



Colchester Angling Preservation Society Annual General Meeting

To be held at 7.30 p.m. Monday 6 February 2006, at
The Belle Vue Club, Colne Bank Avenue, Colchester

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of 2005 AGM
3. Matters Arising.
4. Chairman's Remarks
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurers report & Balances
7. Fisheries Officers report
8. Estates Officers report
9. Match Secretary's report
10. Bailiff Officers report
11. Election of Officers

The following nominations have been received.

President: R Upsher – Prop by P E Catt Sec by S Nicholls

Vice-Presidents: E.H. Warner, S. Nicholls, R.J. Upsher, Paul Acres - Prop: The Committee

Secretary:	Roly Pipe	Prop S Dormer, sec by C Cade
Treasurer:	Tom Baker	Prop by R Pipe, sec by S Nicholls
Fisheries Officer:	Sean Arbuckle	Prop by K Martin, sec by P Acres
Estates Officer:	Paul Acres	Prop by T Baker, Sec by R Pipe
Match Secretary:	Andy Howard	Prop by M Turner, Sec by T Baker
Bailiff Officer:	Chris Cade	Prop by M Rand, I Hearson
Membership Secretary	Mick Turner	Prop by T Baker, Sec by S Nicholls
Chairman:	There are two nominations for this office: the candidates are as follows:	

Mick Turner	Prop by R Upsher, sec by C Cade
Dave Davies	Prop by K Crisell, sec by D Whitaker

Committee: The following members are standing for election: Steve Dormer, Ian Hearson, Kevan Martin, Stan Nicholls, Mark Rand and Reg Upsher.

12. Proposed Rule Changes to be voted on at the AGM.

The following changes are proposed and endorsed by the committee

1. Association and membership rule 2: delete and renumber subsequent rules.
2. Association and membership rule 24 (presented in writing, prop S Nicholls, sec P acres):
 - After ...to fish on, insert "all"
 - delete "other than Layer Pit" and substitute "*with the exception of Layer Pits. Members are restricted to one guest at any one time and guests may only fish in accordance with the regulations stated on the ticket.*"
 - Delete "Only available in advance" and substitute "*Guest tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE*"
3. General rule 2(d): after ...seasons, insert "*and temporary restriction orders*"; delete all Society Stillwaters and substitute "*any Society Waters*"
4. Clarification of rule 4(c): add "*For the avoidance of doubt disposable barbecues are regarded as open fires.*"
5. General rule 6 (c): delete and renumber subsequent rules.

The following proposals are brought under rule 7

1. Prop by R Upsher and sec by S Nicholls: Association and membership rule 4: afterappoint subcommittees insert "*and co-opt additional committee members.*"
2. Prop by D Davies and sec by C Cade. General rule 2e): replace with "*pike fishing may only take place during the hours of daylight; i.e. from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.*" Renumber existing 2e to 2f.
3. Prop by K Crisell and seconded by D Palmer: New rule 8c: *Matches held on Society stillwaters involving bodies or groups of individuals who are not members shall be restricted to a maximum of one match per water per season, bona-fide equitable inter-club matches excepted, (non-member matches shall not be permitted at Layer Pit due to the restricted membership) For the purpose of this rule an equitable inter-club match is one whereby each participating club provides a venue for a return match or subsequent leg of a series. Charity matches shall make charitable donations that are greater than or equal to the total pools for distribution.*
4. Prop by K Crisell and seconded by D Palmer: Revised rule 8e: *Carp over 10lb, Bream over 8lb or tench over 7lb should be weighed and released straight after capture and NOT placed in keepnets*
5. Prop by K Crisell and seconded by D Palmer: Amendment to rule 9a), Fish Handling, Retention and Welfare Section: after "All anglers unhooking or handling a fish on the bank must use an unhooking mat" add *An unhooking mat must be used under the weigh sling/nets to place fish on before, during and after weighing.*

6. Prop by K Crisell and seconded by D Palmer: after rule 9e) introduce new rules: 9f) *When keepnets are used there should be Two keepnets, one for small fish (< 2lb) and one for bigger fish (> 2lb)*: 9g) *No more than 50lb of fish per keepnet*: 9h) *Barbel should be weighed and released straight after capture and NOT placed in keepnets*. Renumber remaining rules

13. Subscriptions 2006/7

14. Honoraria/ disburseable Expenses

15. A.O.B.

Only people carrying a valid Society Membership card will be admitted. Please remember that this is your chance to have your say in the Society and to suggest ways to improve the way things are done, all members are invited to attend this meeting.



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General News

It is with much regret that we have to start this publication of CAPSWorld off with bad news..... The litter situation on all of our waters has almost reached epidemic proportions. Bag upon bag of the stuff is being left behind on each and every venue by some, not all, of our members. To say that this is a disgrace is putting it mildly; it not only tars the clubs name, but also the name of angling itself. The club try and present waters to suit all types of members and angling abilities, only for the minority of so called members to try and ruin it for everybody else.

Unless this litter form of defecation stops it is very possible that the club will loose the fishing rights on a number of our current venues. This is totally within the landowners rights to withdraw their land from CAPS, and the club can see that this is not far off in some cases.

Such is the extent of littering that the club are getting strong, rules are going to be enforced stronger than ever, members will loose their club membership if rules are broken. It is such a shame that things have degenerated to such a level, but if this is the only way forward, then this is the stance that the club have to take. Offending parties will be named in this publication, on the club website, and in the yearly newsletter. If you do not fancy being known to all throughout the club then please respect our waters, and our rules, they are there for reasons to improve our fishing, not to be broken.

Fishery Report

With the now hectic summer months over and the chilly autumn months upon us, fishing has some what calmed down to. Since the last instalment of CAPSWorld, very little in the way of big fish have graced the bank, or none that have been reported to the editor anyway, of course you may know different, if you do then please drop me a line capsworld@carps.org.uk.

Since the July Issue, Goliath has once again graced the banks of **Houchins** this time at just over 53lb, which makes it the lake record weight. Congratulations Paul on a fine capture. Apart from Goliath a few mid double - 20lb+ plus carp have been coming out and other cats upto the 30lb mark are also being caught.

Olivers is proving a hard water for most to crack now with little showing in the way of multiple carp catches. The odd fish are being taken to boilers over a spod mixture, but sport has been slow. There are plenty of small fish showing should you fancy that instead.

Layer Pit is still fishing it's proverbial's off, with captures of up to 40 fish in a day not too uncommon. With the average stamp of fish being a mid double this really is good fishing. Plenty of upper twenties and mid thirties are coming out as well. 'Vanessa' has been on the bank twice in the space of two weeks, the second time of asking at 35lb 2oz in early October caught by Layer regular 'Jock'. Regan has also been landed at over 35lb in the last couple of weeks. Even the match guys are getting in on the act with Bill Rich winning with 63lb of bream. The roach catches are on in the increase with a reported bag of 41 roach for near 35lb taken from the boat house bank in late September.

No information has been received about **Inworth's** 2 pits and how they are fishing although I would have thought that a few of our predator anglers would have headed that way to plunder the main lakes vast pike resource. The Environment Agency were required to attend Inworth during December after dead carp were found. The results of the EA's tests are yet to be received back, but it seems as though all is OK with the venue.

Bovington 1 and 2 have quietened down a bit since the summer, but are still proving to be as popular as ever for the overnight guys. Fish are thinner on the ground now but still plenty of good commons and mirrors are finding there way into the awaiting landing nets.

Snake pit is as quite as ever although there are still the odd one or two fish being taken.

Prestons lake Pebmarsh is still proving to be very popular with all angling groups. The carp boys are enjoying constant sport with a few fish being caught to each angler, although the fish are not massive they still reflect the potential of this venue. The match and pleasure guys are still catching the bream and silver fish with 20lb plus nets not uncommon in either a match or pleasure session. If you are after sport of any kind then this venue is not to be missed.

The rivers, ah, the rivers, they are coming into their own at this time of year and reports of a 7lb barbel being caught from the river **Wid** only heightens the potential of this stretch. Chub and smaller dace and roach have also fallen to a variety of methods along this stretch.

The **Chelmer** and **Can** are also fish very well for all species. Big chub have been coming out all year long and hopefully now they will really pack on some weight, who knows when that 7 will come out???

The **Stour** at **Stratford, Nayland, Boxted, Langham and Wormingford** have all suffered from a lack of flow this year, and at certain times a distinct lack of water, but this has not deterred the fish. In fact at times the sport has proved to be better than ever with large bream (over 7lb) and carp (20lb+) being recorded. Chub and barbel, large ones at that, have either been hooked or spotted at many different locations along this stretch. Exciting times ahead for this river I am sure. The **Colne** at **Fordham** is also showing signs of life with some big chub showing up, fish to over 4lb have been taken along with good bags of the smaller species.

New Venues

The club are constantly looking to acquire the fishing rights to new venues, both running and still water. Currently, CAPS are in negotiations with four landowners about securing the rights for next season. At the moment it is not possible to announce where these are but we can say that combined they could total approximately 30 acres of water.

This would provide much needed relief on our current venues particularly during the summer months.

Although all the venues may not be suitable to every type of angler the club still believe that they will improve the current portfolio. The venue's are of course still in early stages of paperwork, but the club hope to finalise and announce them to our members before the start of the forthcoming 2006/2007 season.

Rumour, myths and Legends...

Membership has hit a new high this season with approximately 1900 fully paid up members. With the addition of the possible new waters described here the club hope that this trend of year-on-year membership increases will continue to happen. CAPS are continually striving to find bigger and better venues for our members to fish, with this attitude comes increased membership and revenue, one which we hope we are entertaining to the full.

Roll of Shame.

This will be a new regular addition to this read, letting you, the members, know who, what and why a fellow member has lost their membership ticket.....

On a sour note the captor of that fine 40lb Bovington 2 Common, Mr Sparkes, has received a 3 month ban from all club waters. The ban was enforced because at least 2 club rules were broken by Mr Sparkes which left the club with no alternative but to exclude Mr Sparkes after evidence was both given and received. Mr J Warren has been expelled from the club for continued litter abuse at Olivers and both the Bovington lakes, together with the introduction of a non-member fishing without a valid guest / day permit. Mr Warren will not be allowed to renew his membership unless he applies in writing to the membership Secretary and shows remorse for his previous actions.

Please note that the toilets at Houchins and Olivers will be taken away for the winter months, they will remain at Pebmarsh and Bovington.