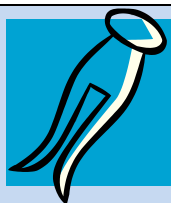

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November 2011

31lb carp at Coppice - See Fishing News



BAA pegs subs!



BAA are beating inflation and keeping membership subscriptions for 2012 the same as 2011.

The latest BAA Guide to Waters 2012 will also be available from 1st December (**cover picture competition now closed**) at the unchanged price of £2 from a tackle shop or £3 from BAA HQ (including p&p). So why not order one along with your 2012 membership? Giving you information on our new and existing waters and see which picture we used on the cover.

Membership renewal letters will shortly be sent to existing members.

New members will be able to apply for 2012 membership from the 1st December. As you can use your new membership as soon as you receive the ticket you can gain an extra months membership for December 2011 free of charge.

All the 2012 membership information is available for download from the "Memberships" page on the BAA website.

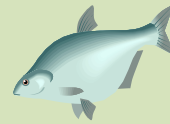
Bailiffing

Litter at Coppice Lake

Litter continues to be a problem at this Fishery. Not only is a considerable amount left on the banks, but it is also thrown into the undergrowth on the sloping sides of the banks which is then difficult to clear, unsightly and attracts vermin. Please take your litter home.



Fishing news



Coppice monster



The above 31lb mirror carp was caught from Coppice Lake on October 23rd 2011. I would like to thank one of your BAA bailiffs Leann Wallace who was very helpful and took the time to take the photo and email it to me.

Many thanks, Brendon Almquest

Big Jon's first ever barbel



I have joined the BAA again since being a junior member in 1986. My main fishing since then has been Pike fishing, with a best fish of 27lb from an estate lake. I have fond memories of my father taking me to a BAA fishery called Avon Meadows in the 1980's. With these memories and a lack of enthusiasm for fishing muddy carp ponds I decided to give the rivers a go, so what better place to start than the B.A.A? Firstly, I was amazed at the good waters the Association has, secondly I was amazed at the efforts of the fisheries team as I would put their efforts as a full time job for one person.

I enclose 2 photographs:

One from the Teme at Cotheridge, please discard of line safely!

The other, I set my target to catch a good chub and catch my first barbel. I have to admit to being a specimen hunter at heart; I have fished regularly since June without much success, one tiny Chub and no barbel, but lots of Perch! The BAA stretch at Fladbury, on the main river just downstream of the weir produced my first ever barbel, and what a beast, at over 14lbs! I got it on 2x8mm halibut pellets dipped in my own spicy bait plug, hair rigged on a 12 hook with my own rolled boilies and pellets in a PVA bag on the hook. Amazingly it was an improvised session after work as the M5 North was blocked. The bait had been in the water less than 5 minutes when the fish took at 6.30pm. I had been using a carp rod earlier in the season but found the fish were dropping the baits when taking them, bought a Des Taylor barbel rod and what a first barbel! Now looking to the pike fishing!

Mythe tENCH



Please see picture of a tench caught by my fishing partner Cliff Townsend. This was caught back in June when we decided to concentrate on the tinca shoals at Mythe Pool. We had three 6lb tench in one day topped by this 6lb 4oz fish. All were caught on block end feeder and lots of red maggots. Would be great to see this picture up on the website and also added to you catch records list.

Best regards, Anthony Chance

Nordley Dragonfly



Here is a photo of a dragonfly that landed right on us at Nordley 3.

Stuart Jones, Eardington

Cotheridge barbel and balsam



Picture of one of the barbel from Cotheridge.



Two pictures for you at Cotheridge on the Teme, early evening session where I had 3 barbel up to 7lb and even though it's a right pain some balsam while I was waiting.

Jason Broomhall

More pictures for the BAA Guide to Waters 2012

One for the Guide?



David Mantle age 69, first time on the Severn for 4 years after a heart bypass. I caught this 9lb 4ozs on the 21st Sept 2011, along with 2 more at 9lb 2ozs and 5lb 2ozs on the Highley stretch. Well worth coming down from Lancaster for the week.

More Mythe tench



Hello mate I know it's to late but just found the photo I meant to send.

Regards, Tim Hopkins, Cheltenham

Pics for the Handbook



Sent in by Martin Taylor

Front cover photo



I have attached 2 pictures of the River Teme at Stanford Bridge that was taken in September 2007. The one of me holding a barbel is still my p.b. at 8½ lb.

I did have membership with you at the time but haven't joined for a couple of seasons, the cost of travelling being one, but you may still have my details on file. I have moved but still in Weston-Super-Mare, hopefully I will be able to buy a permit and fish again this next year.

Regards, Kevin Wilson

Fladbury barbel



Hello again BAA

Just some more pics for the guide to waters cover. These 2 barbel were 10lb 3oz and 10lb 4oz, from Fladbury on Tuesday 25th October. Also, most of my pics are self takes, which is why I'm not centred and they are all landscape.

Thanks again, Richard Edwards

Joint team



Hi,

My name is Lynn Dyson and my husband and I have had joint membership for the last 3 years.

Would you please consider this photo for the front cover of the new "Guide to Waters" booklet? The chub was caught on the Avon, Stubbs pool stretch.

Thanks, Lynn

Eardington barbel and chub



Hi,

I've got these other two pictures which may be worthy of your front cover - not because they are big fish, but simply because they look magnificent! Both caught on the Brook section in September.

Cheers & Tight Lines, Tim Hughes



Hi again,

Just thought that a nice Chub deserved to be represented in the competition as everything is always focused on barbel! Caught at Eardington this month.

Cheers & Tight Lines, Tim Hughes

Old School!



BAA Cover Photo proposal. This was taken at Eckington and reflects 'old school' BAA fishing with clubs as the mainstay rather than big fish angling. It shows an early morning start with a group of die hard anglers who socialise on the bank as well as fishing and making their way along the river for a day's fishing. The club is the Public Lighting AS.

Best regards, Martin Baker



Is this more the type of photo? This was Phil Milnethorpe's winning 9lb barbel (and his personal best) at our match at Stanley Waters on Sept 10th

Best regards, Martin Baker

Fishing news record

Fish/catcher	weight	location	method	BAA News edition
Barbel				
Stephen Mayo	14lb 7oz	Mid Severn	10m DD ellipse Pellet, hair rig 12 hook.	July 2011
Big John	14lb	Fladbury	Hemp/pellet g-bait 2 x 8mm hair rigged halibut pellets on 12 hook with boilies & pellets in PVA bag on hook	November 2011
Barry Hope	13lb	Broadwas		October 2011
Steve Hewitt	12lb 4oz	Wasperton		July 2011
Lee Wilkes	10lb 10oz	Arley	SBS Baits Frankfurter hooker	July 2011
Richard Edwards	10lb 4oz	Fladbury Weir Pool		November 2011
Richard Edwards	10lb 3oz	Fladbury Weir Pool		November 2011
Reece Wilkes	9lb 7oz	Arley		October 2011
Dave Mantle	9lb 4oz	Highley		November 2011
Peter Niblett	9lb	Nafford	Hair rigged pellet	October 2011
Phil Milnethorpe	9lb	Stanley Waters		November 2011
Kevin Wilson	8lb 8oz	Stanford Bridge		November 2011

Bream

Graham Cole	8lb 13oz	Birds Meadow		November 2011
Colin Townsend	8lb 8oz	Severn Stoke	8m halibut pellet hair rig on 10 hook. 2m halibut pellet & brown crumb feeder.	August 2011

Common Carp

Stan Kovachev	34lb 2oz	Coppice		July 2011
Phil Wood	26lb 4oz	Coppice	Mid water boilie	June 2011
Carl Gerroni	24lb 7oz	Nordley 4		June 2011
Jack Parkes	23lb 5oz	Coppice		April 2011
Kevin Smith	21lb	Coppice		October 2011
Daniel Ambrose	20lb	Coppice		June 2011
Will Peace	18lb	Worcester Canal, Alvechurch		September 2011
Kevin Smith	17lb	Coppice		July 2011

Mirror Carp

Steve Middleton	31lb plus	Coppice	June 2011
Brendon Almquest	31lb	Coppice	November 2011
Curtis Holdom	26lb 2oz	Coppice	April 2011
Greeny	24lb	Coppice	October 2011
Keith Jones	19lb 8oz	Nordley 1	May 2011

Pike

Jonathan Harcourt	18lb 7oz	Fladbury	October 2011
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Tench

Cliff Townsend	6lb 4oz	Mythe Pool	Red maggot block end feeder	November 2011
Tim Gilson	4lb 3oz	Apperley		October 2011

Executive update

Coppice Lake

A firm has been engaged to carry out a hydro geological survey. This is to ascertain if sufficient sub surface water is available to be extracted via a bore hole and used to maintain water levels in times of drought.

Carps Well new water

A team has been engaged to survey the small carp pool recently purchased by the BAA as a breeding and stock pond (as reported in the September issue). The purpose of the survey is to study fish stocks and advise on the work required to run it as a fish nursery/stock pond allowing it to provide a regular supply of stock fish.

Unauthorised moves of match locations

Recently a club moved a match to an unauthorised alternative location, due to difficulty fishing the booked venue. This resulted in a complaint from pleasure anglers who were prevented from fishing their chosen venue.

The bye-laws regarding the moving of booked match venues are:

G5. No society shall fish any contest in Association waters without permission as specified above, except that in the event of an allocated venue being unfishable for whatever reason, then a society may transfer the contest to any unreserved stretch of Association controlled canal, on the same date, provided that individual anglers are not disturbed.

Spot that sign

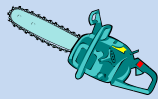
The following pictures were taken during a Fisheries work party at Trimply. The top sign in the picture on the left is we believe from a club that had the water previously. The one on the right shows the rusty remains of an old BAA metal sign and peg markers.



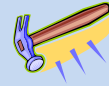
Nature gradually covering one of our old signs at Pensham



From next month, Spot that sign will be replaced with extracts from the BAA Archive.



Fisheries report



The Fisheries Work party has carried out work at the following fisheries since the last edition;

River Avon

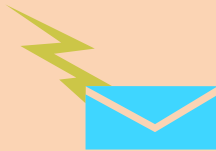
Fladbury – new pegs build and repairs between weir and Jubilee Bridge

River Severn

Birds Meadow - rebuild and repair pegs and removal fallen trees from river

Pools

Stubbs - weed removal completed



Readers' letters



If you have any items, thoughts, issues you want to air in the BAA news, please email it to baajnw@btinternet.com titled for attn of BAA News Editor.

When sending in a comment can you please let us know if you don't want your name included?

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

No letters this month! Please get writing.

Angling Trust plan to tackle poaching

Angling Trust
Member News

Monday 10th October 2011
For immediate release.



Taking Action To Tackle Poaching

The Angling Trust, angling's representative body, has launched a Seven Point Plan to tackle poaching and fish theft in English waters. There have been widespread reports of poaching and large numbers of fish being taken illegally by individuals and criminal gangs throughout the country.

1. Building Bridges

The Trust has appointed two members of staff to work with member clubs and fisheries to address illegal fishing in parts of the South West and the East of England. These pilot projects have sent messages to foreign national anglers in their own language to explain the rules of fishing in this country. Farmers employing foreign temporary workers are also being made aware of the problem and being asked to help combat it. Many of these anglers simply don't understand the rules. Once educated, they are prepared to catch and release their fish and can become active and committed members of clubs and good customers of commercial fisheries. More details on the building Bridges project along with anti-poaching posters can be found on our website [HERE](#).

2. Crimestoppers

The Angling Trust has helped to fund and promote the Crimestoppers initiative (along with CEFAS, the Environment Agency and others) which provides a confidential freephone number 0800 555 111 for anglers, clubs and fisheries to report illegal fishing activity, thefts and illegal fish movements. Free posters are available for clubs and fisheries to help raise awareness of this number.

3. Legal Advice to Members

The Angling Trust's legal arm (Fish Legal) has provided a fact sheet for member clubs, fisheries and riparian owners about their legal position in the event of poaching or theft and what they should do if poaching occurs on their waters. Fish Legal members should call 01568 620447 to request a copy.

4. Advice to Police

Fish Legal has collaborated with the National Wildlife Crime Unit, a special police task force, to raise awareness of the offence of poaching within regional police forces. This move is in response to members raising concerns that responses by local police to reported instances of

poaching have been unsatisfactory and as a result it is unclear who people should contact when poaching occurred.

5. Volunteer Bailiffs

The Angling Trust is working with the Environment Agency to develop a pilot scheme to recruit volunteers from angling clubs who can work alongside warranted officers from the EA to provide intelligence and check anglers' rod licences, so that the EA can focus its expert resources on tackling serious poachers and criminal activity.

6. Poacher Watch Website

The Trust is developing a website for anglers to report poaching, in a similar way to its Cormorant Watch site (www.cormorantwatch.org). Funding is being sought for this project from the angling trade.

7. Political Pressure

The Trust has raised the issue of enforcement of fisheries laws and byelaws at the highest levels of the Environment Agency and Marine Management Organisation. There are widespread concerns among anglers that the investigation and prosecution of poachers is decreasing, when the problem is increasing.

Mark Lloyd, Chief Executive of the Angling Trust and Fish Legal said: *"Poaching is damaging to wild fisheries, to rural and urban businesses, to the rural economy and to the enjoyment of the millions of people who fish legally and pay their rod licence each year. Many poachers are involved with organised crime. We will be raising this issue with the Environment Minister Richard Benyon when we meet with him in October and at the England and Wales Fisheries Group."*

Will Rundle, Solicitor for the Angling Trust's legal arm (Fish Legal) said:

"The new information sheet, which we drafted in consultation with the NWCU for the Police, was sent out across the NWCU network of officers in England and Wales. It should mean less confusion for the police following evidence of poaching. Ultimately, we hope this initiative will lead to more prosecutions by local police forces responding more positively to reported incidents. We also hope that this will build confidence with anglers to report suspected offences in the knowledge that more will be done than perhaps was the case before."

The Angling Trust offers the following advice to any angler or member of the public who witnesses illegal fishing, poaching or fish theft:

1. Do not approach the offender(s) yourself.
2. If you can do so without being seen, take a picture or video of the activity.
3. If you can do so without being seen, make a note of the number-plate of any vehicles involved. Most modern mobile phones have a camera or memo pad where you could record this if you don't have a pen and paper.
4. Poaching is an offence under the 1968 Theft Act. Always report ALL poaching incidents to the Police and keep a record of what you report.
5. If you suspect poaching you should also contact the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 and write down their incident number. Other offences such as fishing without a rod licence, illegal fishing methods, breach of local byelaws or damage to spawning grounds should also be reported to them.
6. If you have information about fish theft or illegal fish transfers, you can also contact Crimestoppers confidentially on 0800 555 111.
7. If the incident is on a private fishery, please also contact the owners or fishing club to inform them and phone the Police.

Match Reports

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

Phoenix AC Sunday 9th October Birds Meadow, River Severn

1 st	Graham Cole	26lb	6oz	
2 nd	Kevin Hodgetts	17lb	11oz	8d
3 rd	Dave Butler	12lb	11oz	8d

Graham Cole's winning weight included a Bream 8 lb 13oz.
The weather was warm and sunny.

Phoenix AC Sunday 23rd October Ripple, River Severn

1 st	Graham Cole	5lb	7oz	8d
2 nd	Adam Edwards	1lb	9oz	8d
3 rd	Paul Edwards	1lb	2oz	8d

The weather was warm but windy.
Report from Garry Duffield.

Blue Boar AC Sunday 25th September Blackstone Meadow 1, River Severn

1 st	David Lloyd	4lb	10oz	
2 nd	Steve Morris	3lb	6oz	
3 rd	Brian Marsh	2lb	11oz	
4 th	Ken Young	2lb	4oz	

Blue Boar AC Sunday 9th October Ribbesford roadside, River Severn

1 st	Paul Mason	5lb	6oz	
2 nd	Steve Morris	4lb		
3 rd	Brian Williams	3lb	9oz	
4 th	Dave Lloyd	2lb	12oz	

All winning weights from moving water and majority of catches were small dace.
Blue Boar AC is celebrating its' 60th anniversary.
Report from Brian Marsh.