

# BDAC NEWSLETTER



AFFILIATED TO THE ANGLING TRUST & EACA NOVEMBER 2009

## THOBY WOOD STOCKING

Early in October the Club stocked one of its newest waters with the following fish:-

- 100 of 4" to 6" tench
- 300 of 6" to 8" tench
- 300 of 4" to 6" crucians
- 100 of 6" to 8" crucians

On the eve of the delivery day the section 30 was refused for the Ide we had ordered on the grounds that the lake was not land locked. Shaun Mahoney, our Fishery Liaison Officer, is looking into this as the Club does not believe this is the case.



Pictured above are the team clearing the site at Thoby Wood after the fire and delivery of the new toilet block. The toilets are now in commission and a Club key is needed for entry.

## AGM

A date for your diary is Wednesday 17th March 2010 when the Club's AGM will be held at the Marconi Social Club, Chelmsford. Members are reminded that if they wish to bring up a resolution at the AGM it must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary with a proposer and seconder from current Club members by 31st January 2010. It is with regret that Brian Clark will not be standing for Chairman after the AGM due to his move outside the county. We also wish him better after his recent bout of ill health. Nominations for the post of Chairman must be submitted to the General Secretary, Fred Barnes.

18/7/09

Caleb and myself catching carp a plenty on our visit to Hicks Farm.



# RETIRED & DISABLED MATCH SECTION

**Windmill Match 5<sup>th</sup> August.** This was fished over Long Lake and Field Lake and the turnout was 25. The winner was Malcolm Salmon who was pegged on Long Lake as you come over the bridge. He managed to land 3 carp for 36lb 12ozs, second and third came from Field Lake, Dave Tosley 28lb 8ozs of carp and bream on the method feeder and Fred Groves 23lb 10ozs fishing the pole.

**Braintree Match 19<sup>th</sup> August** This was to be split between the two lakes with twelve pegs on each lake, but on inspection there was only six fishable swims on the little lake, so eighteen pegs had to go on the big lake. The top 3 weights came from the big lake, first was Fred Groves with 14lb fishing from the point, second was Derek Howard with 13lb 6ozs fishing the waggler and third was Peter Jones with 11lb 12ozs, next to the winner, which included a 6lb Bream and a small carp, fishing paste.

Top weight on the little lake was 11lb by Shaun Mahoney of small roach and rudd. Several small Jack pike were landed and returned.

**Southminster Match 2nd September.** This was fished over pits 1,3 and 8, the weather had started to become cooler and this had affected the fishing. The winner was Shaun Mahoney with 31lb 4ozs from the swim on the sewage bank on pit 1. Second was John Dennison from pit 3 with 16lb 12ozs and third was Ken Smith from pit on 8 15lb 4ozs that included a couple of nice crucians.

**Rectory Match 16th September** Due to the top lake having been covered in blue/green algae making some swims unfishable I did not replace the people that cancelled, so only had a turnout of 22. The top lake did produce the top three. 1<sup>st</sup> Shaun Mahoney with 119lb 2oz using pole and pellet at 6metres, this was closely followed by Brian Thorpe with 115lb 11ozs who missed his keep net with one fish that may have made the difference, 3<sup>rd</sup> Colin Sinclair with 77lb 14ozs. The best weight on the bottom lake was Jack Foreman with 66lb 1oz

**Parsonage Farm Match 30th September.** As a lot of work had been carried out in the close season to this fishery it was good once again to have a match here but it was disappointing with very low weights and eight blanks. The winner was Shaun Mahoney with 5lb 14ozs of rudd, roach and a couple of skimmers. He fished pole at 14mtrs and fed ground bait and maggot over the top. Second was Malcolm Salmon with 5lb 1oz and third was Bert Blackwood with 4lb 8oz both fished waggler over sprayed maggot.

**Shalford Ponds Match 7th October** 20 anglers turned out for this match over both lakes with the top weights coming from the lake closest to the church. The winner was Ken Smith 41lb 2ozs, fishing pole and pellet, second was John Latchford 37lb 15ozs and third was Shaun Mahoney with 27lb 14ozs. The top weight on the lake nearest the river was Malcolm Salmon with 24lb 14ozs.

**Straits Mill Match 21<sup>st</sup> October** This match started in the rain and ended in the rain for the 22 anglers that turned out. As a lot of work had been carried out to the big lake making swims more fishable it was decided to only peg the one lake. The winner was Brian Baker with 13lb 14oz, second Bert Blackwood 12lb 12oz and third Roy Mills 5lb 4oz

## 2009 League

Name	Points	Name	Weight
1 S Mahoney	302	1 S Mahoney	524-4-0
2 M Salmon	278	2 M Salmon	353-8-0
3 K Smith	252.5	3 F Groves	300-13-0
4 P Jones	228	4 K Smith	270-11-0
5 G Green	226.5	5 C Sinclair	247-2-0
6 F Groves	225.5	6 P Mortimer	240-7-0
7 C Sinclair	215	7 B Thorpe	214-9-0
8 P Mortimer	197.5	8 D Brown	194-11-0
9 D Brown	196	9 P Jones	189-9-0
9 V Allum	196	10 R Nichols	188-8-0

**SHAUN MAHONEY**

# FISHERY REPORTS

## WILLOW MERE

The results from the lake owing to the prolonged spell of mild weather through September and October have remained pretty consistent with several carp up to 18 lbs being caught along with F1s up to 3 lbs plus roach, rudd and skimmers for those who fished for them. A lot of members have now turned their attention to pike fishing.

Mr Neil Greenway has reported catching a pike of 16 lbs which is the best reported pike so far this season. Now that the water is becoming colder, the fishing will slow down but it is still worth giving the fishery a try in the mild spells throughout the winter.

## DYERS HALL

This fishery improved greatly this year with lots of tench up to 6 lbs being caught plus some very good rudd.

Mr Don Horton has a pleasant surprise when fishing with the pole and landed a 25 lbs common carp!! This is the best reported carp since the Club has managed the lake. Fishing will now slow down as this water always produces the best results through the summer months.

## BRIAN THORPE

## RIVER STOUR HENNY STREET

Hello Everyone.

A short report this time. Due to the low water levels the Stour has fished very poorly this Sept / Oct (like many of our other river venues). A few repeat captures of pike have been noted with sadly traces being left inside the fish! I cannot stress enough that suitable tackle must be used when fishing for this fragile species. As I write this it is raining hard and the EA have started to pump water through the river so hopefully this should improve the sport. One last point please may I remind members to be vigilant that non members might be

fishing our river from time to time, the EA are aware and are stepping up their patrols, any feedback from yourselves will be helpful.

## STEVE HOWELL

## STRAITS MILL, BRAINTREE

The lack of rainfall has seen the water levels drop alarmingly on both lakes and river but there has still been some success with many carp and bream being caught. Most carp are being caught on boilies and usually in the late afternoon and evening. Bream are being caught throughout the day with the most successful method being a feeder loaded with hemp, corn and fishmeal ground bait. Unfortunately the small tench introduced two seasons ago have still not made an appearance.

Casters and corn appear to be the bait on the river for roach and dace although the lobworm is still attracting the perch, plus the odd pike or two. Many members are now turning to pike fishing and I would remind all to have the correct tackle. Barbless treble hooks on a minimum 18 inch wire trace is a must as is long handled forceps and pliers. As with all fishing do not leave rods unattended. When fishing for pike keep alert and strike at the first indication of a bite. Do not leave it too long or it could result in a deep hooked fish which only an experienced pike angler could deal with without causing harm or death. Sometimes it will require two of you to unhook a deep hooked pike. If you are new to pike angling I suggest you go with someone who has experience. Never be afraid to ask for help or advice. All the bailiffs are experienced pike anglers and I am sure they and all members would be willing to assist you.

Finally I come to my complaint section. Some members are still failing to lock the gates when leaving. Have a thought for others. How would you like it if someone left the gates unlocked and it allowed a thief to get

in to steal your property from your car or elsewhere. Do you want non members fishing the club waters and perhaps even stealing the fish? Please lock the gates both on entering and leaving the fishery.

Now for the disgusting person who did not have the decency to flush his soiled toilet paper down the toilet but left filthy wads of it in the corner of the gents toilet. What sort of person are you?

To all other members, enjoy the rest of the season.

## TERRY NEAFSEY

## ARMIGERS

At long last the slope at the lake has been extended. We also repaired the bridge at the dam wall. The work party also did a good job strimming, clearing weeds, cutting back shrubs etc. good work lads! Now the water is getting colder fishing has slowed down a bit but carp, rudd, and roach are still being caught not many tench though. Just the usual baits bread, pellets, luncheon meat, boiles etc.

The lakes are in good condition so keep them tidy. Now and again members are leaving the gate open when leaving. Please shut the gate at all times as we don't want non members fishing our lakes!

## ROY FOWLER

## RIVER WID SKEGGS FARM

Fishing has be slow over the last few months, due to the lack of rain, but now the conditions are changing, things should begin to pick up.

In the past few weeks the Environment Agency has carried out extensive work on the river clearing the banks.

Haven't had any feed back on the pond as yet, but know there are a lot of various types of fish in there.

Hope to see you in the coming months.

## RICHARD SMITH

# FISHERY REPORTS

## SOUTHMINSTER

Halfway through another season and with the lack of rain the pits are low but by the time you read this some of the pits will have been topped up thanks to Ray. I would like to thank my team for the work they do and to Michael for cutting the brambles and clearing around the life buoys. Over the next few months some swims will be closed for work to be carried out on them. We are constantly picking up rubbish which some members are leaving, please take it home. The fishing is up and down but those willing to stick it out will catch. The best fish I have heard of are carp 22lbs 6oz, bream 6lbs 6oz, tench 3lbs 8 oz, crucians 3 lbs, perch 2lbs 4 oz, roach and rudd to 1 lbs.

**BILL BROOM.**

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## WRITTLE

The lake has been busier this year, a number of people trying it for the first time. There has been a number of phone calls from satisfied fishermen who have enjoyed both the fishing and the lake condition. This year has seen a big improvement with weed growth slowing down and swims staying clear for much longer. The perch are now back to a better size although it is still the tench that are the main attraction, the larger perch are starting to control the small rudd so it is possible to use maggot and worm without so much attention from unwanted small fish. Even with the extra visitors there has been a major improvement in litter, in fact it has been almost non-existent. Thank you to everyone. With the onset of the cooler weather fishing has now dropped off, but can I remind the people who enjoyed the summer fishing that a bit of help with upkeep is always appreciated, I hope I see more than just my wife at the next working party.

**IAN POYTON**

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## SHALFORD

Both lakes continue to fish well, despite the small drop in temperature. All the usual species are being caught with best baits being pellet, meat and

bread for the carp and maggots and sweetcorn for the roach and other species. Fishing to the island on the bottom lake will find you the better carp. I have received catch reports this season from members of a number of double figure carp caught fishing close to the island. Other reports are chub (yes chub) to 1.5lbs, roach to the pound and crucians to the pound. The water level in the top lake (by the church) dropped significantly during the summer, but I am hopeful that when the rain finally arrives, this will correct itself. Because of the lack of rain the river fishing has been hard, but those members who have found swims have reported good catches of chub, dace, with the occasional carp also being caught. The Environment Agency has cut back a lot of the summer growth along our stretches of the river, which has made access to the river a lot easier. Please remember if you want to fish the river downstream from Codham Mill, you need to contact the helpline to obtain a club sticker, to display in your car. A big thank you to those members who have passed on catch information, this has proved very useful. A big thank you also to Trevor, (who donated a lawn mower to the club), Alan, Ted and Tony, my bailiff, who have all worked hard this season, keeping the lakes looking so tidy. For those members travelling from a distance to Shalford and use a SATNAV, the postcode is **CM7 5HH**. Keep those reports coming in, and if you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact me on **075334 79593**, enjoy Shalford.

**CLIVE GLIDDON**

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## HICKS FARM

Considering the water level has been low, the fishing still remains good with carp, tench and roach being caught. Cheese and luncheon meat are two of the best baits. I would like to remind members that when the bottom car park is full they must use the top one. It has been brought to my attention by the riparian owner that members are parking on his field and if this continues the Club is at risk of losing this good fishery. From the 1st Sep-

tember to the end of the season fishing will be from dawn to sunset.

**ERIC NICHOLLS**

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## THOBY WOOD

Hi to all the anglers who have fished Thoby Wood and a big thank you for leaving the fishery as they found it, litter free. I am happy to report that the early part of the season was showing good results with tench, bream and carp being caught. The carp run well into high double figures, 23 lbs being the biggest so far, and several being reported to me and Mick my bailiff. The bream are ranging from 3 to 7 lbs, tench 3 to 4½ lbs and I know there are much larger ones as I have seen them in the margins of the lake. At this time I haven't received any reports from the pole anglers regarding roach or rudd which have been landed. As the season progresses the fishing has become much harder but fish are still being caught. I have noticed over the past couple of weeks that the pike anglers have started to show, so come on you pikers, if you take any fish could you please report it on the web site, small or large and best method. Thanks again to all you tidy and considerate anglers, please keep up the good work and keep catching!!!

**GEORGE HUMPHRYS**  
**07773 918067**

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## ASHELDHAM

It is with sadness that I have to report the death of our bailiff, Jim Hindley. He was always on the fishery and had good advice for everyone on how and where to catch the fish and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

It is now halfway through the season and we are pleased to report that the fishery is producing some good fishing. There have been common carp up to 20 lbs, mirrors and wild up to 16 lbs with some nice tench up to 4 lbs. Now the temperature is dropping, perch to 3 lbs and plenty of roach at 1 lb are being caught. Good bags of roach and rudd with the odd chub have been caught on red maggot. We now need a replacement bailiff for the fishery and if there is anyone who would like to apply, please contact me.

**DEREK SWEETLOVE**

# FISHERY REPORTS

## BARLEYLANDS

Though the season started off with a few problems, things have settled down and the fishing has just got better and better. In September and October three different thirties have been landed. A 33 lbs, 31 lbs and a 30 lbs which was caught by one of our lady members. The second week of October saw one angler, who was fishing over a four day period, catch 17 carp, three being over the 20 lbs mark. Most members have treated the fishery with respect but the odd one has still refused to take their litter home and have on occasions left a mess to be cleared up. Please take your litter home or put it on the bonfire outside the entrance. It only leaves me to thank those members who have helped out this summer, with special thanks going to Trevor Cross. **KEITH COLLARD**

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## PARSONAGE FARM

Well as you would expect at this time of the year the fishing has slowed down. The fishery is looking very scenic at the moment with the water level dropping off, with this in mind please be careful if you intend to fish off the platforms as they're quite high up and away from the water's edge. Fish are still being caught but most seem to be coming from the far end of the fishery. I've had no reports of any large bream or tench coming out this year but if you know better please keep me informed so I can pass the information on to other anglers. Tight Lines

**RAY ANKIN**

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## RIVER RODING STANFORD RIVERS

Hi all. I cleared 9 areas on this stretch from Shonks Mill upstream and found non-members fishing this area, the fish eating type so I have allowed it to become overgrown. I have started clearing swims nearer to the boundary with the white post further inside the fishery. The first swim upstream of Shonks Mill Bridge has produced good chub throughout the summer and early autumn.

## MITCHELL'S FARM

During the drought and the nights drawing in earlier, members have been fishing into the dark obeying the 10pm rule with good results such as a 10lb 11ozs carp and a 6lb 4oz chub. Both fish coming from the Shonks Mill end of our fishery inside the farm towards the pylons and the motorway bridge. The banks are really overgrown however with some strimming and the frosts now arriving, this area will be more accessible in the coming weeks.

## PASSINGFORD BRIDGE

I understand some members may struggle with our lock on our gate and as stated earlier with non-members visiting the fishery we need to keep our gate locked. If you cannot lock the gate give me a ring [I never mind members ringing] as our gate cannot be left unlocked like it has been recently.

An eel of over 4 lbs was caught and several perch over 1 lbs 8ozs have been caught from this stretch. I have seen some large carp again this season with them swimming straight past. I have spoken to the motorway extension contractors Balfour Beatty and told them to stop tying up the gate near the motorway past the trees up as we need to get through the gate to the 2<sup>nd</sup> field just past the trees. It seems finally we may start getting some rain so if you have a good day ring me or send in your reports/photos to the BDAC website. tight lines.

**ANDY BANHAM**

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## RIVER RODING PATCH PARK

August and September were dry months with not much flow, but I still managed 30-40 small dace and chublets during short evening sessions in deeper swims downstream on maggot and stick float. The sunsets were stunning with a couple of koi carp 8-10 lbs basking in the sun. It seems every walker you meet fished Patch Park 40 years ago and my reply is always join the club and enjoy once more. With the onset of October

the river has had its first good rainfall with the bed weed starting to die back, but it still needs a lot more rainfall to improve. With the help of Andy Banham, chest waders and my trusty chain saw I cleared out the first big pool upstream of branches growing through the river and then made my way downstream. Shaun Mahoney lent me the Club's version of the African Queen and I cut back the intruding trees in the deeper swims downstream. Members will see the difference in the coming months. Venue regular Ken Bryant has had perch to 2 lbs and helped me haul out part of a 30 foot tree trunk wedged across the river past the first ditch, Thanks Ken.

**JOHN LESURF 07836 673379**

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## LITTLE EASTON RECTORY PONDS

The weather is still very mild for us anglers going into winter and this is making the fishing very good. Rectory Ponds are fishing better than ever with good bags of roach and some large carp showing. This venue does fish well in winter. As I have said before never fish these ponds without bread as the fish are very confident taking it, but under no circumstances use bread on top of the water. Litter hasn't been a problem this season so please keep up the good work.

## LAUNDRY LAKE

Some very good carp have been coming out of Laundry in the last few months with quite a few over 25 lbs, the best over 26 lbs. I would like to think this is a good sign for a 30 lbs coming out in the not too distant future. Quality and condition of these fish are a tribute to the guys who regularly fish this lake and the good work my bailiff Steve Smith does, thanks Steve. The litter is not a problem unlike the crayfish. We are doing as much as we can to keep them under control.

**BILL GARDNER**

# MATCH SECTION

The first match after our August break was for the Blind Charity trophy at Southminster Pits. The weather for this contest was, for September, pretty poor with cold, dry and cloudy conditions persisting for much of the time. The fishing was poor for September with 8 dry nets being recorded from the 30 odd participants. Tony Jones from Kent made the best of it from a swim halfway along pit 6 just before the narrows and weighed in 59-6-0, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Trevor Hayden who had a late run of carp to scale 42-12-0. 3<sup>rd</sup> was Lee Tomlin 39-8-0. Charity money raised amounted to £128.

The following week on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. saw the Ken Key Charity competition being fought out at the ever popular Armigers Lakes. 33 turned out with only two failing to reach double figure weights in a total weigh in of 2,137-11-0. The eventual winner, Terry Edwards, was pegged halfway along the bank facing the car park on the top lake. He scaled just short of the present club record with 186-0-0. 2<sup>nd</sup> was Lee Tomlin 135-0-0 and Cliff Adams 3<sup>rd</sup> 127-4-0. It's worth remembering that the fish are well spread out between the two lakes. The 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> were fishing from the dam wall into the bottom lake. Thanks to all those taking part, £139 was raised.

The last match of September was on popular Tylers Common fishery, Horseshoe Lake, on a nice still, warm day. The fishing however was quite hard due to the water level being markedly down and the lake having had a sell out match (all 60 pegs) on it less than 24 hours before. We never know these things when popular venues like this have to be booked up to 18 months beforehand. That said, section regular Alan O'Brien recorded a nice win with 41-0-0, ahead of Barry Lewis 37-10-0 and Colin Moran 32-10-0. Gemma Rogers nearly beat her other half's best perch of the club's season, when she landed one of just 1 oz short of his 2-10-0 specimen, during this match.

On 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. an eagerly anticipated trip to Monk Lakes in Kent was undertaken. The weather forecast the night before promised light winds, extended sunny spells and above average temperatures. But that must've been for another south easterly area because we had the complete opposite with strong cold winds, low thick cloud throughout and rain to finish the match in. For the first time since we've been visiting this venue no one made over the 100lbs mark, although Lee Tomlin came close with 97-11-0 for a comfortable win over Terry Edwards 88-10-0, with Trevor Hayden 3<sup>rd</sup> 59-2-0.

Our second visit this season to Rayne Lodge was on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. for a sweepstake. A frost the night before didn't upset the fish too much and all but 7 of the 29 who attended managed to reach double figures. It was tight for the first three places with yours truly winning with 42-15-0 from Kevin Rogers 41-13-0 and Ken

Smith 41-6-0.

This year's triple challenge match between BDAC, Chelmsford & Maldon was held on pits 1 and 6 at Southminster on 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. It was a dry but extremely windy day and for some presentation was a bit of a problem. It was a teams of eight contest so we all fitted comfortably across the available pegs. Although it was unseasonably mild some had real trouble just getting bites and the final weights were unusually low. Aggregate team weights decided the winners who were Maldon 67-5-0, Chelmsford 57-8-0 and us 45-15-8.

This year's Eastern Region Shield competition on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. was held on the R. Gt. Ouse at Littleport in Cambridgeshire again. The NFA/AT have used this disappointing venue several times over the past few years and many clubs in the area looked to be demonstrating their frustration at this by not entering teams. From the heady days of thirty plus teams competing only 17 took part this year. No flow, gin clear and 50 mph winds are what greeted us on the day and inevitably low weights were the result. BDAC came 13<sup>th</sup> (with no blanks recorded) and we again, in this contest, managed to beat our local rivals Chelmsford

In a repeat of what happened in last season's National placings, match section regulars Kevin Rogers & Lee Tomlin managed to qualify from the Team Nationals to fish the prestigious Individual National event at Lindholme fisheries near Doncaster. They fished well against tough Midlands & Northern opposition to finish midway on the score sheet that was made up of some 140 competitors.

## NOTICES

**A reminder: Please get last year's trophies back to the relevant secretaries by the beginning of December.**

On a more general note concerning trophies. Like many organisations in the current economic climate financial cutbacks are in the forefront. It has been decided to scale back (with the exception of juniors) on the number of trophies/replicas presented at the AGM. This is for two reasons. Firstly a comparatively large number of trophies and replicas are made ready for the AGM and then not collected. And secondly the cost of the engraving has risen alarmingly.

The match detailed in the club handbook match calendar for Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2009 will be held at Slough House. Bulphan. Draw 7.30 Fish 8.30-2.00

**CALVIN ELDER**

# MATCH SECTION

## TOP 10'S AT THE END OF OCTOBER.

<u>Points</u>		<u>Weights</u>	
Lee Tomlin	532	Lee Tomlin	761-7-0
Shaun Mahoney	509	Cliff Adams	653-7-0
Calvin Elder	499	Shaun Mahoney	646-6-0
Kevin Rogers	484	Kevin Rogers	567-2-0
Cliff Adams	474	Tony Jones	564-0-0
Tony Jones	429	Trevor Hayden	498-4-0
Trevor Hayden	429	Calvin Elder	494-9-0
Brian Thorpe	411	Brian Thorpe	402-8-0
Andy Banham	403	Ken Smith	400-1-0
Gemma Rogers	381	Andy Banham	384-1-0

# JUNIOR MEMBERS SECTION

The fourth Junior match of the year was held at Rectory Ponds on 15th August. It provided the current under 12 champion John Edwards with his first win of the year weighing in 43lb 10oz from the top lake. A close second also on the top lake was Alfie Jones with 43lb 2oz and third came Kieran Baily from the bottom lake with 34lb 14oz which included the biggest Carp to date weighing 12lb 8oz.

The next match was at Bicknacre but the lake did not fish well, John Edwards was again the winner with 7lb 2 oz, second Holly Salmon with 4lb 11oz and third came Sam Yates with 4lb 8oz.

Shalford Lakes was the next venue and again the fishing was very hard. Neal Shore scored his second win of the year with 8lb 7oz, second Sam Yates 8lb 1oz, third Matthew Fuller with 5lb 8oz.

Armigers was the venue for the annual Adult/Junior Match and the winners this year were Sam & Tony Hill with 89lb. A very close second was last year's Champions Luke & Terry Edwards with 88lb 8oz, third Neal & Keith Shore with 71lb 2oz.

With two matches left the League Position for the over 12's is very close and in the under 12 the current Champion John Edwards is leading.

The top 3 as follows:-

<b>Under 12</b>		<b>Over 12</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>	
John Edwards	91	Sam Hill	93	Neal Shore	70
James Hunt	76	Sam Yates	90		
Kieran Baily	50	George Harris	70		

**TONY BAILY**

## MEMBER'S PHOTOS



On Friday 2nd of October, I managed 7 carp from Straits Mill, including this AMAZING looking fully scaled, weighing in at 20.2 lbs. I also managed a 21.4 pound common, Lewis Cushney



My name is Chris Prager and I visited Thoby Wood on 28th August and caught two carp. Unfortunately I did not have my scales on me to weigh them. I also lost another one. All carp fought very hard, the larger taking me nearly to the other end of the lake) and were very nice looking fish.



I visited Straits Mill for a bit of pike fishing. I baited up on a simple float rig with a barbless 6 treble and a sardine .I got a great run., very fast. After it got me in the weeds and other obstacles I managed to get it free and imagine my surprise when I got to the net a fairly hooked superb 22lb common. After that I was reeling in a boilie rig I had cast out for some carp I had seen feeding when it was taken by this jack pike, talk about reverse roles. About an hour later my pop up was taken by a nice 14lb common. Who said fishing is dull? At least this time I remembered to take a camera with me. J. Shaw



Laundry Lake On Sunday 13 September 2009 my son in law and myself fished Laundry lake, a really nice lake. It was the first time for me, and the second time for Steve, my son in law. We fished about half way down on the left hand side of the lake and set ourselves up, it was not too long before we got some action. Steve had a real good run and hooked into a nice 16lb mirror carp, we both had some little bites for the next four hours but no fish, then my alarm went off and I hooked into a 20lb Mirror carp that put up a good struggle which now is my personal best. About an hour later my bait alarm went off again and I hooked into a nice 16 1/2 lb mirror carp which also put up a good struggle, it went a bit quiet for a couple of hours and we decided to call it a day when Steve's alarm went off, he hooked into a beautiful 17 lb Common carp, the fish put up a good fight and when we got it up on the bank the fish was superb, beautiful condition and colouring, truly a lovely fish. We called it a day about an hour later, we both had a great day's fishing, me with my personal best and Steve with his beautiful common carp.  
Brian Childs & Steve Bilbow



On 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 I took my 15 year old daughter Nada to Asheldham and she caught 2 nice common carp. The first was a nice fish of 9lb 11oz and the second was a PB of 12lb 12oz.

Terry Woolcock



## AND FINALLY

### Fisheries Liaison Officer's Report

General maintenance continues with swim repairs, grass cutting and tree removal. A couple of larger trees came down at Straits Mill, Braintree and a contractor was called in to deal with them.

Rectory Ponds did have a green/blue algae problem and barley straw was placed in the lakes, which helped solve the problem.

At Shalford the back filling behind the shuttering has been completed and the area grass seeded. The water levels are still low on the lakes and should improve with some rain.

On the rivers both the Pant, behind the church to the cottages and the ford to the end of the field, and on the Wid, from mill pool to the bridge, have cleared by the EA. The Club has carried out work on the Roding in the bottom field at Patch Park. We used a boat and opened up eight swims that had been lost over the years.

Southminster has had a last minute top up of the pits before the abstraction started from the brook to fill the reservoir. Shaun Mahoney



It was my first time at Mountnessing. I was on the Field Lake and we didn't have anything all day until around 5:00pm when I pulled out a 15lb carp a new P.B for me. Then about 20 minutes later my rod screamed off and I hauled in a 15.7lb leather carp! Another new P.B!  
Zack Wrigglesworth

### *Letters and emails to the editor.*

Dear Sir, It is so nice to come across good manners and honesty as it was shown today, 4th Sept at Armigers, by one of our members who I cannot thank enough for rescuing my rod which was pulled off my rod rest by a large carp and disappeared into the lake. I thought it was lost and as I have had this rod for 38 years, a gift from work colleagues when I changed jobs, I was really upset but fished on. When I returned to the car park there was my rod and reel standing against the fence with reel cover attached and I was so pleased not to say overjoyed to get my tackle back. Thank you so much to the person responsible for saving my precious rod. The reel case has braidmysp written on it and I would like to return the case and thank the person for such kindness if they would contact me. N.C. Weight 01279 652551.

Dear Sir, Whilst fishing at Armigers on 8th Aug. I committed the cardinal sin of taking my eyes off the rod. Looking round I saw the butt sliding into the lake and went to grab it too late. Looking out I saw it being towed down the lake. Fortunately 5 or 6 other members saw my plight and were all trying to cast over the rod to get it, one of these was the bailiff. After a hectic 20 mins. one managed to hook the rod and brought it to the bank and as I arrived on the scene had it playing the carp. I would like to thank the bailiff and the other members who retrieved my rod and reel as I am approaching my 81st birthday I would not have managed on my own. P.J. Pawsey.

Fished Parsonage Farm on Sunday 30th August for first time.

Fished first platform by lilies at the bottom end of the lake. Caught some very nice rudd & rudd/bream hybrids between 10 oz and just over a pound. A few smaller rudd, roach and roach/bream hybrids and 3 tench between 12 oz & 1lb. Caught on the pole at about 9m.

Didn't catch a large quantity of fish and had a spell of about 90 mins with no bites. The fish did start to switch on as the light levels fell from around 7pm, then it was a bite a cast. Used maggot/caster over ground bait. About 8 1/2 lb of fish in total. Bernie Hamilton



6 lbs tench caught at Kings Court Reservoir, Writtle. This was one of 11 tench plus 4 carp caught on one day in August. The tench ranged from 1 to 6 lbs, carp from 3 lbs to 4 lbs.

Stan Carr



On Sunday 20th Sept. at Thoby Wood my wife, Elsie, had her biggest catch yet! A 23 lbs 8 oz common carp. Our thanks to "Spud" (pictured above) who helped land and weigh this fine specimen. John Shorey