



CAPS Ltd Newsletter for the
Annual General Meeting,
7th February 2011
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“EXCEPTIONAL” is the only word that comes close to describing the progress that CAPS has achieved since 2008. Over the past three years we have virtually doubled our still waters from 9 to a staggering 17 with the latest acquisition, Brook Hall at Tiptree, fitting perfectly in place with our policy to cater for all the varied forms of fishing we know our members enjoy.

The New Waters now provide the members with a number of waters suitable to target specimen fish, Runs Waters and venues for Match fishing and for those just happy to dangle a line and have plenty of “pulls” and are not concerned from what.

You Name It, We Have It. Specimens virtually all species, Carp, Tench, Bream, Perch, and Pike along with waters stuffed with smaller fish and not forgetting the double figure Barbel in our river. **Amazingly, based on the cost of a senior member this is all made available for JUST £1.79 a week (day ticket) and for only an extra £0.77 a week members may enjoy their sport 24/7 (equivalent to a pint of beer and less than ten cigarettes) which is exceptional value for anyone’s money.**

The Cost To Date has been considerable for the Society to arrive at this position reducing our capital sum held in 2008 by 69% as at the current time. Over half of the loss being attributed to purchasing fish and the balance on various improvements to a number of waters along with the added cost of the rent and overheads such as toilets, vermin control and general maintenance all of which was included within the plan instigated in 2009. Also, we have experienced a serious loss in interest from our bank and now have the added increase in VAT which we have to absorb from April. The completed accounts for 2009 were presented and accepted and particular importance was placed on the trading loss for the period.

A similar trading loss is also anticipated for the current accounting period and is in line with our cost plan. The audited accounts for year 2010 will not be available until later this year as we have decided to revise our accounting which will now terminate at the end of March instead of December.

The plan projects Income/Expenditure from 2009 to 2015 inclusive and we anticipate that 50% of the loss will be recuperated during this period with the balance in the years that follow. The plan will be monitored regularly by the Directors. In the event of any further expansion or other unforeseen costs occurring then it may be necessary to amend the plan accordingly.

In 2010 after Eighty Nine Years in business the club achieved registration and become a Company Limited by Guarantee taking it another step forward in its development. To comply with our new status and Articles a number of changes have been necessary including amending the first section of our By-Laws (rule book) as you will see when joining for the new season.

It will take a further two years before all the changes are complete but at least the main object has already been achieved and we are no-longer reliant upon three members acting as Trustee’s to be responsible for the clubs liabilities which are considerable and is a big step forward in remaining a major player in our sport.

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To provide the best possible fishing presents its own problems generating an ever increasing work load requiring many hours of the Directors and Bailiff's time. Much of the major items are sub-let as we do not have the man power or machinery available in house suitable to do the work... This may seem an easy option but it still requires time in obtaining quotations, planning, setting up and supervising. The down side being it all comes at a cost.

We have Invested in our own equipment should a water suffer from oxygen depletion and this equipment can be up and running on a water in a matter of hours if required and was used to good effect a number of times last season. The list of Works carried out last year is formidable for instance **at Snake Pit** the track was repaired and the majority of the swims had new fronts installed. Marginal coir rolls were also planted to provide cover for the anglers that fish the margins.

The boundary fence was repaired and a new fence to Donyland Lodge should be erected by the owners later this year in an attempt to prevent the youths from the lodge accessing our water. Members fishing Snake are politely requested not to give anything to the youths if asked i.e. cigarettes, lighters, alcohol etc. and do not under any circumstances invite them into your swim or bivvy for obvious reasons. We have been informed by Donyland Lodge that one member last year allowed a youth to hide in his bivvy, which could have resulted in serious consequences or allegations being made against the member.

We are also hoping to remove some of the more dangerous snags this spring using a local diving club. The main snags will not be removed. **At Layer Pit** the silt reduction programme continued and a further 15 tonnes of Micro chalk applied to the water. Our consultants returned to take further samples of the lake bed and confirmed that the silt is slowly reducing. The car park gates will be relocated shortly and members are requested to close and lock them after either entering or leaving the pit.

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Bovington 1 and Oliver's were also treated with Micro chalk. Additional Carp and Tench were introduced at Great Oakley and St Osyth

At **West Mersea** lakes the old platforms were removed and new platforms installed and selected areas of the reeds have been treated. Once they have died off they will be removed. The programme is on-going and in the cost plan a number of additional works are included for this year which will include swim and track repairs, stock surveys and re-stocking.

Safety is now another major concern and as you will be aware we have our own Safety Officer as required within our Articles who need the full support of not only fellow Directors and Bailiff's but also all our members and any matters of concern should either be reported to the bailiff or directly to the Safety Officer. Everyone is required to play their part and apply their best endeavours in maintaining a safe and suitable environment fit for purpose and is not to be ignored.

All Head Bailiffs under our Health @ Safety policy are required to return to the Safety Officer quarterly inspection sheets, standard sheets available for their use, for their water. **A Disabled Toilet** and Two swims are now available at Gt. Oakley, one on the match lake the other on the Specimen Lake and are only available for disabled members with the exception of match days when they may be used For the coming year no other disabled facilities are available on our waters and the board will review our policy each year.

Weil's Disease Warning – Members are reminded not leave open cuts exposed to water infection as these may become infected and to assist us in managing our rodent control programme NOT to leave edible waste items on the banks or for that matter any other form of litter.

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Membership Fees for 2011/12

Adult to £93

Husband & Wife £140

Senior Citizens £48

Disabled to £55

Intermediate to £66

Under 16 to £33

U13 to £16

Adult Guest Tickets remain at £7.50

Concessionary Guest Tickets remain at £5

NEW - Seasonal Night Permit £40

NEW - Individual Night Ticket £6

All of the previously mentioned activities have come at a cost especially taking on new waters, over the last couple of years most of these costs have to date been absorbed by the society. However we cannot continue to run at a loss so the board have decided to bring in a **Seasonal Night Permit** to align with our neighbouring clubs. **The Seasonal Night Permit will apply to all members over 16yrs of age.** The Seasonal Night Permit allows a fully paid up CAPS Member to fish all of CAPS waters where night fishing is allowed. The **Individual Night Ticket** Was introduced after discussing the introduction of the Seasonal Night Permit with the members present at the AGM and taking on board their comments the committee have introduced an **Individual Night Ticket** which can be purchased **by a fully paid up CAPS Member at any of our agents for £6 Per Night.** However the Night Ticket does not allow you to Night Fish at **Bovington I & II or Snake Pit.** If you wish to Night Fish these waters you will need to purchase the **Seasonal Night Permit.**

Night Ticket Loyalty Scheme – I dare say each and every one of you carries some kind of loyalty card, whether it's for Tesco, Sainsbury or the local Takeaway. The committee has introduced a loyalty scheme with the Night Tickets. Once a member has purchased 7 Night Tickets in their name during the same season they can then submit these with their Membership Card and a SAE to the Membership Secretary and they will receive an automatic upgrade to the Night Permit for the remainder of that season. Unfortunately Guests cannot Night Fish on CAPS waters.

For those of you who **Match Fish** a comprehensive match fixture list is also available each year and is open to all members should they wish to fish. For those that have yet to attend a match and fancy their chances a quick call to the match secretary will help get you started. Last spring the CAPS team made it to the semi-final of the Angling Times Super Cup held at Coleman's Cottage but unfortunately there was little time to practice and we failed to make the final. This past season in the Essex Inter club league the (A) team finished 2nd overall and the (B) team 6th. We should congratulate Ian Carter from the (A) team for winning both the individual and knockout cups. For those of you who don't know about the Essex interclub League it is 6 matches fished between June and January by 10 club teams of 6 anglers. Six of the ten teams hosting one round of the league and has been supported by CAPS for many years and hopefully we will continue to do so for many years to come. With the acquisition of Brook Hall we now have a wider choice of good match venues and provide for more variety within the fixture list and to bring in some extra revenue a series of open matches planned on Saturdays during the coming season has been included in the fixture list. Finally we thank everyone who helped out with the club matches, Ian Carter, Mick Turner to name just a few.

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Gripe Time. We hope that having read the foregoing it will be more than evident that to achieve each year the work necessary to, not only to run the club day-to-day, but also pro-actively develop CAPS requires a big effort from not only the Directors and Bailiff's but also a small number of members willing to give of their spare time each season for which we should all be very grateful. We are aware that a few ill directed members without given moments thought regularly run the club down and believe they could do better. Well, instead of hiding away and sniping at all concerned we invite you to come out of the woodwork and present your selves and lend a hand as there is still plenty of work to do and then you may find it is not as easy as you think. Finally and most annoyingly there are those that still think leaving litter behind is acceptable and appear to like fishing in a rubbish tip which is just not acceptable and anyone found leaving litter will be expelled; It's your litter so take it home! You are also reminded that under our rules you are responsible for any litter in and around your swim regardless of how it got there.

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And many more....
 Monday-Saturday
 OPEN 9:00AM-5:00PM



Moving swiftly on brings me to **Bailiffing**. The society is looking for new Bailiffs on all of our waters. If you would like to become involved with the Day to Day running and maintenance of our waters including managing work parties then email our Bailiff Officer at

bailiff@colchesteraps.org

or visit our website

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Then use the online application form.

It would seem that there's never enough occasions when the committee get the opportunity to say **Thank You** to our Bailiffs for the hard work put in during the previous year. You will notice the improvements on the bank. Thanks mainly to a few dedicated individuals who give up their time freely to make your fishing experience an enjoyable occasion. **Once again Many Thanks**

CAPS Clothing In the near future you will be able to purchase clothing with the CAPS logo on from a third party web site. The society has paid for the CAPS logo to be digitalised so that you can have this embroidered on to a hoody or T Shirt of your choice. The details of the third party company and their website will be available in the coming weeks. The society does not receive any commission for these purchases; therefore CAPS cannot be held responsible for your purchases.

Finally The society will be holding a Charity Match at Brook Hall on Saturday 16th April 2011 in support of the **Breast Cancer Charity** this event will be sponsored by **WASS's Fishing Tackle**. The Draw will be at 08.30 fishing 10.00 until 15.00hrs. it will cost £20 per person, the whole lake will be closed to non - participating members as all 50 Pegs are up for grabs, so if you are a competent Match Angler or prefer to spend your time sitting behind a set of buzzers. Perhaps just enjoy seeing your float go under or you and your loved one's have been touched by this dreadful disease then this is the event for you. **To book a peg call Andy Howard on 07818 214507**

