

down in the coming months my accountabilities will have already been transferred to another director to ensure a seamless transition. Wayne stood down during the year, his role of Fisheries Officer is being covered by Andy and Mark and the position of Health & Safety Officer is being covered by Michael Clarke. The decision to completely update our website was long overdue and the guys at Upshot Media are doing a cracking job in conjunction with Ian Carter. Finally, like minded individuals are being sought by the Board to strengthen and enhance the current skill set that manages your Society on a daily basis, so if your interested in joining the committee, make yourself known all of our Contact details are in the rule book. I've said it before and I'll say it again it has been rewarding to say the least, goodbye Steve



Colchester APS Ltd Newsletter
for the Annual General Meeting,
4th February 2019
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Well here we are once again, I kind of promised each and every one of you that I was off out the door the last time I wrote this, well more from me later, Steve.

C.A.P.S.Ltd Membership Application 2019/2020 Season

Forenames..... Surname.....
Address.....
.....Post Code.....
Date of Birth...../...../..... Home Tel No.....
Membership No.....(See the front of membership card)
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL OF THE ABOVE DETAILS IN BLOCK CAPITALS

CATEGORY

PLEASE TICK BOX

ADULT

Husband/Wife/Partner **

SENIOR CITIZEN(over 65

UNDER 19 (16 to 18 years old)

UNDER 16 (13 to 15 years old)

UNDER 13 (Under 13 years old)

UNDER 10 (Under 10years old)

NIGHT PERMIT Not
Under13 & Under 16

TOTAL

FEE		Receipt No.
£95		EMAIL: membership@ColchesterAPS.org OR WRITE TO: C.A.P.S.Ltd MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY 29 LODGE ROAD BRAINTREE ,CM7 1JA <u>Laver Pit Upgrades</u> <u>Only available from Membership Secretary</u> <u>See Rule Book for Details</u>
£160		
£70		
£60		
£40		
£20		
FREE		
£75		<i>Membership required for night permit</i>
£		All cheques payable to CAPS Ltd

** HUSBAND & WIFE permits only apply to ADULT category, all other husband & wife members (i.e. Senior Citizens) must join as individual members.

PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR BANK CHARGES AT A MINIMUM LEVEL BY PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES BY CHEQUE IF POSSIBLE.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM & SEND WITH YOUR EXISTING MEMBERSHIP CARD AND A STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE (IF YOU DO NOT SEND ONE WE WILL NOT SEND IT BACK TO YOU), SEND TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY OR TAKE IT TO ANY OF THE AGENCIES LISTED BELOW.
NEW MEMBERS NEED ONE PASSPORT SIZE PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE MEMBERSHIP CARD.

MEMBERSHIP RUNS FROM THE 1ST APRIL 2019 TO 31ST MARCH 2020

INCLUSIVE Members details are kept on a Secure Computer Data Base

I declare that I have not been refused admission or expelled from any other fishing club and I hereby agree to abide by Environment Agency byelaws and the Rules of the Company printed in the Company Byelaws, a copy of these has been supplied to you. I also understand that my membership may be terminated (without refund) should I contravene any of the above mentioned rules or bylaws.

Signed..... Dated.....
Email Address.....

MEMBERSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING SHOPS

ANGLING ESSENTIALS-WITHAM WASS'S FISHING TACKLE Ltd COPFORD BILLS TACKLE-BRAINTREE
BREAKAWAY TACKLE-IPSWICH BIRDS TACKLE-GT..BLAKENHAM JUST-FISHIN,SUDBURY
JP TACKLE - MALDON STOUR VALLEY TACKLE-HALSTEAD K.D.RADCLIFFE Ltd-COLCHESTER
CLACTON ANGLING Ltd-CLACTON BRIAN DEAN TACKLE-CLACTON

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Chairman: Reg Upsher - Another year flies by thankfully without too many problems and hence allowing the Board the opportunity to consider what is generally known as "Continual Improvement" with an eye firmly fixed on the future. Currently the vibes are, that there is a general down turn in anglers joining clubs across the region and with less money being spent in the local retail sector. Therefore, the Board set about a long-term investment and stocking programme in order to encourage members to support us year on year and hopefully increase our membership. One of those decisions was to reduce the senior membership fee and adjusted the other subscriptions for the coming year. More of which you will find later. Unfortunately, we had to give up the waters at Houchins as we were unable to maintain these in a safe condition for our members and ultimately it was not financially viable on a short lease to make safe for your use. Tom our Treasurer stood down last year and we have taken the opportunity to make changes in our banking and accountancy arrangements, Dan Jarman and Steve Dormer share the treasurer and approvals process whilst Doug Delivett (a long-term supporter and Treasurer of the society) has come back onboard as our accountant. Unfortunately, during the year we lost Wayne Clarke our fisheries officer whom for personal reasons found it necessary to leave the board and would like to take the opportunity to wish him well and thank him for all the good work he achieved during his time with us, this position is being shared by Andy Howard and Mark Castle. We are also aware that two other officers currently on the board are seeking to relocate and move away from the area in the near future and would welcome and encourage new faces to come onto the board and spend a year or two as a non-executive Director before perhaps taking on a senior role in the future. If we are to continue to operate successfully, as we have for the past 98 years, it is essential that we find two or three members willing to join us in the next few weeks so please make your self-known to any of the Directors in person and we can have a chat or drop us a line to Steve at secretary@colchesteraps.org or myself at chairman@colchesteraps.org. The alternative would be to out-source sections of the work at a cost we defiantly want to avoid. I would also like to thank Ian Carter for agreeing to fill the long outstanding vacancy of Webmaster which could not have been better timed as we are in the process of upgrading our web site. Finally, I would express my sincere thanks to all the Directors that have played a part this past year together with our excellent Bailiff's and small band of helpers for all the time and effort they have given making CA.P.S. the outstanding angling club it continues be.

Treasurer: Dan Jarman & Steve Dormer - Over the last year we have made changes in the management and increased levels of control over our finances. Firstly, Dan takes in invoices and then sets up payment with our bank whilst Steve approves these prior to payment being actioned. These activities take little or no time to process and payments can be actioned immediately should the need arise, where as previously we had to wait for a third party to action, which at times was more than frustrating.

Membership Secretary: Mick Turner - There has been a slight dip in Members last year, the biggest being in Adult members. This has been blamed on the World Cup and a long hot summer. In an effort to align our membership fees with our nearest like for like competitors the Board have taken the decision to reduce the base membership fees for Adults and Juniors alike with a slight increase for senior citizens and Night Tickets plus a flat fee for guests. The revised set of membership fees for 2019 are as follows - Adult £95, Husband & Wife £160, Senior Citizens £70, Intermediates £60 (Under 19) Under 16 £40, Under 13 £20 and Under 10 Free. Layer Upgrades will only be available from the Membership Secretary. The 2019 membership will be available from the latter part of February through the usual outlets including the new website and directly from the Membership Secretary via post (with SAE attached). Please note that the ownership of Colchester Bait & Tackle is currently in transition and therefore will only be selling memberships until the sale goes through. Finally, if you are renewing please use your existing membership card rather than joining as a new member. Tight Lines - Mick Turner.

Match Secretary: Andy Howard – Oliver's lake: Still producing the goods with fantastic results and nice bags of Skimmers, Tench, Carp, Roach and even some nice big Perch. **Preston's lake:** This has fished fairly hard at the start of the season but did pick up later on. Unfortunately match weights were not as good as previous years. The August bank holiday charity pairs match continued to be a success and £400 was raised for the St Helena Hospice. **Brookhall:** has been fairly consistent with some good match winning weights up to 100lb. **Inworth Grange:** the new water featured as a 2018 match venue, but with limited pegs. Weights were still good with a winning weight of 42lb 8oz of Rudd, we shall be going back soon. **Layer Pit:** we had a couple of great matches at Layer pit this year the first with lots of Bream caught, John Shepard caught 166lb of Bream. **Essex Inter Club League:** This is still going strong after all these years. CAPS enters two match teams in this event each year. There are six rounds on various club waters with teams of six anglers competing in 2019. **Charity Carp Match:** This season will also see the first 24hr Carp Match to be held at **Layer Pit.** All proceeds from this match will go to help to go towards the next phase of Otter Fencing. Exact details will be posted on the Noticeboard at Layer in due course, first points of contact are Mark Castle and Head Bailiff Sean Fretwell. I hope the coming season will be a good one and it's always nice to see new faces on the bank so if you fancy trying your luck at a match or two give me a ring or drop me an email, Andy Howard.

Bailiff Officer: Mark Castle – Firstly, I would like to thank the head bailiffs and their assistants for all their hard work during the last year keeping all CAPS waters clean and tidy, whilst giving up their free time for the benefit of members and the club. I find myself once again repeating the same message. Do Not Litter. If you bring it with you Take It Home as the only outcome from the Board is an immediate LIFE BAN. A dirtier habit has arisen of late which will not be tolerated on the Society's waters and that's members defecating in or near their swims. If you want to do this go fish elsewhere as our bailiffs are not there to clean up after you. Especially considering that the Society spend Thousands of Pounds a year on supplying you clean toilets at all of our waters and should anybody get caught doing this you will receive an immediate LIFE BAN End of Story. Finally, both of the above activities result in Rats running around our fisheries yet another professional we have to employ to address this issue. Finally, we had Two Life Bans handed out to two new members half way through the year both were Night Fishing at Brookhall and reports from Bailiffs identified them lighting fires at both Oliver's and Brookhall. Best Wishes Mark.

Estates Officer: Daniel Jarman –

This year has been relatively quiet following the loss of Houchins which had been announced in last years' newsletter. We have been able to achieve a lot in the last year as a club to build for the future and it is important that this focus continues going forward. I echo Chairmans' comments and encourage members to consider applying to join the committee, CAPS is a great club and we need all the help we can get.

Health & Safty Officer: Michael Clarke.

I will start with the Annual reminder not to put Bivvys under big Willow trees, as they tend to drop large branches without warning. We are in the process of removing the larger overstood trees on our waters, therefore if work is going on please keep well clear of the area. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. On another safety issue please keep your feet covered in and around your swims thus avoiding nasty accidents.

Otter fencing has been installed on some of our waters, it is imperative that all the gates are kept closed at all times to avoid fish losses due to otters.

Webmaster: Ian Carter - As this is my first year as taking over the reins of managing the CAPS website, I thought I would provide a quick introduction to myself. Having recently taken early retirement from a long career in marketing at BT I now have a little more time to put something back into the club that I have been a member of since a junior, my father having the privilege of being a Life Member of the Club. A regular match angler I look forward to promoting all aspects of the Club through our digital channels. I am delighted to say we have undertaken a revamp of our website www.colchesteraps.org and the refreshed site will go live just after the AGM. My aim is to ensure the website remains up to date, proving such information as, water updates, fish stocking, match results and working parties as well as retaining the opportunity to join CAPS and purchase guest and night tickets. I also hope members take the opportunity to upload recent catches across our range of waters. We will continue to make improvements to the site which will complement the official CAPS Facebook page. An example of one such addition is that we will be looking to film aerial video footage of our waters once spring arrives.

Fisheries Officer: Andy Howard & Mark Castle - Prior to Wayne informing us of his decision to stand down, his activities at the beginning of this year include, working with Embryo to finalise the installation of the Otter fencing at both of the Bovington lakes and Oliver's. Then ordering the next consignment of English Farm Bred Carp from VS Fisheries which were stocked in Layer Pit. **Please Note: - that these fish are easily identifiable and we would appreciate it if you would forward us weights, times, dates and pics of these stunning fish to either our new webmaster and the Facebook Page so that we can monitor their growth.**

Club Secretary: Steve Dormer – So how do I wrap up my final Newsletter? Firstly, please accept my apologies for my absence at the AGM. As previously mentioned, it has always been our intention to move away from the region once we retired and we are out house hunting as our buyer is "Hot to Trot" and wants to move in soonest to secure spaces for his kids in the local Primary School. As for Society business and as previously mentioned we have implemented changes to our banking and accountants, currently Dan and I manage this, these positions are easily transferable so when I step