

The Secretary's Annual Report for the 2022 Season – January 2023 AGM.

2022 Positives:-

- 1-Full Membership;-** An encouraging 35 Full Members representing a 75% increase since the Committee restructure in 2017.
2-Maintenance;- 11 members helped with fishery maintenance that's 34% of Full Members.
3-Peg Fees Please to announce after 20 matches requiring peg fees, losses were minimal.
4-Club Bookings;- Record Club bookings in 2022, limiting bookings to ten resulted in many free weekends for pleasure fishing.
5-Club Champ Series A reasonable start and expected to go from strength to strength in 2023.
6-WQMN The Society is learning & now we have a much better understanding of water quality results.

2022 Negatives:-

- 1-Deceased;-** Sadly, last year we lost Full member Stephen Smith and Associate member Phil Andrews
2-Associates;- 10 Associate members in 2022 possibly affected by river drought conditions
3-Turnout;- Turnout on Pools and Canals could be better.
4-River Conditions;- Fladbury Pollution noticed November 2021 did not improve throughout 2022.
Drought conditions & a very low & clear river contributed to poor water quality throughout June to October.
Poor November - December results similar to last season.

Season Highlights;-

Having the Fish back in June was a huge relief
Big Roach on Pellet & Tares throughout the stretch in June to August,
Glen Beavon is the 2022 Club Champion.

2022 Match Series		2022 River Matches	
Dave Mullins Winter Pools	Glen Beavon	Fladbury Cup	Andy Hammerton
Spring League	H. Potter	Peter Whittingham Trophy	Simon Hall
Pools Pairs	N/A	LG Shield	Steve Cox
Aggregate	Steve Cox	The Annual	Derek Banks
River Pairs	Steve Cox / John Blakemore	JT Cutters Cup	Steve Cox
Winter League	Brian Barton	Fur & Feather	H. Potter
Club Championship	Glen Beavon	CG Memorial	Derek Banks
Roach Cup	Keith Kite (1.8.0)		

2022 Objectives / How did we do?

- (1)**Pegs fishable all season;-** **Superb effort** - The fifth year that the 26 match pegs have remained fishable all Season.
(2)**Club Match Bookings;-** **Increasing** - A record season in 2022 with eight Bookings without incident, the seasons success story.
(3)**Increased Membership;-** **Sustained** - 35 Full and 10 Associate Members.
(4)**Increase match turnout;-** **Mixed** – Pools and Canals require further improvement.
(5)**Peg fee losses** **Excellent** – After 20 matches requiring peg fees we had a minimal loss.

Committee Objectives for 2023

- (1) All 35 Pegs remain fishable all season
(2) Current membership levels sustained
(3) Improved turnout on the matches on Pools and Canals.
(4) Continue to monitor water quality supporting the Angling Trust WQMN
(5) No Peg Fee losses.

What's new in 2023

- Subscriptions** The Committee have increased the cost of membership
Accounting The Committee has decided to revise the Accounting format
Club Prize Money Cash for Series winners, now spread over all match series, likely to increase in 2023
Juniors Allowed on the Matches on Pools.

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2022 Membership:-

Sadly we lost Stephen Smith and Phil Andrews last season. Stephen was a Full Member with us for 3 seasons, his dry humour will be missed. Phil was an Associate member with us for four seasons and the first local angler to join.

Membership in 2022;- Forty Five members in 2022. Thirty five full members and ten Associate members.

Subscriptions 2023;- We have decided to raise Subs. in 2023 as follows:- Full £30 (2023) / Associate £25 (June 2022 / March 2023).

Fladbury Fishery:-

Fishery Maintenance;- Help with maintenance in 2022 has been superb.

Pollution;- The Fishery has experienced high Phosphate levels since October 2021 and throughout the 2022 season. In April 2022 the Society joined the Angling Trust "Water Quality Measurement Network" regularly measuring water quality supporting their initiative.

Angling Trust;- The AT completed a full Lab test on the water quality at Fladbury, Phosphate was high as expected, the E.Coli result was quantified as typical for a natural river. The Society declined an offer to have an article on their website conc. Fladbury Water Quality.

Severn Trent;- In August 2022 ST completed testing upstream reporting that the pollution was a catchment issue and poor water quality extends upstream as far as Stratford upon Avon. ST shared data showing evidence of poor water quality since 2009.

The Society Website;- The Society WQMN results have been published on our website since June 2022, in November 2022 we added locally sourced WQMN results recorded through the Society. The Secretary and Bailiff Andy Hammerton continue to support concerned residents as they escalate Fladbury water quality with Wychavon County Council and the Environment Agency.

Club Bookings in 2022 / Cost increase in 2023;- Last season we had ten bookings although two cancelled, all were trusted clubs allowed to park behind the pegs without incident. Limiting bookings to ten/ season and avoiding having two bookings on the same weekend for the first season resulted in many match free weekends. We plan to raise the peg fee charge to £3 / peg in 2023.

Cost of Engraving

After last season's expenditure (2020 & 2021 both paid in 2022), the equivalent of 16 full member subscriptions which was entirely unsustainable the Committee have decided to engrave only the Aggregate Cup in future and to cease supplying replicas trophies. Trophies will be supplied on request in 2023.

Revised Accounting Format in 2023;-

After much consideration the Committee has adopted a revised Accounting format for 2023. Essentially, Club Prize Money will be funded from Full Member Subscriptions minus Fixed Costs, balancing seasonally. Variable costs (match sponsorship & maintenance) will be funded from Fladbury income (Assoc. Subs. & Fladbury Bookings).

Funding re-aligned, variable costs monitored throughout the season and we will cease supporting Club Prize Money with Fladbury Income. The process will be explained briefly at the AGM and on the website after the AGM.

Turnout on Matches / Analysis / Juniors;-

River & Canals;- Turnout on matches at Fladbury are almost oversubscribed in the summer months although turnout drops off with the bad weather in the Winter League Series. The Winter League will be sponsored in 2023, hopefully improving turnout.

Pools;- Last season thirteen members fished the Spring League Series, best turnout was twelve worst was 5 so clearly there is room for improvement. In 2023 we have increased Club Prize Money on the 10 matches on pools.

Juniors;- We have decided to allow supervised juniors to fish the matches on Pools next season. Contributions to Peg Fee & Pools are required on the day but Membership will be free for under 16's which means they are ineligible for Club Prize Money. So, get your kids out fishing.

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Communications – Website / What's App / Emails / Bailiff

Society Communications has improved enormously over the last few years. The Society Website has been around now for nearly eight supplying up to date News and Match Results available on PC and your Mobile Phone.

There is a GirlingAS "What's App" group accessed by your Mobile Phone for general chat and all members are invited to join, ask the Secretary to add you to the group and get chatting.

To contact the group as a whole the Committee prefer contacting members via Email avoiding the ever increasing cost of postage. The Society would like all members to supply their Email address.

If any Member is having difficulty accessing any of the above media give the Secretary a call and we will find some help within the group.

We can't forget the advantages of having a local concerned Bailiff, gone are the days when we were the last to hear of incidents at Fladbury.

Committee Continuity:-

I'm very keen that we generate Continuity within the Society, the Committee are voted in every three years but running the 30 plus matches is left to one aging match Secretary. Last season we the Committee agreed that we needed additional Match Secretaries and Brian (Barton) accepted the role for the River Matches. We need someone to step forward as additional Match Secretary for the 10 matches on Pools.

In the short term this is seen as helping out, in the long term the Society will be ready for any eventuality with continuity going forward avoiding a step change similar to that seen in 2017.

Secretary's Thoughts:-

It's been a busy time since the Committee restructure (early 2017) and now at the end of 2022 the Society is thriving financially with record Membership and Club Bookings. There's no doubt that the turnaround in fortunes began seven years ago after a few guys spent nearly two years improving the safety of the fishery helped enormously by a Committee receptive to change. To their credit these same few guys continue to spend their time maintaining the fishery.

For the sake of new members, four seasons back we went through Land Registry and achieved legal access and fishery ownership, creating Trustees and we were able to add the 9 pegs in the Lock Stream.

We now keep the pegs safe & in superb condition all season, club prize money is spread evenly, we park behind the pegs on match days and we have allowed trusted clubs onto the fishery without incident. Many members have joined from the local community essentially due to the Website and Bailiff providing superb communications.

A fresh approach to accounting means that spend is realigned and as a result there will be an increase in prize money next season spread for the first time across all match series hopefully boosting match turnout. Finally, Juniors will be allowed on to the matches on Pools in 2023, it will be interesting to see where that goes.

There's a growing spirit within the Club, new members gel quickly and with some familiarisation they want to stay with us. Most pleasing is that members now want to get involved & we have enjoyable matches with lots of banter, it all bodes well for the long term future of the Society.

Going forward the Committee want to continue with the gradual improvement seen over the last seven years with members prepared to get involved and all members (Full & Associate) enjoying their fishing.

Stay safe and have a superb 2023 season