

# *Girling Angling Society*

Website:- [GirlingAS.co.uk](http://GirlingAS.co.uk)

## **Website Summary of the Committee Meeting held 24/5/2023 at the SMCC**

### **Membership:-**

- Currently we have 36 Full Members and 3 Associate members, Associates usually join around June.

### **Finance:-**

- This season we are using a revised accounting format which utilises Full Member Subscriptions for Fixed Costs and Club Prize Money. Variable Costs are funded from Fladbury income with any remainder put into the Winter League Club Prize Money. The format is guaranteed to Balance.
- We are also using a Microsoft XL Balance Sheet which allows the current financial status to be shown at Committee Meetings, the completed Balance Sheet will be shown for the first time at the 2024 AGM.

### **Fishery Water Quality**

- **Fladbury WQMN** – Measurements have been taken from May 2022 through to May 2023 and supplied to the Angling Trust WQMN. Phosphate peaked in July at 1.34mg/L then began reducing in October to a low of 0.21 mg/L measured in April 2023. EA quote 0.01mg/L at Jubilee Bridge.
- **Fladbury Water Quality Group** – The Secretary & Andy Hammerton have been supporting the group sharing Data etc. and helping by supplying Angling Trust measuring kits through the Society. The group plan to begin measuring upstream at Evesham & Stratford.
- **WACFAC** – Dave Evason (Sec. of Stratford AA & the Warwickshire Avon Catchment Fisheries & Angling Consultative) invited The Society to discuss GirlingAS activities 19<sup>th</sup> April at the Ullenhall Village Hall. The WACFAC is funded by the EA for the furtherance of Angling and the Secretary and Andy Hammerton attended. At the meeting were representatives of the Environment Agency, Stratford AA, Leamington AA, Astwood Bank, at previous meetings the Angling Trust, BAA and Rivers Trust have attended.
- GirlingAS presented a summary of Fladbury sampling and found direct contact with the EA and other concerned bodies very useful. GirlingAS will attend the next meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Society Communications**

- We discussed how the Society Communications over the last 6 seasons has improved with the Website, Mobile Phone site, What's App Groups and early warning from our Bailiff about Fishery concerns.

### **Fishery Access & Bank Clearing - Status**

- Following Gary cutting the top of the pegs and the May Bank Clearing session most of the match pegs are sorted and vehicle access is superb. Pegs 1, 3, 9, 12, 15 & 16 still need clearing and the next Bank Clearing session is Sunday the fourth of June.
- Please note that we will lose the ability to drive behind the pegs if the gate is not secured or we drive on the crops, you can turn your vehicle around at upstream peg 35.

### **Canal Series in 2024**

- We have decided to resurrect the "Canal Series" in 2024. The Series faltered in 2021 after using BAA Bham/ Worc. venues which resulted in very poor returns. Since using the Droitwich Canal turnout and enthusiasm for canal venues has been evident.
- The Secretary has agreed a venue swap with Tony Brunn of the 100AC. They will fish Fladbury on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 and park behind the pegs, we will have two canal venues in 2024. They have Barston Lane (Copt Heath Wharf) and Henwood lane (down towards the Boat PH) both with adequate parking. They also offered a free scramble on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at Barston Lane (Copt Heath Wharf).

### **Prize Money on Pools Matches**

- Brian Cole believes that pools prizes should be spread further citing 14 out at Lower Park but only 3 prizes.
- After lengthy discussion the Committee agreed that;-
  - (1) The fourth prize should not be a derisory amount.
  - (2) We will have four prizes with a turnout of 15 or more on matches on Pools.

**Note;-** Although we take £8 on the day this includes a £1 BP & a £1 WTA therefore members pay £6 into the pools.

**Example with a 15 turnout;-**  
15x £6 = £90 and divided 40/30/20/10% results in four prizes of;-  
**1st = £36, 2nd = £27, 3rd = £18, 4th = £9 (£9 minimum fourth prize).**
- Note that this decision does not affect "Club Prize Money" or the Aggregate Pools pay-out, the only change is a fourth prize with 15 or more turnout on Pools Matches.