

WITHNELL ANGLING CLUB NEWSLETTER, MAY, 2019.

This year's membership night will be held at St Josephs Club, Brinscall, on Friday 31st May, 2019, from 7.30pm.

As with last year we would like to thank those of our members who have volunteered over the last year, especially the Wednesday working party group, who have helped in making massive improvements to all our fisheries, especially Junior Lodge, and Farington Lodges. On all working parties we will give you 2 Tempo Credits. For details of how you can spend these please see www.timecredits.com.

The membership documents will be slightly different this year. You **MUST** insert your picture on the inside front cover of the book, and sign across the picture to validate your membership. The bailiff may ask you to leave our water if you have not done this.

With everything in one book, it will remove the "I didn't know that" since it will be your responsibility to abide by the rules.

There are a number of rule changes this year, one particularly important one **is that Junior members under 12, are only allowed to fish with one rod, regardless of whether they are with a parent or not.**

Cricketfield, (PR6 8BA), on entering the fishery you are now required to dip and rinse your keep net and landing net to stop the spread of any disease. Over winter we have erected bunting around the lake both at a low and high level. A mannequin has lasted over winter, and dummy owls and washing lines with reflecting CD's have all played their part in deterring Cormorants. When you fish if the bunting is still up, (usually from November to mid April) we ask that you leave it alone. It is there for a purpose. It takes a lot of hours to erect, and the mindless act of one individual can spoil a lot of hard work and allow the Cormorants on with potentially devastating effect. We have taken our full quota of 3 birds this year, and the early signs are that our deterrents have worked.

Already this spring a number of Tench has been caught, with a few at 6lb. The Carp, which in the Spring of 2018, stocked at 3 to 4lb, are coming out at 6lb. The numbers of silver fish being caught are encouraging suggesting the Cormorant deterrents have worked.

Junior Lodge (PR6 8BA) as with Cricketfield please dip all nets. Over the last few months, we have improved all the pegs along the dam wall. They have had new steps where necessary, and stones put in place. A lot of the bank side vegetation has been removed to stop this becoming invasive. The lodge was netted last year and as well as a number of Carp, a significant number of silver fish showed up. The Tench are increasing in size with several to 6lb reported, as are the Bream, which are obviously dining out on the boilies intended for the Carp.

Runshaw Pool (PR7 6FY), this year we have stocked 50 Crucian Carp and 50 Tench with a view to increasing the stock levels. We appreciate this does not seem a lot, but there are significant numbers of Rudd in. This place always seems to take time to wake up, but catch it right and you can enjoy some cracking sport.

Roach Bridge (PR5 0UA). Whilst Otters have been confirmed, they seem to just come and go. Unfortunately there is not a lot we can do since we don't own the land required to erect fencing around the water. In terms of the fishing, the Carp continue to thrive and are being caught at all sizes from 4 inches up to mid doubles. Recently we rebuilt the original steps up to the lodge, and also a path to the right allowing you to get your trolley up. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE SIGNING IN BOOK UPON ENTERING AND LEAVING THIS WATER.**

Top Locks (PR6 8LP). This continues to fish well for the carp, which is the only species in this water. Special rules apply to this fishery. Please read the rule book for details.

River Darwen (PR5 ORN), we now only have the one stretch .This has a good head of fish, Chub, Dace and Brown Trout mainly, but it can be hit and miss.

Croft Lodge (PR6 8QU). We are pleased to confirm that from the new season you will be able to use keepnets since we have had the area in front of the pegs deepened . Over the last couple of years the fishing has deteriorated, and courtesy of the Environment Agency, it has been stocked with in excess of 500 Bream and Roach. In addition the club has stocked 100, Crucian Carp, Roach and Perch all at least 8 inches. As a result of this, we will be having an open day on the 6th July 2019, which is free to all; details are at the end of this newsletter.

Shale Holes (PR6 8JG). This continues to fish well with large numbers of Roach and Rudd being caught. The junior coaching takes place on this venue on a number of Saturdays in the summer. Please check the membership book for details.

Canal, We have this stretch from bridges numbered 87 to 92 a length of about 3 miles. This was booked by outside clubs on a number of occasions with a lot of success with weights in excess 10lb were regularly recorded opposite the marina.

Farington Lodges. The church lane lodge has had the pegs completely remodelled and has received another application of siltex to reduce the silt build up. South Ribble has removed a number of trees on the Lodge Lane Lake to reduce the leaf fall and overtime reduce the build up of silt. A significant number of Bream and Roach were put in courtesy of the Environment Agency and a recent match although disappointing was won with some nice Bream being caught.

No fishing is allowed beyond peg No 1, since this is private land and you will be trespassing.

All match dates and contact details are in the membership book and should you want to fish these please contact **Brian Davenport** or **Adrian Hoole** respectively. Brian Davenport is offering to run a complimentary evening on the subject of introduction to pole fishing. This is limited to 6 on Friday 7th June at 7.30 in the St Josephs Club; if you are interested please contact Brian.

This year there will be a charity Carp match in aid of Derian House a children's hospice in Chorley, 25% of the entry fee will be donated .This will be fished over two 24 hour matches at Roach Bridge and will be limited to 10 anglers. In the event of more than 10 wanting to fish a ballot will take place. The dates are 10.00 am, 13th July to 10.00 am 14th July, and 10 am, 10th August, to 10am, 11th August. Please contact **Keef Walters** on 07548201002 for details. The lodge will be closed on those dates.

The discount of 10% to club members on all goods in Go Outdoors has been renewed. To benefit from this you need to show your membership card when making a purchase. Blackburn store only.

Important dates for your diary.

31st May 2019 Joining night @8.00pm,

6th July 2019 Open Day Brinscall Baths 10 to 4.

7th October 2019 AGM @ 8.00pm,

Family Night 8th November 2019 @8.00pm.

All events, except the open day, are at St Joseph Club, School Lane, Brinscall PR6 8QU.

Regards, The Committee.