

# Tonbridge & District Angling & Fish Preservation Society (Est. 1875)

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## Autumn Newsletter 2007

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT

#### Close Season Delight

The thought of fishing Barden Lake during April and May for the first time was exciting as the lake would come alive again after winter and the fish should be at their biggest weights. To say the lake was busy was an understatement, it was packed. Even on the normally quiet week days there were an average of ten anglers fishing.

I started off targeting Carp, I was catching a few up until early May, when they started spawning, so I decided to have a go for the Tench. I knew there were some big Tench in Barden, having caught an eight pounder some ten years ago. First fish was a male of just over six pounds "So how big did the females go I thought"?

After catching a few smaller fish, I hooked into what I thought was a Carp. Using scaled down Carp tackle the fish fought really hard and I was surprised when a huge Tench broke the surface. The fish weighed 9lb 15oz.

It goes to show a change of species and tactics can prove worthwhile when the chosen target is just not feeding.



Kev Smith - Tench  
9lb 15oz - Barden

## SECRETARY'S REPORT CONT.

### Wet Summer

What an awful summer we've had I hear you say. Well, apart from high water levels on our rivers and what seemed like continuous rain in June and July, our waters have been fishing fairly well. With Carp to 46lb, Tench to 9lb 11oz from Barden lake, also decent match weights on Haysden Lake and the Medway, the fishing's looking good for the rest of the season.

### SPECIMEN CLAIMS

We really need reports on how anglers are getting on at our waters, so if you catch a big fish, whatever species, please report it to us. (01732-359385). There are trophies to be won at the end of the season and there will also be a free membership up for grabs for the best specimen caught, as decided by the committee. Full details of how to claim can be found in the rule book.

### SPECIMEN CLAIMS SO FAR (Senior Members)

Mr.T.White - Chub - 5lb 0oz - Muckstream - Legered Spam luncheon meat.

Mr.E.Palmer -Perch - 2lb 0oz - Muckstream.

Mr.T.Hyland - Roach - 1lb 2oz - Sportsground.

### NEW CLUB WATER SIGNS

The club are currently having some new signs made. These will be placed at the beginning of each Club water and will show whether it is members only, permit holders only or day ticket waters. They will be on the usual green background with white lettering and set in a galvanised metal frame. These signs will be replacing any signs which are damaged, missing or have the incorrect phone number on them.

### JUNIOR MATCH LEADER REQUIRED

Junior Leader Andy Bowra is retiring this season. We need a volunteer/volunteers to assist in this very satisfying role. It involves a few days fishing with junior members, providing advice and assistance where necessary to ensure they catch fish and respect and enjoy the rural environment.

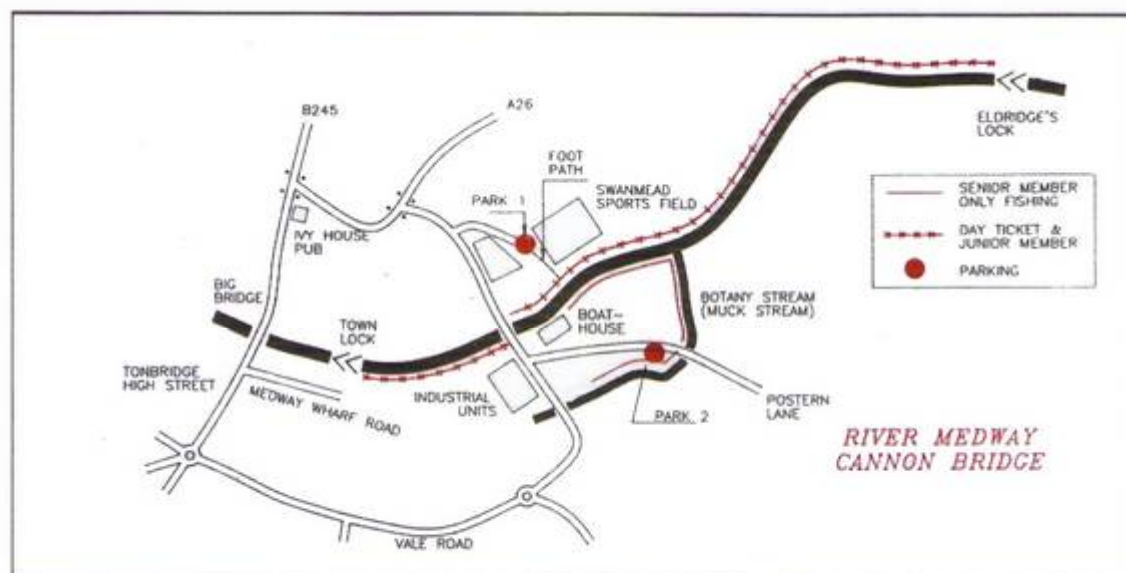
### BALLAST PIT UPDATE

Negotiations are still in progress regarding the Ballast Pit. Members may continue to fish the Ballast Pit unless otherwise notified.

### CANNON BRIDGE UPDATE

The lease of the Cannon Bridge section of the Medway has been renegotiated back to the original format as a members and day ticket water. This section has been producing large numbers of bream down stream of the Botany Stream outfall this season.

Please note, members are not permitted to fish from the Boathouse or land adjoining the Boathouse. The map in the 2006 issue of the society waters guide is incorrect. Please see revised map below.



### EXCHANGE TICKETS

A reminder to all members that exchange tickets for various other clubs are still available. Contact Tony Hyland on 01580-754390 for details and tickets.

### AGM & PRIZEGIVING

We had very poor turnouts for last season's AGM and prizegiving evenings. The Committee and bailiff's put a lot of time and effort into organising each evening and would like to see more members at each event. To try and improve these events, the committee members are putting some new ideas together, which we think will encourage more members to attend. The end of season newsletter will have details of each evening.

### NEWSLETTER INPUT

It would be nice to receive more feedback from members. Any news is welcome, whether it is details and /or pictures of a recent catch, or any news which might be of interest to the committee and club members. We are always looking for new ideas to improve the newsletter, so please send in any thoughts, news, ideas and especially those good catches. Please forward by E-MAIL to: [abattell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:abattell@hotmail.co.uk)

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR WORK PARTIES & LITTER PICKING

The club is seeking volunteers for work parties throughout the season. We are drawing up a list of volunteers who we can contact when work parties are arranged. To add your name to the list, contact Adam Honeysett on 07980522669 or Austin Battell on 07974488040.

### TONBRIDGE V HOLMESDALE PIKE MATCH

Austin Battell is organising a friendly Pike match against Holmesdale on a home and away water basis. This match is open to all members, you don't have to be an experienced Pike angler, help will be on hand if you need it, or if you prefer, come along and watch. I'm sure there will be plenty of friendly banter. There will be a few prizes and if it is a success we will make it a yearly challenge. Any members interested in taking part, please contact Austin on - 07974488040 a.s.a.p for details.

### NATIONAL PIKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Society will be hosting a series of pike matches during the winter months. The top 10% from each match will qualify for the National Pike Championships to be held next year. The dates are 18<sup>th</sup> November, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February and the 9<sup>th</sup> March. Meet at Haysden Country Park car park at 7.30am for an 8.00am walk off. Entrance & pools will cost £10. For more information contact Paul on 02084675958 or Terry on 01732 355072.

### FISHING IS FUN DAY 2007

The Societies 2007 Fishing is Fun Day at Haysden Lake last August Bank Holiday Monday was a great success, with twenty five young prospective anglers catching their first fish and a few mature anglers refreshing or improving their skills. The weather was again kind to us and all participants caught lots of fish, albeit mostly small roach. There were a few moments of extreme excitement when the occasional large perch and tench were caught on whips designed for much smaller fish. All participants left Haysden Lake with a free whip, rigs, a goody bag and large grins on their faces, very satisfying for the organisers and helpers. Our Society will run the same event in 2008 on the August Bank Holiday. If you are willing to be a helper or organiser, please phone 01732 359385.

### KHV IN KENT AT ASHFORD

Koi Herpesvirus (KHV) is in at least one lake in Kent. This is a very damaging and easily spread virus that affects common carp and carp varieties. Outbreaks can kill between 20% and 100% of carp in a fishery. Society members can help to keep this fish killer out of our lakes. Dirty and wet fishing tackle (nets and unhooking mats) could spread diseases, including KHV. There are two main ways of disinfecting fishing tackle. The first is to thoroughly dry equipment after fishing, preferably in direct sunlight. If this is not practical, then chemical disinfectant can be used. These include iodine-based disinfectants (iodophores), or Virkon® S. For advice on disinfectants, talk to the Environment Agency on 01732-222817.

### KENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our Society did tremendously well in the 2007 Kent Championships on the Military Canal in September, not only winning the team event with 30lb 7oz, pushing the host club Cinque Ports into second place with 25lb 10oz (the top four weights of each club counts as the team) but also picking up four individual trophies. **John Gore** was second overall, **Jimmy Sene** took fourth place, **Charlotte Gore** won the top junior trophy and **Sophie Hills** the Ladies trophy - nearly a clean sweep. "Maybe next year?"

### HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR SOCIETY

We still need new members to keep our membership fees low whilst retaining and improving our fisheries, so tell anyone you know that goes fishing how good the fishing is in our waters.

The Committee are always pleased to receive constructive comments, advice or recommendations on how to improve the Society's waters and membership numbers.

Have you had a good day? Caught a special fish? Or a personal best? Report it. You may qualify for a trophy or an article in the next news letter and it will help to encourage more members.

If you are willing to help in any way, write to: PO BOX 131 Tonbridge TN11 8PT. Or phone:01732-359385 or E-Mail [aheggie@tonbridge-angling.co.uk](mailto:aheggie@tonbridge-angling.co.uk)

### SADLY MISSED

We lost two stalwarts of Tonbridge & District Angling & Fish Preservation Society during the summer.

One was Cyril Reid, who for many of the older members was their first contact with the Society. Hardly surprising as Cyril filled every position of note in the Society with the exception of Treasurer. He was, back then, the working member of the Committee.

During the construction of Leigh Barrier Cyril was Angling Representative on the Tonbridge Sports Association.

Despite his efforts, and promises given the project lost us the Shallows and other good fishing.

Also we sadly lost the familiar Bob the Bailiff (Chapman). Bob was in fact more than just Bailiff, he was also organiser of bank clearing and permanent pegging and fund raising through matches on Haysden Lake. His strength was his ability to get his friends to help him with these works.

### PRICE INCREASE OF HAYSDEN COUNTRY PARK NIGHT TICKETS

As from the start of the 2008/2009 season, the night tickets for the Country Park will increase by £50 which will make the total cost £150.

### A NICE RIVER TENCH CAUGHT BY ONE OF OUR LADY MEMBERS

