

# ***Girling Angling Society***

## **Committee Meeting planned for 13/5/2020 - Cancelled**

This Committee meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus Lockdown however there have been several developments that we want to inform you of. The Secretary has prepared this update to keep members up to date.

### **Coronavirus Lockdown**

At the moment we are all asked to stay home and unable to go fishing with a very real threat to health. The Committee were in agreement to ask members to be careful and keep in touch particularly with our more vulnerable members asked to stay home for 12 weeks. We don't know when "self-isolating" will end but if we are all careful and stay safe we will all meet on the bank in the summer.

### **Match Cancellations.**

The Secretary circulated a proposal to Committee members 30/4/2020 that was agreed as follows;-

**Canal Series;-** We lost three matches, these will be rescheduled in the Summer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Aggregate match;-** We plan to reschedule this match possibly a Summer River venue.

**Winter Pools Series;-** The final Winter Pools match will be rescheduled if possible.

**Spring League Series;-** We plan to fish the remaining matches (Vale and House) if we get a resumption date but it's likely that we will lose all 5 matches which cannot be rescheduled. We plan to resolve the situation with match deposits.

### **Since Committee Agreement**

The BAA has agreed to supply new dates once we have a resumption date.

We have agreed a way forward with TBF concerning match deposits.

The Secretary will produce and supply a revised 2020 venue list.

## **Bank Clearing 16<sup>th</sup> May**

We have decided to go ahead with this first Bank Clearing session which of course is totally optional.

## **Review of the 2021 match program**

Adding the Canal Series in 2020 created a run of 12 consecutive matches affecting turnout although many matches were subsequently cancelled, clearly we have to make changes for 2021 and this change has been discussed since January 2020.

To alleviate this early season congestion in 2021 we plan to move the final four Spring League matches into July and August.

The change removes early season congestion by creating summer Carp matches and will improve match turnout. The proposal only affects the matches on pools but will remove the divide of Carp matches before June and River matches after June.

## **Scales**

At the BAA Grange Lane match there was an angry exchange about the scales used.

The Secretary explained that the Analogue Canal Scales had not been used for 5 years and were calibrated approximately 20 years ago.

Since then the Secretary has completed a comparison calibration comparing the Analogue Scales to the new Digital scales that we have confidence in. The comparison was favourable and we can now use the Analogue scales with confidence on future Canal matches.

## **Regular Angry Exchanges**

We need to end these regular angry exchanges on match days, we all know the perpetrator. We have tolerated it since early 2017, this must stop and action will be taken if they continue. The Secretary apologises to all new members who have joined to fish a match and enjoy the day out and to assure you that this will not be tolerated in the future.

## **Conclusion**

That's the update, including how we plan to deal with match cancellations and deposits and removing early season match congestion. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the bank on the 16<sup>th</sup> May, stay safe and stay in touch. Any questions / concerns give the Secretary a call on 07989 566219.