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## End of season fish

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## EA Severn Angling News

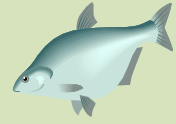
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# Fishing news



**I'll be back!**



I had a short session at Pershore on Sunday March 1st. Caught a couple of small chub, then the rod wrapped round and I was attached to one of my target species – a barbel!

I didn't weigh it but estimated at just under 7lb, very welcome on a cold day, which got steadily windier. I'm just glad I packed up before the rain set in.

I haven't fished Pershore for about 4 years, but I'll be back again quite soon, hopefully before the season is out.

John Snape.

## Bumper catch of Avon bream



I was fishing at Cropthorne No 10 meadow below the railway bridge, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. The weather was dry but windy (very blustery at times making bites hard to see at times on the quiver tip), temperature I think was about 7/8 degrees.

The river I would say was probably a foot or so above normal winter level but not too badly coloured.

All the bream fell to swimfeeder tactics – open type feeder packed with groundbait, hook bait; worm and caster.

Patience paid off in the session as I had to wait about 2½ hours for the first fish. Fished 5 hours total for 31lb of fish, largest 8lb.

Cheers, Steve Jones

## Kev's Coppice report



Hi all,

Kev of Birmingham with a report (date 19th-20th March 2015) from Coppice. I did 30 hours bank side at with 4 carp had; 2 mirrors 14lb 1oz, 12lb 15oz and 2 commons 14lb 8oz, 8lb 12oz

Thanks Kev of Birmingham

## Nice roach



Hi,

Attached is a photo of a nice roach, which was part of a good bag of mainly dace with about a dozen good roach from Newhalls Meadow on Sunday 8th March. Taken on stick and waggler with maggot and hemp feed.

Phil Amos



## Severn bream



Two of my fishing mates had a cracking day at Ripple yesterday.

Evesham BAA member Stu Robinson convinced his fishing buddy Rick Huxley to have a day off work to get some well-deserved fishing time in on the Severn at Ripple on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>. Because of work commitments Rick was not a member of the BAA so after purchasing a day ticket for £8 from the local tackle shop they set up by the Barn at Ripple.

It was a slow start with a few roach coming to the net, after a phone call to Pete Jones the local Bailiff who told them they needed a fish meal ground bait.

Stuart had purchased a bag of fish meal from the shop that morning, this was mixed up and shared out.

After 30 minutes the bream moved in and it was action all the way, they did not have scales with them but they estimated that they had at least 100lb between them.

Photo of Stu with his net of Severn bream and Rick with a bream estimated to be over 8lb.

Rick has said "who needs to go to Ireland with this quality of fishing is on your door step, needless to say Rick will be converting his day ticket for a full membership card at a cost of an extra £35.

Colin Townsend

## Knowle Sands Whacker!



Hi All,

Had a great couple of days fishing at Knowle Sands the last week of the season. Had six large chub on one day, all taken on bread flake using liquidised bread in a feeder.

Followed by this whacker at 5lb 1oz and three barbel too the following day.

Chris Manns

## Last but one day on the Avon



A nice 5lb plus mixed bag taken from Pershore RB

Gordon Beardsmore

## Happy!



Great final day at Fladbury. A couple of chub around 4-5lb, a 9lb 2oz barbel and finished off with this superb one of 12lb 8oz....Happy

Brian Rossiter

## End of season session



5 nice chub to 4lb at Wasperton, caught on 8mm/14mm pellet, I also had several roach and dace on the stick float on 7th March 2015.

Rob Holland





# Nature views



## Wasperton geese



Greylag geese



Canada geese



Unconcerned mute swan



Stropky goose

I visited Wasperton just after the end of the season with hammer and notebook in hand to check the platforms and steps to see what repair work is required by the Fisheries Team during the close season.

Last year when doing this I disturbed a muddy badger that was rooting about in the gully by the upstream car park and had the pleasure of watching it amble away through the trees.

This year, as well as the usual mute swans, the river was playing host to a number of geese. A pair of Canada and Greylag geese were on the water and a rather stropky white domestic/farm goose took exception when I was trying to check the last downstream platform, the swan that was also there did not appear to be concerned at all by my activities.





# Executive update



## Bailiffing

Kevin Pearson reported statistics to date showed 311 visits made, 144 anglers checked and 17 removed. Several new bailiffs had been recruited. The Association would be collaborating with Angling Trust on enforcement issues related to the River Severn.

## Fisheries

Dave Gumbley reported that the work at Nordley had been completed. The car parks at Nafford and Eastham Bridge had been cleared of rubbish. The concrete base for the Portaloo at Coppice had been installed. Evidence of bank erosion in Pool 4 at Nordley was becoming apparent. Effluent had been seen to be seeping from a manure heap in a field adjacent to Pool 4, the EA had been notified and an inspection revealed no threat to the fishery. The drainage ditch which had been created to allow seepage from the heap to drain towards the pool is to be plugged.

## Website

Bob Duce reported usage statistics for the new web site were very encouraging with about 300 hits per day. The member's forum element would be going live within the coming month. Post code and GPS map coordinates had been added to each BAA venue on the web site for use in satnav. All the previous copies of the BAA News going back to April 2011 have also been added to the Latest News Archive.

## Reg Stokes memorial stone

A memorial stone to commemorate the late Reg Stokes, a former President of the BAA is to be placed in Stokes Wood alongside the River Severn at Blackstone. The memorial stone consists of a large boulder from Wales with a memorial inscription carved onto it. When the boulder is in place a picture will be included in the BAA News.



# Archive extracts



Below are extracts from the April 1957 and 1958 editions of the Midland Angler, the forerunner to the BAA News.

NORMAN WOODWARD discusses the psychological aspect of

## Fishing for the Big 'Uns



Get a few tench like this "under your belt" and you will acquire a new confidence.

**I**F anyone were to ask me the most important asset any angler should have, I would unhesitatingly say—confidence!

Far too many novices to-day start trying to catch big fish before they have become proficient in catching little ones; and that to my mind is a mistake because they lack the vital confidence which only success can bring.

For instance, a friend of mine had been banging his head against a brick wall for several seasons, trying to catch tench on an extremely difficult water, but without success. I fished the water with him intensively last summer, and between us we had just one tench. Needless to say he is extremely disappointed, and also demoralised, and the advice I have given to him is to start next season off on an easy tench water—somewhere where it is relatively easy to get the tench to feed, and where the spots which are liable to produce results are known.

Once he has a few good tench "under the belt," as it were, he will find he can tackle that difficult water with a new confidence, and unless I miss my guess he'll succeed in catching one or two of those "impossible" fish.

You see at the moment he is labouring under the impression that he just cannot catch tench, and although I assure him this just isn't so, he does not believe me. Nothing apart from actually catching a few good ones will persuade him otherwise.

There's another psychological aspect to this problem, too. No one wants to devote the whole summer fishing for tench without catching anything, and most chaps are determined that this won't happen. Consequently they try too hard to succeed; they fish the same old swims day in, day out, scared to move to a fresh one for fear that when they do it may be the very day when the fish will be in the swim they are forsaking.

**Strictly  
for  
Specimen  
Hunters**

If they have already caught some good fish, they won't be so concerned if that does happen. They are relaxed, less keyed up and prepared to experiment.

One of the biggest bugbears of experimenting is the experiment which produces negative results, so that methods or baits or both are changed before that method has been given a fair trial.

If your one concern is to catch a fish—any fish—you must be prepared to give a certain method or bait the prolonged trial that it needs

to prove its merits. But if you have already caught several good fish, then you will be perfectly happy to carry on fishless until you have satisfied yourself that your ideas are wrong.

Take Redmire Pool for instance. If one judged baits by results obtained, one would be forced to the conclusion that none of the recognised baits was of any use whatsoever, because unless you were very fortunate, no matter what was used on the hook, you would probably fish a whole summer without registering a single bite from a carp. Not because you were using the wrong bait, but because the carp just are not sufficiently interested in anything you offer them to take it.

This sort of thing can happen on lots of waters where natural food exists in vast quantities; you fish with a lobworm perhaps 20 times and never have a run. That does not necessarily mean that lobworms are no good on that particular water, for as the food supply becomes less plentiful, and the fish become more prepared to accept anglers' offerings, it may well prove to be the deadliest bait you could use!

The only solution is to stick to your guns and persevere, and, when you get to the stage where you are demoralised, get out your roach tackle and go and catch a netful of little ones; you will be amazed how much more confidence it will give you when tackling those impossible monsters you have been stalking for weeks!

# Make This Swim Feeder – For Nothing

## Strictly For Specimen Hunters

by  
NORMAN  
WOODWARD



A bait dispenser anchored well upstream is a great help in fast water.

**H**AVE you ever noticed when fishing a fastish shallow run for dace, roach or chub that you never seem to be able to throw your maggots far enough upstream for bites to materialise at a point near enough to make for comfortable fishing?

I like shallow water fishing for dace down a fairly fast run, particularly if the weather happens to be cold. During the summer I also fish the Wreake quite a bit in the evenings, often staying until midnight.

But on dark nights, and at other times, it is often very difficult to place your maggots—the best bait for this sort of fishing—in the precise area you want them. In fact more often than not it is well-nigh impossible.

You can of course enclose them in a ball of heavy groundbait, which will gradually disintegrate, but this method has its disadvantages, too. In the first place it is a noisy method, and secondly, it invariably gets the fish interested in bread instead of maggots.

The latter is by no means a bad thing, but for fast water fishing I prefer maggots. They are reasonably secure on the hook and, provided the fish will have them, they have a decided advantage over bread, which does not stay on nearly as well.

With this thought in mind I decided last season to make myself

a bait dispenser which would ensure a constant trickle of maggots into the river at the place I wanted them to go in.

I got a tin about 3" high × 2" × 1½"—a mustard tin is ideal—and in the bottom I punched about 20 holes 5/32" in diameter. Then I made another hole in the top rim to take a wire loop.

Filled with neat maggots—and I stress the word neat, because sawdust clogs up the holes and restricts the passage of the bait—I found it provided a steady, controlled trickle of maggots for roughly two hours.

When fishing shallow runs I usually stick a rod-rest in the water well upstream and hang the dispenser on it. Alternatively, it can be attached to a tree overhanging the water, or, as I have sometimes done, at the end of a pike rod placed in a rod-rest to ensure that the dispenser is kept well out from the bank. With a length of nylon on one end and a lead weight on the other it can also be hung over a bridge and adjusted until it is only inches above the water.

This dispenser may not be original, but it is certainly not a gimmick.

It is a very valuable piece of angling equipment which costs nothing to produce, can be carried around without difficulty, yet in certain conditions is quite invaluable.



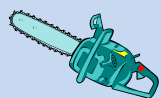
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# Fisheries report



## Nafford



Colin Townsend and hammer in action



Platform ready for new season

Repaired/replaced platforms and steps where required in the meadow downstream of the weir and have trimmed the branches around the swims just below the weir. We have also added some support to the stile steps in the car park fence as they were getting a bit wobbly.

## Coppice Lake



Waiting for the cement truck!

A concrete base has been built ready for installation of a portaloo.

## Danery

Repaired/replaced platforms and steps where required and trimmed trees around pegs.

## Fladbury

The gate we had padlocked at Fladbury for the close season to prevent fly tipping was found to have been removed from its hinges and thrown to the side. As a result we have chained the gate to the hinge post and strengthened the chain between the gate and the latch post. We have also burned up more fly tipping and put the BAA sign back up.

## Chadbury Meadows



Before



During



After

Had a clear up and burnt all the materials fly tipped in the car park. Have padlocked the gate for the duration of the close season to try and prevent more fly tipping.

## Pensham

Put marker posts alongside by each platform in the wooded area. This is to help Fisheries find the platforms when cutting back the vegetation in the spring as this is difficult when cutting through head high cow parsley and nettles.

## Barton & Bidford RB

Peg repairs.

## Barton

Tree work, repair and cut steps.



# Readers' letters



If you have any items, thoughts, issues you want to air in the BAA news, please:

Email it to [baajnw@btinternet.com](mailto:baajnw@btinternet.com) or,

use the Contact Us option on the website listed under 'The BAA' on the main menu.

The Editor will act as moderator for items to be included.

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Dear Sirs,

Having been a member for some years now, and living in Shropshire, I have enjoyed the variety of fishing that the BAA offers, and regularly fish the rivers and stillwaters. I live fairly local to, and have managed to fish Nordley Pools on many, many happy occasions. One of the pools however has always intrigued me – No 6!!! The pool, dark and brooding, with the tall trees that encircle it seemingly able to fend off all but the strongest sunlight, always appeared a moody and mysterious place. With that always came the hope of some monster fish lurking in the neglected dingy depths, one day to be fooled into taking my long overlooked bait. Over the years, I've heard many people on the bank recounting tales of past glories, with lovely tench and crucians being caught, and maybe with the odd Carp thrown in, but alas, in my experience, tales from the past are all they seem.

After many sessions on this water, I have come to the conclusion that it holds few fish. Indeed, there is a shoal of Rudd, with a few medium sized fish amongst it, and I have had the odd eel, (dare I say it even a good one!), but on the whole, apart from the Rudd shoal, the water seems somewhat lifeless. There appears to be little indication of any movement on or below the surface from larger fish, and none ever has graced my hook. Perhaps there are the odd leviathans skulking in the gloom that are cleverer than I, however my angling instinct honed over many years, now veers me to think otherwise. One can only assume that the lack of sunlight and the annual profusion of autumn's leaf barrage have over the years contrived to make this water an inhospitable place for our fishy quarry. Sadly I always got the impression that I was fishing a pool that was slowly dying.

It was with extreme excitement that I read in your newsletter that work would take place to cut back the forest of tress around No. 6 and open it up once more to some daylight. This little pool was indeed in need of some TLC. Let's hope that the increase in daylight will again encourage weed growth and promote the return of more insects and invertebrates which in turn can restore the water to its reputed former glory. I have indeed paid a visit to the water recently and the results of the work are pleasing, though understandably the banks look a little stark. Once the marginal growth takes hold, I'm sure the water will soon regain the charm it deserves.



Whilst I congratulate the BAA on the decision to regenerate No. 6, there is of course the matter of fish stocks. In this day and age where every water from farm ponds to commercial, day ticket and club fisheries seem to be stocked (and stuffed!) with carp, perhaps it is the time for the BAA to be radical. I for one would love to see the pool stocked with tench and pure crucians, as well as boosting the Rudd population to create an 'old fashioned' fishery. True, I have seen the odd tench from the other pools at Nordley, though rare, and have indeed caught a few crucians from the other pools also. Alas, only a few have been 'true' crucians and a fair amount have been the dreaded 'brown goldfish'. I know that I am not alone in wishing to fish small pools in a traditional way for traditional fish as we did many moons ago. On my angling travels I have met anglers from many parts of the country, and believe me, I'm surprised how much of a desire there is for this sort of venue. Sadly, we all realise that these days' farmed carp are cheap and plentiful, and the reasons for stocking them are manifold. Nevertheless, I feel that there is nowadays a small niche in the market as the saying goes, for this kind of water.

So, how about it BAA? You've taken the bull by the horns and started the re-birth of the little No. 6 pool, is it too much to ask for some nostalgia?

Barry Davis,

Shrewsbury

*Ed; thanks for your thoughts on Nordley 6. I did raise your question regarding adding tench and crucians to Pool 6, the response was;*

*Tench don't do well when competing with carp in the same fishery. They tend to be out-eaten by the carp and over time tend to disappear. No need to stock rudd, they are so prolific that they will breed to fill the available space provided that there is enough food. Pure crucian carp are next to impossible to find and the last I heard the EA were very reluctant to allow them to be moved or stocked into new fisheries.*

*I attended a recent EA/Angling Trust evening presentation, in that they were pushing the idea of trying to stop the decline of crucian carp due to the loss of their usual small pool habitat. I believe there is a considerable desire amongst many anglers for still water fisheries with good mixed populations of fish. I will keep raising the question.*

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'Pictures of the week' feature...please allow readers to scroll the pictures themselves as the current automatic scrolling is not good viewing.

Ken Duffell

*Ed; good to hear you are using the new website, thanks for raising your concern. On the website homepage, if you click on the symbol in the top right hand corner of the Picture of the Week, the selected picture will open up full size, using the left and right hand side arrows on the picture you can then scroll through the pictures (not so much text) with no auto scrolling. To revert back to the home page click on the top RHS X. I have added a note on the website underneath 'Pictures of the Week' to let users know this.*



## Severn Angling News

Spring 2015

The magnificent River Severn, the longest river in Britain is home to salmon and coarse fisheries as well as a number of rare fish species. This newsletter is a chance for us to tell you what we are doing for angling in your river.

### Rod Licence for 2015/16

The new rod licence for 2015/16 is available from 1 April 2015. You need a licence to **#GoFishing** for salmon, trout, freshwater fish, smelt and eel with a rod and line. There are two rod licences – salmonid and coarse fish – depending on which species you wish to fish.



#### Why should you buy a rod licence?

- Rod licence money pays for promotion and improvement of angling and angled fish species.
- It is the law and you could be fined up to £2,500 for fishing without a rod licence

#### How is rod licence money spent?

All rod licence income is used to fund work to protect and improve fish stocks and fisheries. Our work includes responding to fish kills; where possible rescuing fish; improving habitats for fish and facilities for anglers; protecting stocks from illegal fishing; invasive species eradication; and working with partners to encourage people to take-up fishing for the first time.

[www.gov.uk/environment-agency](http://www.gov.uk/environment-agency)

#### Where can you get a rod licence?

- Set up a Direct Debit by emailing [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk) or phoning: 03708 506 506
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- Buy one in person at the post office



The close season for coarse fish in rivers and streams runs from  
March 15 to June 15 inclusive

### Changes to stocking in rivers and still waters

#### Changes to trout stocking

Only triploid (infertile) farmed trout are to be used to safeguard our native trout stocks. There is a presumption against taking broodstock unless it is for conservation, due to negative impacts of removing breeding adults.

#### How has the licence process changed?

After 19 January, you will need to apply for a Site Permit before you next want to stock your fishery, or if your fishery contains non-native fish. If you are transporting fish for stocking you will need a Supplier Permit.

When you want to move fish, all you need to do is contact our Fish Movements Team: [fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:fmapplications@environment-agency.gov.uk) or 01480 483968. Fish removal byelaws (sect. 27a) remain the same.



## River coarse close season

The close season for coarse fish starts on 15 March. This coincides with warmer weather when most coarse fish will start to spawn. The protection of fish that are in spawning condition minimises any negative impact of handling on spawning success. The aim of this is to improve the success of spawning and maximise the contribution of adult fish to the next generation.

### Where can you catch coarse fish during the close season?

Canals and still waters do not have a close season, apart from a few designated SSSIs <http://designatedsites.naturalengland.org.uk/>

Therefore there are still plenty of opportunities for catching coarse fish while natural spawning in rivers is protected. Find your local fisheries at: [www.fishinginfo.co.uk](http://www.fishinginfo.co.uk)

## Fish Focus: crucian



### *Carassius carassius* Native 'carp'

- Native coarse fish found in well-vegetated stillwaters.
- Can survive for periods over winter without oxygen using anaerobic respiration.
- Change shape according to local conditions: they become very deep-bodied alongside predators making them hard to swallow.
- Increasingly rare, these fish are out-competed by non-native fish and are highly vulnerable to introductions of common carp and goldfish due to hybridisation.

See the Angling Trust website for details of the National Crucian Conservation Project:

<http://anglingtrust.net>

## #SpawningWatch

Many fish start spawning in spring as the water warms. If you watch the rivers carefully you may be able to see this fascinating behaviour.

### When and where to look for spawning fish

|                | Spawning requirements  |
|----------------|--|
| Brook lamprey  | March to April. Clean gravels. Build redds and spawn in groups.          |
| Dace           | March to April. Clean gravel/pebbles.                                    |
| Grayling       | March to May. Clean gravel/pebbles in moderate to fast flowing water.    |
| Pike and Perch | March to June. Submerged plants, tree roots and debris in river margins. |
| Roach          | April to June. Submerged plants, roots and debris or rocks.              |
| Chub           | April to June. Gravel/pebbles/cobbles in fast-flowing shallow water.     |

If you have information or pictures of fish spawning you would like to share, please contact us on [SHWGFBG@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:SHWGFBG@environment-agency.gov.uk) or join the [#spawningwatch](https://twitter.com/EnvAgencyMids) conversation at <https://twitter.com/EnvAgencyMids>

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Produced by Olaf Booy, Max Wade and Vicky White of RPS

# Himalayan Balsam

## Species Description

**Scientific name:** *Impatiens glandulifera*

**AKA:** Policeman's Helmet, Indian Balsam, Jac y Neidiwr (Welsh)

**Native to:** West and central Himalayas

**Habitat:** Found mostly on river banks and in damp woodland, can grow in other damp habitat

A tall, attractive, annual herb with explosive seed heads. Although easy to identify as a mature plant with its pink-purple flowers, fleshy stem and characteristic leaves, the seedlings and last year's dead stems of this annual are more difficult to spot.

Introduced as a garden plant in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and first recorded in the wild in 1855. Often favoured by the general public for its aesthetic appeal and is still deliberately planted on occasion. Now widespread in the UK, especially along urban rivers. Spreads solely by seeds, which are small and easily carried by wind or water.

Out-competes native species in ecologically sensitive areas, particularly river banks. Where it grows in dense stands along river banks it can impede flow at times of high rainfall, increasing the likelihood of flooding. Die back of extensive stands over winter can leave river banks bare and exposed to erosion.

Himalayan balsam is listed under Schedule 9 to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 with respect to England and Wales. As such, it is an offence to plant or otherwise allow this species to grow in the wild.

For details of legislation go to [www.nonnativespecies.org/legislation](http://www.nonnativespecies.org/legislation).



## Key ID Features





## Identification throughout the year

Can be identified at most times of the year: March-June by its seedlings, stem and leaf shape, from July to September by its stem, leaf shape and flowers. More difficult to identify over winter (October to February), look for hay like remains and distinctive root structure.



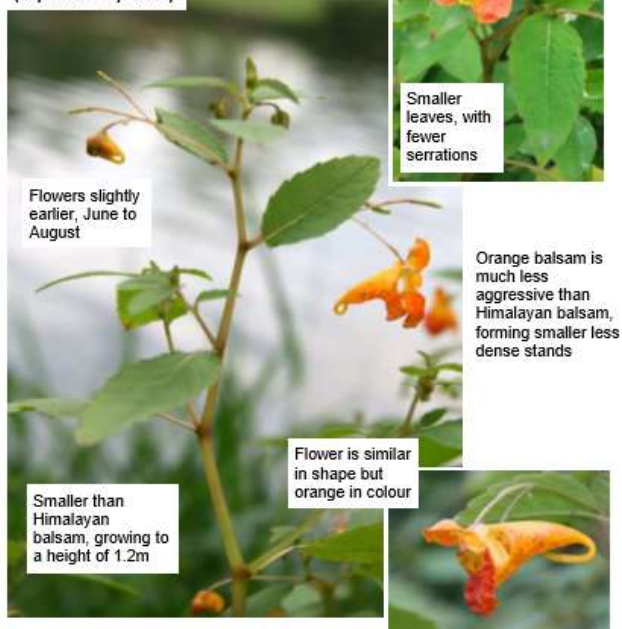
Hay like remains in winter



Root structure in winter

## Similar Species

### Orange Balsam Non-Native (*Impatiens capensis*)



## Distribution

Widespread and common across the whole of the UK. Primarily on riverbanks and in other damp areas.

Source: NBN Gateway. Check website for current distribution



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# Match Reports

**If you want to report the results of a contest you have organised on BAA waters, please email details.**

## **Dolphin AC**

**Saturday 28th February**

**Fradley, Trent & Mersey Canal**

|                 |               | <b>lbs</b> | <b>ozs</b> |   |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Martin Bamber | 41         | 14         | Bream to 3lb, skimmers & some quality roach. New club canal record. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Henry Lomas   | 16         | 11         | Skimmers & roach.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Charlie Miles | 3          | 4          | Roach.  |

Report: John Bowley

## **Blue Ball AC**

**Sunday 8th March**

**Barton, River Avon**

|                 |                | <b>lbs</b> | <b>ozs</b> | <b>drms</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Chris Wedgbrow | 6          | 3          | 0           |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Paul Wedgbrow  | 2          | 15         | 8           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Steve Morris   | 1          | 10         | 0           |

Mixed bags of chub, roach, gudgeon and perch. A rainbow trout caught of about 1lb.

Report: Brian Marsh

## **Cradley Heath Labour**

**Sunday 8th March**

**Hinksford, Staffs & Worcs Canal**

|                 |               | <b>lbs</b> | <b>ozs</b> |   |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|------------|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Richie Owen   | 9          | 4          | Peg 8 near the white cottage along the boats. The 65 year old veteran and Chairman of the club caught 4 chub on pole fished maggot. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Gary Mason    | 6          | 10         | Peg 13, near the narrows, mainly roach to pole fished bread punch.  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Adrian Chowns | 5          | 12         | Peg 1 near the turning bay, 1 skimmer and mainly perch to squatt and pinkie.  |

Result of club match fished today on the Staffs / Worcs canal at Hinksford. Difficult fishing conditions due to rafts of grass cuttings from the towpath continually drifting through the match length and making presentation of rigs impossible at times. Nevertheless, we got a result. 21 anglers fished.

Report: Lawrie Mulheron

| <b>Halesowen RBL</b>   |                 | <b>Sunday 15th March</b> |            | <b>Hinksford, Staffs &amp; Worcs Canal</b>   |
|--|-----------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
|  |                 | <b>lbs</b>               | <b>ozs</b> |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Barry Robson    | 9                        | 0          | Peg 6; 3 chub, 1 perch to pole fished worm and caster, pegged on boat section near the white cottage.  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | John Askew      | 4                        | 7          | Peg 7; Perch to pole fished worm and caster, pegged on boat section behind pump house.   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Garry Mason     | 3                        | 5          | Peg 13; Roach to bread punch, pegged near the cables   |
| <p>The canal fished hard today, maybe due to it being very clear and we had not one boat through today. Nevertheless, we got a result. 19 anglers fished.</p> <p>Report: Lawrie Mulheron</p> |                 |                          |            |  |
| <b>Cradley Heath Labour</b>  |                 | <b>Sunday 22nd March</b> |            | <b>Hinksford &amp; Swindon, Staffs &amp; Worcs Canal</b>   |
|  |                 | <b>lbs</b>               | <b>ozs</b> | <b>drms</b>  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | John Billingham | 17                       | 14         | Peg 16 near the cottage at Hinksford boats section, 5 chub and 4 perch to pole fished worm and caster. John also got broken twice by carp, but didn't mind as he also won the bonus peg money. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Lawrie Mulheron | 8                        | 8          | Peg 1 at Swindon, 2 bream, 1 small carp and a couple of perch and roach to pole fished worm and caster.  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Kevin Clark     | 7                        | 0          | Peg 18 behind the pump house at Hinksford, 1 skimmer and roach and perch to pole fished worm and caster.   |
| <p>Result of club match from Cradley Heath Labour fished today at Hinksford and Swindon. 19 anglers fished.</p> <p>Report: Lawrie Mulheron</p>   |                 |                          |            |  |