- 10th Place – James Wright – 3lb
- 11th Place – Julian Jordan – 2lb 4oz



1ST Place – Steve Willis



2nd Place – Colin Presland



3rd Place – Martin Willis

PRESIDENT'S MATCH

ADULT COMPETITION

A tricky day's fishing for most at Slough house farm. Hot sunny weather with little to no wind and a full water with all 24 swims being used, not really conducive to a great day's fishing.

Kelvin Willis took the win with 10lb 10oz of skimmers and a very lucky 16lb 9oz Carp with 10 minutes remaining. Kelvin hadn't had a fish in the first two hours before he changed over to the whip to put a handful of small fish into the net. Kelvin then changed to the long pole which saw a run of 17 decent skimmers in an hour and a half. A change back to the feeder saw his rod rip off for the bonus Carp.

In second place was James Wright who fished tight to the Island and landed a Tench and several Bream for a weight of 24lb 1oz 8drms.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Please see the Junior section for a write up on the Junior Competition

A big thankyou to our Club President Britt Snelling and Bob Gower for awarding the trophies, Dan Gower for supplying the water butts for our drinks, Ian Shepperd for helping Kelvin run the match, Julian Jordan for helping tidy up a couple of swims beforehand, the Continental Café for the lovely sandwiches and Nicky Willis for delivering the food and drink.



Committee team captain Peter Garrett



Junior competition winner Vinnie Presland receiving his prizes from club President Britt Snelling

TEAM RESULT

Committee team – 142lb 11oz 8drms
Presidents team – 69lb 4oz 8drms

SLOUGH HOUSE FARM SECTION 1

Peter Garrett - 15oz 8drms
Paul Brown – 13oz
Michael Matthews – 3lb 12oz 8drms
Julian Jordan – 6lb 7oz
Steve Harrington – 16lb 3oz 8drms
Martin Willis – 3lb 10oz
Steve Willis – 5lb 14oz
Kevin Acres – 3lb 8oz 8drms

SLOUGH HOUSE FARM SECTION 2

Bill Hutt – DNW
Jules Willis – 2lb
Ian Shepherd – 5lb 10oz 8drms
Gus Lee – 10lb
Joe Harber – 14lb 7oz
Nigel Cook – 5lb 10oz
Tony Hayden -DNW
James Wright – 24lb 1oz 8drms

SLOUGH HOUSE FARM SECTION 3

Kelvin Willis – 27lb 3oz
Barry Dickerson – 9oz
Bob Gower – 7lb 3oz
Adrian Hughes – DNW
David Matthams – 2lb 3oz
Nick O’Shea – 5lb
Simon Greengrass – 2lb 4oz
Robin Harrington – 6oz

TOP THREE PLACINGS

1st Place – Kelvin Willis
2nd Place – James Wright
3rd Place – Steve Harrington

BIGGEST FISH WINNER

Kelvin Willis – 16lb 9oz Carp

JUNIOR RESULTS

1st Place – Vinnie Presland – 28lb 6oz
2nd Place – Isla Turner – 18lb 10oz
3rd Place – Isaac Barros – 6lb 8oz 8drms
4th Place – Travis Rice – 2lb 15oz
5th Place – Tommy Hewitt – 2lb 9oz
6th Place – Thomas Kerslake – 1lb 11oz
7th Place – Tiger-Lily Lane – 1lb 5oz 8drms
8th Place – Serenity-Rose Lane – 10oz
9th Place – Ellius Turner – 7oz
10th Place – Harrison Monk - DNW



Vinnie Presland with Vice President Bob Gower



Individual Adult winner Kelvin Willis receiving his trophy from Club President Britt Snelling

SWANS KILLED BY ANGLERS ON CHELMER AND BLACKWATER CANAL

We received a sad report from the IWA Essex Waterways that a Cob swan (male) and one of the Cygnets were beaten to death with paddles by two men fishing from inflatables at the Hoe Mill stretch of the Chelmer and Blackwater canal.

Intentionally killing, injuring or taking a wild Swan without a licence is an offence under the wildlife and countryside act 1981. The maximum penalty for a conviction is six months in prison and/or an unlimited fine.

Please if you see anyone harming or attempting to harm any wildlife on the water call the office at Papermill on:

01245 226245

Give a description and location of the incident, all calls will be treated as confidential.

Together we can protect our waterways and wildlife



SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

The club has received reports that Anglers are driving to swims to drop off their tackle and then returning to the Car park. This is unacceptable and ALL members are to park in the designated Car park and walk to their swim.

WATER CLOSURES

Members are reminded to check their Rule book or the club website for water closures before setting off to fish to avoid disappointment.

We have had anglers turning up at lakes unaware of closures.

CLUB AGM

Due to unavailability of the venue the Clubs AGM has been moved to Sunday 02/11/2024 at Great Totham Village Hall with a 10am start.

MOVING FISH

Members must not move fish between our waters, this includes between lakes at Rook Hall. Anyone caught moving fish of any type will be dealt with by the Committee. Any movements of any fish involving our lakes can only be done by our Fishery management team.

HANDLING FISH

An angler was recently seen by a committee member at Slough House Farm carrying a large Carp back to the water in his arms.

The member in question was educated at the dangers of carrying a fish in this way. Carrying a fish this way could result in serious injury or even death to the fish if it is dropped.

ALWAYS CARRY A FISH BACK TO THE WATER IN A SLING, RETAINER, UNHOOKING MAT OR YOUR LANDING NET

NIGHT PERMITS

Members are reminded that a night permit is required to fish our waters. A member was recently caught fishing at night without a night permit at Slough house reservoir and to make matters worse he had two Non members spend the night with him. The member in question has received a year long ban and also a two-year suspension from applying for future night membership.

NON-MEMBERS/GUESTS

Please remember that guests are not allowed to visit you on our waters unless they are full members, have a guest ticket or a Non fishing membership and this includes children. It has been noted anglers are giving out the gate code to Non-members to visit them while they are fishing which is breaking our rules. Anyone caught doing this will face disciplinary action from the Committee. This rule was brought into place for insurance purposes and to stop members inviting Non-members on to our lakes. Non-fishing memberships are available for anyone wanting to visit while you are fishing.

If you wish to have a guest with you while you fish, then you can purchase a guest ticket for them, or they can purchase a Non fishing membership but please note they are **NOT ALLOWED** to spend the night with you.

UNSAFE RIGS

We have recently had reports of unsafe death rigs being found at some of our waters. In this day and age this shouldn't be possible with all the information available on the Internet. The most common type of rig that does get found involves the lead being unable to come off if a line breakage occurs. Our bailiffs will be carrying out rig checks on our waters. Please if anyone is in doubt of a rig being safe then contact a member of the Committee or a bailiff for advice.



The top rig contains a short stiff part of the rig which is attached to around a centimetre of supple braid. The braid is then tied to a wire trace.

The bottom rig contains a length of tubing that goes right up to the hook. This was then attached to a fixed lead which had no way of freeing itself from the line.

CATCH REPORTS FROM OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



Rob Poulton had a mega session on Totham pit which resulted in him landing 5 Carp in a night which included one of the Gary Bayes Stockies, a 24lb Common, a long clean 30lb Common and the stunning Slate Grey Mirror at 36.06lb. Rob has seen this fish for a number of years both in the water and on the bank and become his main target fish. It is also now his UK personal best. What made the session even more special was Rob had been after a Totham Pit thirty for a number of years and two come along in one night.



TOTHAM PITS STUNNING SLATE GREY MIRROR



3 of Ian Wileys fish from a 10 fish in one night haul from Totham pit. Biggest being a 31.03 Common



Taylor with a Slough House Farm Tench



Kelvin Willis with his PB Carp of 26lb 12oz from Slough House Farm



Paul Brown with a net full from Slough House Farm



Julian Jordan from Slough House Farm



Bag of Rook Hall Tench for Adrian Hughes



Mixed bag for Julian Jordan from Slough House Farm



20lb Bog Grove Common for Ethan Lane



Slough House Farm Mirror for Dean Cowell



Mixed bag for Kevin Acres from the Railway Pond



Totham Pit Common for Paul Barrow



Dylan Barns with a Slough House Farm Tench



Terry Bentham and his son have been catching regularly from Slough House Farm



Ethan Lane with a Little London 22lb Common



Lee Redgrave who was fishing as a guest landed this PB 16lb 11oz Common from Totham pit



Slough House Farm Mirror for Malcolm Teader



Dean Cowell with a Slough House farm Mirror



Kevin Acres Bream from Slough House west



Anthony Chamberlains daughter had this stunning 28lb Personal best Common from Totham pit



Julian Jordan with his catch from near Chapmans bridge on the Canal



James Haylett with a stunning fully scaled Mirror Carp from Bog Grove

CARP MATCHES 2024

TOTHAM PIT MAY 18TH/19TH

After the Slough house farm match where a good number of fish were caught, the first match of the season at Totham pit proved to be a disappointment with most Anglers blanking. Rob Poulton was the first to land a fish with a stunning Mirror weighing in at 15lb. As night drew in the expected increase in activity never happened with just two fish being caught, a 17.06lb Common to Adam Monahan on the point and a 22.02lb Common to Dean Cowell in the reeds. Andy Thomas then landed a 18.04 Common from Kyffs corner at first light before John Godier netted a 19.04lb Common shortly after. A tense morning followed as any Angler was still in with a chance of winning and it was Rob Poulton who took the win when he landed the only other fish to be caught with just 45 minutes remaining.

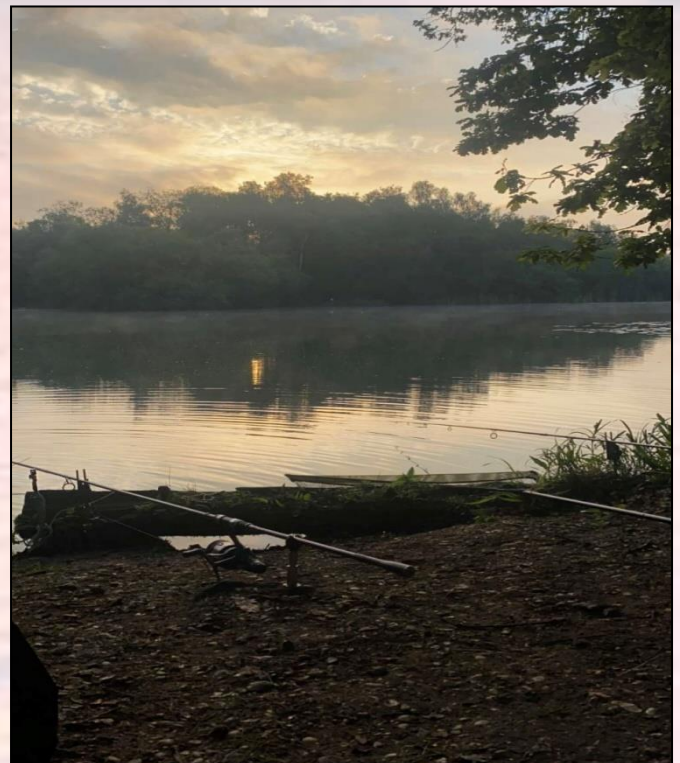
Although the fishing wasn't great it was another excellent well organised match with plenty of banter and money raised for a great cause. Again, thank you to Gary Bayes and Essex County angling for donating the prizes.

1st place – Rob Poulton – 2 fish for 24.12lb

2nd place – Dean Cowell – 1 fish for 22.02lb

3rd place – John Godier – 1 fish for 19.04lb





SLOUGH HOUSE FARM JULY 13TH/14TH

Our third Carp match of the season took place at Slough House Reservoir over the weekend of the 13th/14th July. Although fish were showing all-round the lake when we arrived the fishing certainly wasn't like that. The match was totally dominated by John Godier and Dean Farmer round the far side fishing to the Island. They both started catching steadily from the off with Dean having his first fish within the first half hour of the Match and John landed his shortly after.

They both continued to catch during the afternoon and into the evening with John Guest in the dugout swim and Aaron Cheverall in the beach the only other two to catch before nightfall.

The anglers fishing the open water were really struggling and were hoping the fish would move down during darkness, but this never happened. The only other angler other than John Godier to catch during the night was Anthony Chamberlain in the Car park swim.

Sunday morning saw John Godier continue to catch with Dean Farmer adding a few more fish to his total. Paul Brazier landed a couple of fish along with another fish for John Guest and one for Tony Hayden.

With both John Godier and Dean Farmer already qualified for the final all anglers still had chance of going through and a fish for Aaron Cheverall with just twenty minutes remaining saw him go through by securing 5th place.

In all a very good match for some but extremely poor for others. John Godier certainly deserved his win with the hard work he put in of consistently baiting and very accurate casting. He got his tactics spot on and it was impressive to see.

1st place = John Godier – 12 fish for 207.10lb

2nd place = Dean Farmer – 9 fish for 132.06lb

3rd place = John Guest – 3 fish for 42.06lb

4th place = Richard Brazier – 2 fish for 19.08lb

5th place = Aaron Cheverall – 2 fish for 18.01lb



1st Place – John Godier



2nd Place – Dean Farmer



3rd Place – John Guest



John Godier with a stunning 26lb Mirror



John Godier with a 21.14lb Common



John Guest with a 21.02lb Mirror



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CARP MATCH SPONSORS



TOTHAM PIT AUGUST 18TH/19TH

Our final qualifier was held at Totham pit over the weekend of 18th/19th August. With 6 of the anglers fishing already qualified for Octobers final it was a great opportunity for the other anglers to go through.

This match was one of the best Matches we have ever held at Totham pit with some anglers having a good 24 hours fishing.

The shallows seemed to be the place where the anglers wanted to fish with 5 of the first six out the hat choosing to fish this area and it looked like this was the area to be in. Adam Monahan was the first angler to land a fish when he netted a stunning 27.10lb Mirror from Speenys point. John Godier in Kyffs corner landed his first fish with Adam adding his second soon after. Andy Thomas who was fishing the snag swim had a 20lb Common with Aaron Cheverall and Anthony Chamberlain also getting on the mark. As the first day come to an end it looked like the match would be between John Godier and Andy Thomas who had both landed 4 fish each, Andy was just edging it on weight.

Unfortunately for Andy the fish moved out of Colliers Bay during the night and John took the lead with more fish after dark.

Sunday was another warm sunny morning and John Godier picked up a couple more fish including a stunning 29.10lb Common. Andy Thomas picked up one more fish being a 24.10lb Common. Oscar Crissey, Dean Cowell and Aaron Cheverall also picked up fish to finish the match off.

- 1st Place – John Godier – 8 fish for 148.10lb
- 2nd Place – Andy Thomas – 5 fish for 99.01lb
- 3rd Place – Aaron Cheverall – 3 fish for 54lb
- 4th Place – Adam Monahan – 2 fish for 49.15lb

In total 24 fish were caught with 9 being over 20lb

Thank you for all those who have taken part in our matches this year and good luck to those fishing the final on October 19th/20th

Tony Hayden

MAS HEAD BAILIFF





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John Godiers stunning 29lb 10oz Common



3rd Place – Aaron Cheverall

OUR CARP MATCH FINALISTS

Anthony Chamberlain

Dean Farmer

Richard Bowers

Rob Poulton

Dean Cowell

John Godier

John Guess

Richard Brazier

Aaron Cheverall

Andy Thomas

Oscar Crissey

Adam Monahan

The 2024/2025 Carp match final will be held at Totham pit over the weekend of 19/20th October



2nd Place – Andy Thomas



1st Place – John Godier

CONCESSIONARY MATCHES

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2024/2025

02/04/24 - BOG GROVE
09/04/24 – OAKFORD TOP LAKE
16/04/24 – HERON HALL
23/04/24 – ROOK HALL
30/04/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
07/05/24 – TOTHAM PIT
14/05/24 – BOG GROVE (SILVERS ONLY)
21/05/24 – OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE
28/05/24 – ROOK HALL
04/06/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
11/06/24 – HERON HALL
18/06/24 – TESCO CANAL
25/06/24 – BOG GROVE
02/07/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
09/07/24 – HERON HALL
16/07/24 – LITTLE LONDON
23/07/24 – TESCO CANAL
30/07/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM – PAIRS (SILVERS ONLY)
06/08/24 – TOTHAM PIT
13/08/24 – HERON HALL
20/08/24 – TESCO CANAL
27/08/24 – OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE
03/09/24 – BOG GROVE
10/09/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
17/09/24 – ROOK HALL
24/09/24 – PAPER MILLS
01/10/24 – HERON HALL
08/10/24 – LITTLE LONDON
15/10/24 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN
22/10/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM (SILVERS ONLY)
29/10/24 – BOG GROVE

CONCESSIONARY MATCH FIXTURES 2024/2025 CONTINUED

05/11/24 – LAKELANDS
12/11/24 – BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE
19/11/24 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM
26/11/24 – HERON HALL
03/12/24 – LAKELANDS
10/12/24 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN
17/12/24 – BOG GROVE CHRISTMAS MATCH
07/01/25 – PAPER MILLS
14/01/25 – LAKELANDS
21/01/25 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN
28/01/25 – BOG GROVE
04/02/25 – COMMERCIAL FISHERY TBA
11/02/25 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN
18/02/25 – LAKELANDS
25/02/25 – TESCO CANAL
04/03/25 – PAPER MILLS
11/03/25 – HEYBRIDGE BASIN
18/03/25 – HERON HALL
25/03/25 – SLOUGH HOUSE FARM – PAIRS

Our Concessionary matches are fished from 10am to 3pm with the draw taking place at 9am.

Members wishing to fish a Concessionary match must book in advance with one of the match organisers as some fisheries have limited availability.

For more information on our Concessionary matches or to book a peg then please contact one of the below:

Dave Harley: 07845 929110

Les Drury: 07780 842516

Steve Willis: 07741 494512

	09/04/2024	14/05/2024	18/06/2024	23/07/2024	27/08/2024	10/09/2024	01/10/2024	12/11/2024	03/12/2024	07/01/2025	04/02/2025	11/03/2024			
	OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	BOG GROVE (SILVERS)	ROOK HALL	TESCO'S	OAKFORD MIDDLE LAKE	SLOUGH HOUSE	HERON HALL	BOREHAM BACK BRIDGE	LAKELANDS	PAPERMILL LOCK	COMMERCIAL (TBA)	HEYBRIDGE BASIN	MATCH POINTS	WORST 2 RESULTS	LEAGUE RESULTS
G.LEE	19	22	19	0	25	0							85	0	85
D.HARLEY	25	10	0	22	12	25							94	10	84
D.TARREL	22	19	12	10	22	12							97	22	75
D,MURTON	12	16	0	0	16	22							66	0	66
T.ALDWORTH	16	0	0	14	19	16							65	0	65
R.HARRINGTON	10	14	14	19	14	10							81	20	61
S.LEAPER	14	12	16	0	0	0							42	0	42
C.DYALL	0	0	22	16	0	0							38	0	38
L.DRURY	8	1	25	0	0	0							34	0	34
S.WILLIS	5	25	1	0	0	0							31	0	31
D.NICHOLLS	4	0	0	7	10	8							29	0	29
B.TURNER	0	0	0	25	0	0							25	0	25
D.AUSTON	0	0	8	12	0	0							20	0	20
K.ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	19							19	0	19
R.SMITH	7	0	10	0	0	0							17	0	17
J.CHRISTENSEN	0	0	0	0	0	14							14	0	14
G.GREEN	0	0	0	8	0	0							8	0	8
A.BEARD	6	0	1	0	0	0							7	0	7
B.HUTT	0	0	0	0	0	1							1	0	1

We are now at the halfway stage of the Concessionary Matchman of the year league (6 Months done, 6 Months to go). The next match contributing to the league is on 1st October at Heron Hall.

2024/2025 MATCHES

07/04/24 – CLUB MATCH – **SLOUGH HOUSE WEST**

12/05/24 – CLUB MATCH – **BOG GROVE**

09/06/24 – TOM MARTIN MEMORIAL MATCH – **BOG GROVE**

23/06/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – **MIXED WATERS**

30/06/24 – CLUB MATCH – **ROOK HALL**

14/07/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB – **CAPS WATER**

28/07/24 – PRESIDENTS MATCH – **SLOUGH HOUSE FARM/SLOUGH HOUSE WEST**

04/08/24 – CLUB MATCH – **HERON HALL**

11/08/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – **KDAA WATERS**

08/09/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – **DOES AC WATERS**

15/09/24 – CLUB MATCH – **SLOUGH HOUSE FARM**

29/09/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY – **RIVER CHELMER**

06/10/24 – CLUB MATCH – **LITTLE LONDON**

03/11/24 – ESSEX INTERCLUB AWAY - **MALDON CANAL**

10/11/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 1 – **HEYBRIDGE BASIN**

24/11/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 2 – **BENBRIDGE**

08/12/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 3 – **HEYBRIDGE BASIN**

22/12/24 – MALDON CANAL SINGLES LEAGUE 4 – **BENBRIDGE**

05/01/25 – CANAL OPEN 1 – **HEYBRIDGE BASIN**

19/01/25 – CANAL OPEN 2 – **BENBRIDGE**

02/02/25 – CANAL OPEN 3 – **HEYBRIDGE BASIN**

16/02/25 – CANAL OPEN 4 – **BENBRIDGE**

02/03/25 – CANAL OPEN 5 - **HEYBRIDGE BASIN**

16/03/25 – CLUB MATCH – **SLOUGH HOUSE FARM**

Tom Martin Memorial Match – This our annual Committee and Members V Bailiffs and Members Match. This match is fished in memory of the long-term landowner of Totham Pit and Bog Grove.

Presidents Match – This is our annual Committee and Bailiffs V Members Match. Food and drink are always supplied to those attending at the culmination of the Match and presentation. We would also like to invite our Landowners and any Members that would like to come down after the match for a social, even if they are not competing. It's a way of saying thank you to our members and a way of meeting everyone outside of the more serious AGM scenario.

For more information or to book a peg then please contact one of the following:

Kelvin Willis: 07706 047342 Ian Shepperd (Club matches only): 07584 994962

CLUB MATCH – 30/06/24 – ROOK HALL

Unfortunately, a very poor turnout with only three Anglers taking part, everyone seemed to be on holiday at the same time. Those who did attend had a good day with Tench and some good silvers.

1st Place = Ian Shepherd – 11lb

2nd Place = Paul Brown – 4lb

3rd Place = Craig Beedon – 3lb 15oz

ESSEX INTERCLUB MATCH – 23/06/24

COLEMANS COTTAGE WOOD LAKE, CAPS BROOKHALL AND KDAA SEABROOKS

On June 23rd we fished our first Essex interclub league match for a number of years. None of us having fished the respective waters at all, or for many years so we were very much up against it.

We came joint last along with one of the KDAA teams but we can take solace that we only come last in 1 of the 6 sections.

Paul Brown was our top performer on Colemans Wood lake picking up valuable points with Ian Shepherd and Julian Jordan picking up decent points too.



The MAS Interclub team

CLUB MATCH – 04/08/24 – HERON HALL

A much better turn out for this club match saw 10 anglers taking part on a nice warm day, although slightly cooler and overcast at Heron Hall.

Plenty of Fish caught but as usual the Bream seemed to be a bit timid as they do in matches here.

Gus Lee took the win landing 7 Carp and 4 Bream

1st Place – Gus Lee – 62lb 12oz 8drms

2nd Place – Kevin Acres – 38lb 15oz 8drms

3rd Place – Paul Brown – 35lb 8oz 8drms

4th Place – Barry Dickerson – 23lb 7oz 8drms

5th Place – Kelvin Willis – 21lb 4oz

6th Place – Steve Harrington – 21lb 0oz 8drms

7th Place – Ian Shepherd – 16lb 10oz

8th Place – Robin Harrington – 3lb 2oz 8drms

9th Place – Julian Jordan – 2lb 8oz

1 x DNW

CLUB MATCH – 15/09/24 SLOUGH HOUSE FARM

8 Anglers fished on a lovely mild day at Slough House Farm.

Plenty of Silvers were caught along with 6 Carp, quite a few skimmers and Bream but only one Tench.

Kelvin Willis took the win with a Slough House Farm and MAS match record weight of 119lb 9oz 8drms.

Kelvins fish included Carp of 21lb 7oz, 19lb 14oz, 17lb 7oz, 14lb 10oz and 11lb 15oz along with 34lb 4oz of skimmers and one proper Bream of 6lb 12oz.

1st Place – Kelvin Willis -119lb 9oz 8drms

2nd Place – Joe Harber – 27lb 4oz

3rd Place – Kevin Acres – 19lb 13oz

4th Place – Tony Aldworth – 14lb 12oz

5th Place – Steve Harrington – 13lb 14oz

6th Place – Ian Shepherd – 13lb 12oz

7th Place – Julian Jordan – 6lb 6oz

8th Place – Robin Harrington – 2lb 2oz

FISHERY MANAGEMENT

A very busy few months with work being done on a number of our waters.

We had Weedcutter UK at the Railway Pond and as usual Paul Middleton, Ross Downs and the team done an awesome job of sorting out the Fishery. This is part of our ongoing plans to get the Railway Pond back to its original condition. We do have plans to sort out the silt at a later date but with the guidelines its taking longer than we had hoped. We had an evening of strimming clearing and trimming at Totham pit. We managed to do an amazing amount of work in just a few hours. A big thank you to Jason Root, Ian Wiley, Julian Jordan, Vaughan Hedgecock, Peter Harden, Nigel Stroud, Bob Gower, Teddy Gower and Willow Gower for your help, its much appreciated.

A big thankyou to Nigel Gilbey for offering and carrying out the clearing of the River Blackwater cark park at Station Road.

Graham Holmes and Ewan Harris have been working hard repairing swims at Little London. Along with the swim repairs they have been keeping the lake looking good by trimming and strimming. They approached me with a plan and materials needed and then cracked on with it. Superb work.

Bog Grove has been recently receiving extensive work and this has continued. We did suffer an Algae bloom that did unfortunately result in the closure of the fishery for a short while. We did again have Neil Bannister and his crew from Fusion Landscape Ltd working on and improving swims and improving the boggy path down the right-hand bank. 13 swims were improved so Bog Grove now has a mixture of double and single swims. Please respect the signs that show some swim closures. Also thank you to Richard Turner, Allan Rice and his brother Badge cleared the fallen tree at Slough house west and cleared the island the best they could of line and braid.

Once again, a massive thankyou to all those who have helped out doing work around our lakes. You all make this job easier, and I really appreciate all your hard work.

Future planned works:

Work on swims at Slough House Reservoir

Island clearance at Slough House Reservoir

Work on swims at Heron Hall

Track work at Totham pit

Dan Gower

FISHERY MANAGEMENT OFFICER





Before and after photos of the River Blackwater car park at Station road.



Willow and Teddy Gower helping out at Totham pit with litter picking and tree clearing





Trimming, Strimming and swim work at Little London Reservoir



Trimming, Strimming and swim work at Little London Reservoir



Fallen tree clearance at Slough House West



Fallen tree clearance at Slough House West



FISHERY IN FOCUS – SLOUGH HOUSE RESERVIOR

Slough house farm reservoir is around 5 acres with extensive reed beds and a tree lined island at one end of the lake. The lake is surrounded by a small menagerie on most banks with its livestock known to have kept Anglers entertained on occasions.

Slough house contains Carp of all sizes up to upper twenties along with good sized Roach and Rudd to keep the float and feeder Anglers occupied. There is also Tench to over 6lb and skimmers up to the occasional big bream of over 8lb. There are also Eels to over 4lb and if you are lucky enough you may have one of the remaining Ide which go to around 4lb.

Slough house is one of the most popular of all our waters with match and pleasure weights of 50lb plus a regular occurrence.

The Carp fishing can also be pretty hectic at times with multiple catches very common and Anglers can expect multiple runs if the location and tactics are correct.

Most tactics and methods work well on Slough house, but the feeder and method are very common.

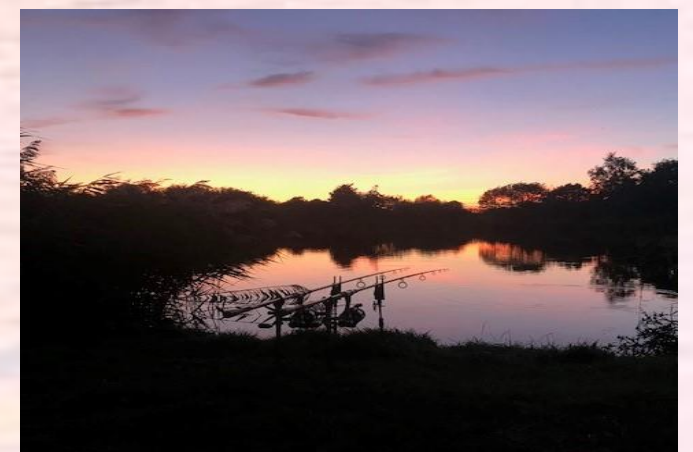
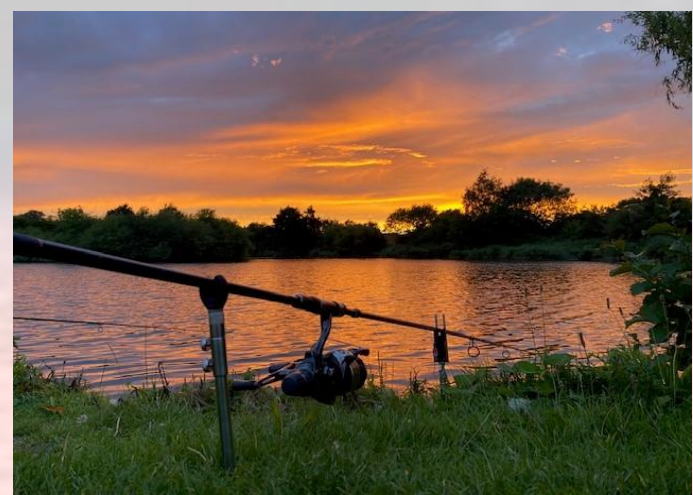
For the Carp, everything seems to work if you are on the fish, but beds of particle and pellet do seem popular.

Although the Island and open water do seem very popular never ignore the margins, especially the reeds as big hits of fish do come from very close in.

As Slough house is probably our most productive water for all species it can at times get busy, but this is only because of the superb fishing that can be had.

We did undertake a netting last winter to remove a number of the small Carp to improve the fishing and this does seem to have made a difference with the average size of fish now larger.





JUNIOR SECTION

On Sunday 28th July we had ten Juniors fish Slough House West in the annual Presidents Match.

It was a great day had by all, a day of sun burn, lost Carp, a rod pulled in and luckily saved and plenty of Bream for two of our competitors. Both Vinnie and Isla in 1st and 2nd places losing Carp but catching plenty of Bream.

The end got tight with Vinnie hooking and losing a good Carp and Isla also hooking a Carp just before the whistle but unfortunately losing it a short time after.

It seemed like the rest of the lake didn't want to know. Plenty of Silvers being caught and reigning champion Issac nicking a couple of Bream.

All the kids put in a fantastic effort and come away smiling with their prizes.

Maldon Angling Society are proud to announce that this year we will be holding a Pike event with the Pike Angling club. Everyone is invited to this event at Totham Pit including Non-Members.

We will have out and out Pike Anglers at the event to teach all about the handling of Pike, how to fish safely for them and we will also have a dummy Pike present to learn how to unhook them.

This event will be held on 10th November at Totham pit. For more information keep an eye on our Facebook page and Website.



MY LOVE OF VINTAGE TACKLE

I was born in 1965 and started fishing in the early 1970's with a gang of my mates in a little village called Bengoe on top of a hill near Hertford the County town of Hertfordshire. Hertford was blessed with being the confluence of a number of fine rivers including the Lea, Mimram, Beane, Ash and Rib and I cut my angling teeth cycling to these rivers but mostly to Hartham Common and the Meads where we trotted for Dace, Chub, Perch and Roach. Angling life was simpler then, if it was 9ft long it was a ledger rod, 13ft a float rod, specimen rods were 11ft and as for test curves 1lb meant it was an Avon, 1.5 to 1.75lb a carp rod, 2.5lb a stepped-up carp rod and 2.75lb and over it was for Pike. Yes, there were variants, and you cannot believe the envy generated when my mate acquired a 14lb green float rod. Most rods were glassfibre and a cane rod was usually a hand me down from a family member or neighbour. Reels were dominated by Mitchell with the 300 being the standard specimen reel and if you had an Abu Cardinal 55 you were considered a proper carp angler.

How times have changed and walking into most tackle shops you are now faced with a vast array of different rods, reels and tackle sundries for every eventuality.

You will have noticed that I sometimes refer to myself as Kid Vintage and while I do have a vast array of modern fishing equipment, I still hold special the type of gear I grew up fishing with and older gear made before I was born.

I did go through the phase back then of thinking older gear was past its best and yes, I upgraded to carbon for most of my rods but recently I have regained the love of vintage and have started to collect and more importantly use vintage fishing gear.

It really re-started for me when I acquired a handmade Richard Walker MkIV carp rod made by Chapmans of Ware and Nic Lindsell very kindly gave me a Mitchell 300 half bale reel that were a perfect match. I had also acquired a donkey top ledger rod by Ernest Stamford and a Mitchell 204. More Mitchells followed to include a 300a 300s, 206, 208 and 3330Z, plus a few centrepins. Then I remembered I used to use an Avon rod back in the 70's and 80's with a leaping Perch as its logo and found that these were made by ET Barlow & Sons of Thames Ditton. He made replicas of more expensive rods like the Hardy Trotter of 11ft 6 but his was just called Trotter and was 11ft 4. I found an Aurora Carp and Avon Supreme under his Vortex brand. All were Vortex rods but were given a different name like Kennet, Trotter, Aurora and Avon



I now consider anything before the year 2000 as vintage so I have a few Abu Cardinal GT's from the 80's as these were the Abu version of a free-spool back then including two large 656BW's with BW standing for Big Water, the 80's version of the Big Pit reels we see today.

I think my favourite item is an Egeeco tackle carrier, a bit like the one I actually had in the 70's and I use it now on most of my general fishing trips.

Last year I bought a Bruce and Walker MkIV carp rod from someone in Hertfordshire, and he recommended me to join the Crabtree Society, a Facebook Group dedicated to the name of one of the angling greats Bernard Venables who wrote Mr Crabtree Goes Fishing, a book I grew up reading. This group celebrates all things vintage and traditional, and I am also a member of their Essex and Hertfordshire Groups who organise fishing trips all over the South East and east Anglia areas of this country. It's a great group and a real chance to see vintage gear being used, even cane rod rests. I would recommend to anyone to get into a bit of vintage and either dig out that old rod that is in the back of the garage or look in charity shops and on Ebay, you will be surprised at what you find and how it is still a joy to use.

Peter Garrett

MAS CLUB SECRETARY



NEXT EDITION

The next edition of our newsletter will be released late November/early December and is already shaping up to be our best so far. As well as the usual photos of your fish from our Facebook page we will have a write up of the Carp match final at Totham Pit on the 19th/20th October, an article on Pike fishing and how to fish safely for them by Totham pit regular and Committee member Dean Cowell. Club Secretary Peter Garrett will report on his trip to the legendary Redmire pool, and we will have a write up on Club Vice President and club Legend Bob Gowers angling journey. If anyone else has anything that they would like to add to the next or any other newsletter then please Email me on: andythomas2@aol.com



CHELMER AND BLACKWATER NAVIGATION RULES

- 1) Anglers must comply with Environment Agency bylaws & hold a valid rod licence for the number of rods in use.
- 2) Close season applies 15th March to 15th June inclusive.
- 3) Anglers using the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation do so at their own risk. Maldon Angling Society accepts no responsibility or liability for the loss of, or damage to any tackle, property, or personal possessions.
- 4) Anglers are responsible both for keeping their swim and surrounding area free from litter.
- 5) Anglers must not dig swims into the bank.
- 6) No angler is permitted to kill or take away any fish.
- 7) No fish to be kept in captivity for longer than 6 hours and any fish showing signs or distress should be returned immediately.
- 8) No fires are allowed on the banks.
- 9) Where a match is advertised, the stretch of water will be closed for fishing from both banks for 2 hours before and 1 hour after the match.
- 10) The use of live baits is not permitted.
- 11) Anglers fishing for Carp and Pike must use an unhooking mat.
- 12) Hooks and bait must be removed from the water if the swim is left for any reason.
- 13) Carp sacks are not to be used & Carp over 5lbs will not be retained by any method, except during officially booked matches.
- 14) Anglers must be in possession of a suitably sized landing net.
- 15) No fishing within 30 meters of any lock, nor within 15 meters of any bridge, weir, wharf, landing stage, permanent mooring, or any other navigational structure.
- 16) No fishing on that part of the waterway just above Daisy meadow car park & Heybridge Basin.
- 17) No fishing between Paper Mill Road bridge & the upstream end of the towpath moorings at papermill.
- 18) No fishing on the waterway adjacent to Treasure Island at Little Baddow.
- 19) No fishing on the part of waterway adjacent to the south bank between Hall bridge Heybridge & Heybridge Basin.
- 20) No angler is to be inconsiderate or abusive towards other users of the Chelmer and Blackwater Navigation.
- 21) Anglers must not obstruct the towpath.

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Maldon Angling Society tackle trading

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LEPTOSPIROSIS

Although Weils disease is extremely rare it is something all anglers should be aware of. Weils disease (Leptospirosis) can be a serious illness requiring hospital treatment and can lead to kidney and liver failure. It is a bacterial infection that is carried in Rat urine which contaminates water and the banks of rivers and lakes. One patient in 19 dies from it. The most common symptoms are a temperature, an influenza-like illness with severe headaches, sometimes meningitis and joint muscle pains (pains in the calf muscles are often particularly noticeable). These symptoms normally start 3 to 19 days after exposure to contaminated water and if caught early it can be treated.

If you show any of the symptoms after fishing, then please tell your doctor you may have been exposed to Leptospirosis so they can consider this as a diagnosis.

What precautions to take:

Cover any cuts, sores or scratches with waterproof plasters or use gloves.

Disinfect any wounds that occur at the waterside.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Do not put your hands in your mouth after immersing in water.

Never place bait or fishing line in your mouth

Never leave food on the floor and always cover or wrap it.



Protect fisheries by disinfecting your angling equipment



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Equipment is a big risk in transferring diseases

England and Wales has over 10,000 registered fisheries and 1 million regular anglers. One of the biggest threats to the angling industry is the transfer of disease between fisheries through fish movements or equipment.

Fishery managers can only do so much to reduce the risk of disease transmission and the spread of non-native species between fisheries, so anglers must do all they can to safeguard the future of their sport.

It has been proven that angling equipment poses a major risk in the transfer of diseases between fisheries. A recent Cefas experiment found that nets infected with KHV spread the disease to healthy fish. Other studies have found a range of fish pathogens and invasive species can also be spread by angling equipment.

Critically, once diseases are present in a fishery they are often impossible to treat. They have a detrimental effect to fish populations and the wider aquatic ecosystem. Therefore preventing the spread of diseases is vital to safeguard the fisheries industry.

You can help by using disinfectant to thoroughly disinfect your equipment between angling trips. This kills disease pathogens which stops the spread of disease. If you cannot use chemical disinfectants, you can dry and expose your equipment to UV light when at home. But this is not as reliable as the use of disinfectant and may not kill all disease pathogens.



What equipment to disinfect

It's not always practical to disinfect all your equipment so focus on the items which are high risk, especially those that touch fish or water.

Therefore check, clean, disinfect and dry:

- landing nets
- keep nets
- unhooking mats
- boots
- weigh slings

This helps stop your equipment spreading water, pathogens, or animals between fisheries.



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