



LEIGHTON ANGLING SOCIETY JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

WINTER LEAGUES

2016 / 2017

Ken Arnold was last year's Winter League winner again! His 66 points wins him the Ken Checkley Memorial Trophy. Runner-up was Bernie Jones on 45 points and third was Clive Biddulph with 44.

2017 / 2018

As this newsletter went to press, just two of the 10 match series had been fished. The first, on Cressage Meadow, was won by Ken Arnold with Brian Tinman second and Ant James third.

The second match was on Hough Pool. This was won by Brian Tinman, with Bernie Jones second and Ken Arnold third. Brian Tinman therefore now leads with 19 points, Ken is second with 18 and Clive Biddulph third with 12. With eight more matches in the series to go, there's everything to fish for, so watch the website for results.

DONATIONS

Thank you to all those members who made total donations of £459 to the Society this year, which is a very good sum indeed. These donations are much appreciated, as they help to keep our overall running costs down, which in turn help to keep subscriptions as low as possible.

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ANNUAL DRAW 2017

This year's winners were:

1st P Williams - £50

2nd A Norton - £30

3rd T Barker - £15

Well done to you all!

Members are reminded that draw monies for 2018 can be paid with annual subscriptions and cost £1 a go. Just tick the box on your reply slip and add the appropriate amount to your cheque. Good luck!

COARSE FISHING 2017

SCRAMBLE MATCH – 12TH MARCH 2017

Although the river was 1.7m above normal, it fished really well throughout its length. The winner was Ken Arnold with a great weight of 48 Lbs exactly, from unfancied peg 18. Second place went to Graham Jones with a good weight, on the day, of 26 Lbs exactly from peg 76. In third place was one of our Wirral based members, Gary Stinton, with 14 Lbs 2 Ozs from peg 111.

ERIC STOTT'S PB



Eric Stott, one of our regular visitors from "up North", took this nice 12 Lbs barbel, his personal best, on an 8mm pellet from peg 102 in August. Well done Eric! I think I

need to get some tips from you as I still haven't caught a "double" – and have only caught two barbel so far, this season!

THE ANGLER OF THE YEAR 2017

We had very hot start to the 2017 Summer League. This led to a very dry summer, which made for challenging conditions to locate fish. However, that man again, Ken Arnold, managed to top the result with 73 points.

Just as well you decided to postpone your holiday in Scotland though Ken. The league result came down to the final match! Runner-up Graham Jones, pushed him all the way and ended up just 4 points behind on 69. Third was Colin Morris on 50 points.

The Aggregate Weight winner was, once again, Ken Arnold, with a splendid weight, for the conditions, of 160 Lbs 13 Ozs. Graham takes the runner-up spot with another good weight over the ten matches of 143 Lbs 11 Ozs.

INDIVIDUAL MATCH WINNERS

MATCH	WINNER	PEG	WEIGHT
Match 1:	S Bedwell	81	31-04-0
Match 2:	D Leary	9	32-00-0
Match 3:	P Harrison	8	16-02-0
Match 4:	G Jones	18	32-00-0
Match 5:	K Arnold	95	35-00-0
Match 6:	B Tinman	5	38-06-0
Match 7:	P Atkins	18	18-28-0
Match 8:	W Carr	72	16-08-0
Match 9:	A James	18	27-00-0
Match 10:	G Jones	118	16-08-0

SPECIMEN FISH - TROPHY WINNERS 2017

For anyone who doesn't know, we have trophies that are

awarded each year for all specimen fish. The heaviest fish caught in any of our river matches needs to be weighed separately and verified to count. This year's winners are:

SPECIES	NAME	WEIGHT	MATCH
BARBEL	B Jones	8-09-0	9
CHUB	W Carr	4-06-0	1
PERCH	R Armstrong	2-00-0	2
PIKE	P Harrison	4-08-0	3

Unfortunately, match anglers have not been weighing in other species separately, so no other species have been recorded this year.

SALMON FISHING 2017

Salmon fishing in 2017 has not been as good as last season. There were only 4 fish reported to Jayne's Tackle Shop. However, Bob Smith informs me that there probably will have been more caught, but not reported to him.

Please remember to let the shop know if you do catch salmon in 2018! As far as we know, the first fish of the year went to Jan Neisluchowski, which was probably the biggest. Pat Atkins, and one other angler, also had another one each. The last fish of the season was probably taken by another angler who was fishing the opposite side of the river to one of our match anglers, on the "S" bends. Unfortunately, I have no further information.

POSTAGE COSTS

Many thanks to those members who DID read their membership renewal letters last year and sent a Stamped Address Envelope (SAE) with their subscriptions. This enabled me to save a considerable amount of my time and also to realise a significant cost saving to the Society –especially now postage charges have gone up so much. In addition, I now have many more members who are contactable by e-mail. This saves the Society and me even more time and even more money. So if you have an e-mail address please let me know.

LAS WORK PARTIES 2018

Work parties to prepare the banks for the 2018/19 season are on Sunday 3rd and 10th June 2018. Meet Cressage Peg 2 at 0900 Hrs. Please come to help as many hands make light work!

2018 MATCH DATES

MATCH	DATE
March Scramble	11 th March 2018
Match 1	17 th June 2018
Match 2	1 st July 2018
Match 3	15 th July 2018 (1 st Float Only)
Match 4	29 th July 2018
Match 5	12 th August 2018
Match 6	26 th August 2018
Match 7	9 th September 2018 (Big One £20)
Match 8	23 rd September 2018 (2 nd Float Only)
Match 9	7 th October 2018
Match 10	21 st October 2018 (Wines & Spirits)

WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT 2018

The annual announcement of Society match winners, specimen fish winners and Salmon catch winners will be held at The Cressage Club after the first match of the 2017/18 season, on the 17 June 2018. A very good free buffet will be provided for members, so even if you don't fish the match, do come along about 5pm. The banter is second to none and the ale is even better!



TROPHIES

We will no longer award trophies. Over the past few years many trophies have not been picked up at the annual presentation. My wife and I are fed up cleaning them every year, only for them to just be brought back home

to store again! It appears trophies are not important to anglers anymore. If you disagree with this, please come to the AGM and make your feelings known – and take on managing the trophies!

DAY TICKETS



✓ Day ticket prices are per guest, per day.

✓ Payment in advance whenever possible by posting your cheque to me.



✓ Members may take up to 2 guests on any one day.

✓ Members must accompany guests at all times.

Unable to get your ticket(s) in advance? Call / Text 07971 016322, to let me know who will be using the ticket(s) and on which date. Tickets can be allocated to you by phone or sent as an "e-ticket" by email. If you are challenged by one of our bailiffs when using the ticket(s) they can then call me to confirm. Payment can be posted to me at the time of booking.

NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM will be held on :

Saturday 17th February 2018

Leighton Village Hall
(Opposite the Kynnersley Arms)

Starting at 7:30 pm

Do please make the effort to come along; it would be nice to see some new faces, we don't bite and you won't get pushed into doing something you don't want to!

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