

# ***GIRLING ANGLING SOCIETY***

## **January 2018 – AOB-2 Prize money on Pools matches in 2018.**

### **1.0: Introduction**

**1.1:** In 2017 and for many years we have only paid club prize money on the river matches, not on the pools match series. The reformed Committee in their first season has corrected this anomaly announced at the 2018 AGM. The committee would like to share with the members the logic behind this decision.

### **2.0: Pools Match History**

**2.1:** The first match series on pools was the start of the "Spring League" in 2003 (14 years ago), the first member to concentrate solely on pools was in 2009 (8 years ago). Many long term and elderly members have switched to the pools matches and we have members who joined with the intention of only fishing matches on pools. For many years the Society has accepted subscriptions from members fishing the pools matches without giving them the chance of prize money.

### **3.0: Subscriptions – Match Turnout**

**3.1:** We all pay the same subscriptions and in 2017 membership was evenly spread with 15 fishing the river matches and 13 fishing the pools matches. We had six only fishing the river matches and five only fishing the Pools matches. Only two members fished all four match series.

### **4.0: Committee Decision Concerning Prize Money on Pools Matches.**

**4.1:** The Committee accept that the Society and match fishing has changed over the years and for the last 14 years the Society has actively tried to appeal to all match anglers. Following an influx of Associate members (from increased advertising and improved pegs), we are now in a position to be able to put this right.

**4.2:** In 2018 we will have similar prize money for the river match series and the Pools match series with a slightly reduced level of match day prize money compared to 2017, all paid at the 2019 AGM.

That's 6 matches with prize money on the Aggregate series (as before) and 6 matches with prize money spread over the Winter Pools and Spring League series.

### **5.0: Finance**

**5.1:** In 2017 the total Aggregate prize money was £198 ie. 6 matches x £33 = £198.

In 2018 the total prize money will be £312 shared evenly between Aggregate and Pools matches ie. 12 matches x £28 = £312. An increase in spend of £114 compared to 2017. The remaining income from subscriptions and Fladbury income will be used to pay the Society's fixed costs.

**5.2:** The Committee want to emphasize that all club prize money comes from members subscriptions, Fladbury income is from club match bookings.

**5.3:** The 2018 level of prize money will be reviewed annually based upon the previous level of membership ie, what's affordable.

### **6.0: The Outcome**

**6.1:** So, in 2018 there will be exactly the same prize money paid on River and Pools matches, paid at the AGM in January 2019, this is fair and long overdue.

### **7.0: No divisions within the Society - Fladbury Maintenance**

**7.1:** Increased Associate membership has made this change possible and that is a direct result of improving Fladbury pegs and advertising on the website, Fladbury signs and in tackle shops, to maintain this level of prize money it's vital that this trend continues. The Committee do not want divisions within the Society and from the start of the 2018 season all members are treated equally.

**7.2:** After resolving one anomaly another raises its head, putting it bluntly, Fladbury maintenance is completed entirely by 6 or 7 river anglers within the Society. The Committee want to see all members getting involved regardless of which matches you choose to fish.