



CAPSWORLD

THE REGULAR PUBLICATION ABOUT CAPS, ITS FISHERIES AND SOME OF ITS WELL KNOWN AND LESS KNOWN CHARACTERS – Issue 10
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General News

Since the resignation of Dave Davies from the forefront of CAPS activity it was feared that CAPSWorld would cease to exist. It is with great trepidation that I bring you the latest issue. For now, I hope that I can make CAPSWorld as easy and funny to read as Dave made it, only time will tell. You can Email you captures / funny stories to capsworld@caps.org.uk, where they will be looked at and most probably make their way into the next edition. Without your input writing the newsletter becomes a very tricky task.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking Dave who spent a long time working on activities for CAPS both on this newsletter and within the committee.

Our thanks also goes out to Kim Crissell, who, for a long time served on the Committee and as Treasurer for the Society. Kim decided to call it a day at the last AGM due to personal reasons.

I will not make comments about parking bikes at Layer, except if they are not within the carp park limits!! Nor will I make quips about exotic baits such as Flange, it really would be too easy.

Day ticket sales for **Olivers Lake** have been temporarily withdrawn, this situation will be addressed in the near future.

The club is spending increased amounts of money on vermin control, this is due to the amount of rubbish and bait being left around our waters at the end of sessions. Please do not leave unwanted bait or rubbish around your peg, TAKE IT HOME!!!

Offenders that are caught will have their fishing rights removed.

Remember, whenever you enter or leave a club water, PLEASE SHUT THE GATE, some of our leases may be refused if repeat offences are committed.

Anyway on with the news from around the CAPS waters....

Working Parties.

Now that the season of working parties has ended our fisheries are looking in great shape. Hard working members joined forces across all our waters for a few Sundays. At one of the venues a defibrillator was available when one very hard working chap said he had a heart condition, he had only been pushing a mower around for 3 hours, needless to say he was advised to have a rest for a while. Other eventful happenings happened at **Snake pit** where the newly concreted fence posts were found in the lake, less than 20 minutes after being set. The re-think happened and quick dry concrete was used second time around, amazingly they are still there!! "Chainsaw massacre" Mike Stagg was out in force at **Inworth Canal** where a lot of trees needed removing. It is a good job that Mike's chainsaw ran out of juice otherwise there wouldn't be many left. Thanks for the work done Mike.

John and Nick (and any others that I may have missed) at **Prestons** and **Bov II** respectively have worked wonders getting the majority of pegs 'fendered up' and back filled. These new additions to the waters are very welcome indeed. Layer upgrade tickets were issued to those who wanted them at the various venues. Non Layer members can still obtain tickets by helping out, contact Roly on 07743 045 079 or email secretary@caps.org.uk

Fishery Report

Mad for it!!!

Regular users of the CAPS forum (www.caps.org.uk) will know of Shane, aka *madaboutsilurus* and his quest to capture Goliath from **Houchins**. Well, this adventure came to an end when during the early hours of Friday 20th May, Shane hit into a fish that didn't want to move. For the next 45 minutes it was a 'cat and mouse' game until finally the 51lb monster lay in Shane's landing net. Apart from Goliath fishing remains constant now that the water has had a dose of muck. 20's seem to be common place in the back pit, and a few other cats, with bream, tench and roach showing in the front along with a couple of very big eel's.

Doctor Doctor....

With the amount of large tench coming out of **Bovingdon II** it has been almost standing room only over these most weekends, then when a 40lb 8oz monster common was banked, swims were being exchanged on the black market for 15kg of bait. With all seriousness, it seems as though **Bov II** is fast becoming a great, not very good but great, specimen water. Numerous double figure

tench in addition to the vast quantity of 7lb plus fish and the very large carp that are putting on weight faster than any other water in the CAPS portfolio.

Hayes Strays?....

Even the esteemed Matt Hayes of TV fame has been spotted lurking around the bank of **Bov II**, trying we believe, to catch a double figure tench. If it's good enough for him, then it's good enough for us.

It's snot a carp....

Pebmarsh has again started to fish well with numerous quality carp coming out from all over the lake. The bream have been putting in the occasional visit as well with bags of up to 70 fish being taken.

Beep, Beep, Beep....

Layer Pit has re-opened its gates and if the fishing carries on like it is then everybody will enjoy it. A lot of fish being taken off the top with double figure catches being common, roll on when they have finished spawning!!

Snake pit, Bovingdon I and **Inworth main lake** have all been producing fish on a smaller scale than other waters, but are still worth a pop at. The **canal lake** at Inworth is producing good bags of smaller fish for those willing enough to get down there, while **Snake pit** is also producing a lot of rudd and perch up to the 1lb mark.

Can I have some more?....

Olivers has been producing some good bags of fish, a lot of the smaller carp have been coming out to boilies fished over the top of particles, there was however, great surprise when a 30lb 8oz moggie graced the bank in mid May.

Flowing Magic

The **rivers** are producing a lot of smaller fish, with catches of roach, dace, chub and perch very common. This must be a good signal to the rivers coming back to how they were a few years ago. No reports of any barbel are forthcoming, maybe they have been caught and released without weighing!!

A lot of carp were spotted at **Stratford** just cruising on the top, without a care in the world, while the small fish were abundant. **Boxted** and **Nayland** are fishing well for small fish, with the **Anchor** producing some quality chub. The **Can, Chelmer** and **Wid** are producing very good bags of small fish with the odd 2lb perch, 5lb bream, 10lb carp and 7lb tench thrown in for good measure. As a side note about the rivers it is nice to see that a lot of swims have been cut in allowing easy access to all parts, lets just hope that one day we will see more people on them.

How's your Father ?

Now that the spawning season is out of the way, in some venues they have had three goes :,) the amount of fry in all of the waters makes a pleasant sight. At every venue visited remarks have been made about the number of small fish present. This can only mean good things for the future state and stock of our waters.

New Waters.....

The club are always on the lookout for new waters, both to own or to rent. We are currently looking at a number of possibilities, although nothing is guaranteed we are hoping to add at least one new water to the clubs portfolio for the forthcoming seasons. Watch this space for further details.....

Of course if **you** know of any lakes or stretches of river that are available then please notify the Estates Officer. Paul Acres can be contacted on 07767 816142 or via Email at estates@caps.org.uk.

Rumour, myths and Legends...

It was rumoured that sacrificial offerings were being made at Houchins during the middle of the night, this was defused when one of our members fell onto his pod and severely injured his arm. Not to be outdone though he was back at the lake the next day trying to get a pull with one arm in a sling???

There is also a myth going around that the padlocks on the gates to the majority of our lakes are made of gold, and therefore worth a bit of money. This is not the case, so please open and close then instead of cutting them off and trying to sell them on the Internet. The other myth about the padlocks is that will still open if superglue is poured into them, again this is a myth and does prevent them from opening, which then leads on to the above myth.

British barbel record holder Tony Gibson has been spotted around our waters, could there be a surprise in store?, we will have to wait and see.

Well that's all for this issue so it's goodnight from me and it's goodnight from him.