



RADAS Newsletter September 2018

This newsletter sees yet another new season. It sometimes seems strange that June 16th isn't sacrosanct anymore (unless you fish Rivers), as June 16th used to be the first day of the coarse fishing season for all lakes in UK.

Anglers would queue for the best pegs on the 15th June (or earlier on the big carp lakes) or would pull out swim number prior to midnight so they could get ready in their swims – pre-baiting was always a very grey area, although match conditions were sometimes imposed so no baiting up before midnight.....

The period from March 14 to June 16 meant lost money for Commercial Fisheries. With the advent of Commercial Fisheries, it meant serious loss of revenue for these businesses as they couldn't let anyone fish their waters.

The answer for Commercials, was to stock Rainbow Trout into the Commercial Fisheries. This meant that anglers could continue to fish (not sure if they ever took 20 mm boilies though), but this allowed us to continue fishing throughout the 'Close Season'.

When you did catch a trout - which did happen as they loved most baits - it was an interesting experience seeing as they always leapt out of the water. You were also supposed to follow catch and release, but most trout didn't make it back into the lakes!

Most Clubs though, continued to observe the Close Season, as this was the time when fish breed and anglers completed the decorating and household chores at home for the year – freeing up valuable weekends later in the season for fishing. Also, this was the time when most work parties were planned to renew and refresh their lakes and ponds.

RADAS Waters

Throughout 2018, our waters have fished very well, and all have produced excellent catches and even during the hot weather and are still fishing well (apart from in matches when pressure on the lakes can and does affect the fishing and weights produced).

As ever, we depend on you all to help us support and maintain our fisheries to the high standard that we have all become accustomed to, so please remember do not leave any litter and always follow club rules.

Also, we believe that there is illegal poaching going on in the local area. This is in two forms, people fishing without RADAS permits and others setting long lines to steal fish (several examples have been found).

We need all our members to be vigilant and would request that when you are fishing that you check your swims to ensure that there is nothing suspicious where you are fishing.

Also you are entitled to ask anyone for their ID card and up to date membership cards. If the angler does not have these or they don't match, you can ask them to pack up. If a person suggests that their Membership Cards are in the post, contact Nick North to check if this is genuine. We will also be aiming to increase bailiff visibility of our waters.

If you find people either poaching or using long lines, please call the Nick North, the Fishery Manager in the first instance on 07963112588 – or any of the other Committee members if Nick isn't available.

Remember please be vigilant, but do not put yourself at risk.

If you feel uncomfortable challenging other anglers then please don't do it.

If people are acting suspiciously then contact Nick in the first instance - or any of the other Committee members if Nick isn't available.

Hot Weather

Hopefully our lakes and fish should be ok during hot weather, as both Birkett Hall lakes and Wrights are both stream-fed and water levels remain high.

If you see fish in distress in any of the lakes, please contact Fishery Manager (Nick North 07963112588) in the first instance – if not available then any committee member (list and phone numbers at end of this Newsletter).

Birkett Hall

To make access a lot easier round the lake, we built the road up and around most of the lake and we also created a new car parking area up by the top lake by the containers, please park here. As the year progresses and the weather changes, access to Birkett Hall fishery can be difficult, so please take it easy on the track down to the lake.

The lakes at Birkett hall are both spring fed so the water levels here are generally very good (we repaired the leak in the top lake and this now also retains a good water level).

At Birkett Hall, the carp fishing can be good, but don't forget the other species stocked in the two lakes, as the Bream, Roach, Rudd, Hybrids and Perch (and eels) all reach good specimen sizes in both lakes.

We've also completed work on opening-up more swims in the Top Lake to make them more accessible. Plenty of anglers enjoy fishing this well stocked lake, and we do plan to add more stock in the near-future.

Pike fishing is restricted from 1st October to 14 March only. Lure fishing is permitted during these dates, but all lures must be fitted with a single barbless hook. No multi-hook rigs are allowed, and wire traces can also be used during this period - ensure that you also have a suitable specimen sized landing net and unhooking mat available at all-times.

Wrights Fishery - Access to Swims

Please take care when fishing Wrights' Fishery, as access to some of the swims is still not great and there is now a path around the swims on the house bank. Where possible, use the swims opposite the house side bank or at either end of the lake.

We do not get many reports from Wrights, however as there's plenty of natural food in here there's a very good head of fish in this lake, most of which have grown to a good-size, so it should not be ignored!

Wrights Feeder Steam

When fishing Wrights please check to ensure that the stream is flowing into the Lake (when looking at the lake from the main hut, the feeder stream is in the top right-hand side of the lake.

If there are any signs of the stream being blocked or if any fish are in distress, try and unblock the stream to get the water flow back into the lake - and as with all our waters, please contact the Fishery Manager Nick North, 097963112588 or any of the other Committee members.

Crays Hill Fishery

For members who may not be aware, RADAS has another lake located in Crays Hill. This lake is very well stocked regularly produces match weights into hundreds of pounds.

This lake is currently leased out to Angling Essentials in Crays Hill, who issue day tickets which can be purchased at; Angling Essentials (ask for Pete), Whitebridge Farm Industrial Estate, Crays Hill, Billericay - 01268 285 004.

This is the tackle shop in the main road in Crays Hill – a discount will be given on production of your RADAS club ticket, reducing the price to £5.00 for a day ticket.

Mark Hall Fisheries – Rochford Reservoir

As part of your club ticket you can also fish Rochford Reservoir, located by Rochford Station and is free of charge to fish if you are a RADAS club member. There is a good head of all species stocked in this lake with Carp up to 30lbs and Bream to 10Lbs

You must produce your RADAS ID and Membership ID card to fish free of charge; if you have any questions about this well stocked venue please call Nick North on 097963112588.

2018 Junior Coaching Days

Throughout the summer, Nick North has arranged several Junior fish-ins / coaching days at Rochford Reservoir, Birkett Hall and Wrights with support from Nash Tackle and RADAS club members, who have not only donated tackle and prizes but will also give up their time to make these sessions a success.

These sessions will cumulate into a Junior Match on at Birkett Hall, with prizes donated by Nash Tackle.

2018/19 Match Fishing

If you are interested in fishing any of the clubs matches please come along to the matches as shown in the Membership card or on the Clubs Website

www.rayleighangling.co.uk.

If you are interested in fishing for the club team or any of our matches please contact our RADAS Match Secretary, Fred Sycamore on 01268 755549.

RADAS Club Championship and Match Team 2018/19 Season

This this year the Club Championship is again quite close.

Overall, we have also had reasonable competition weights throughout the year, with the bigger Bream not showing as well during the matches as they did last year which could be due to the hot weather.

Triangle Match

The Triangle Match (although 4 teams of now participate), are teams of 6 anglers match fishing against Rochford, Coarse 86 and the Post Office, with one match on each their waters and one match at Birkett Hall.

The competition is held over several months, so far in 2018 we are currently in Second Place and are doing very well.

Club Rules

At a recent committee meeting, it was agreed that there shall no longer be any restriction on the main line breaking strain line used for any method of fishing - on the condition that the **hook link strength has a lesser breaking strain than the main line.**

Please be sensible and adhere to this ruling as it is to protect our fish from damage, will also review this change on a regular basis to ensure that it is sensibly adhered to (i.e. no boat rods and 20lb BS).

Also, Barbless hooks only to be used – no whisker barb or barbed hooks to be used. Unless in a match, no fish more than 3lbs are to be retained in keep nets and all keep nets must be emptied every 3 hours. In matches, different nets required to separate Silvers and Carp, and a 50Lb weight limit per keepnet is now enforced.

The use of Carp mats for all carp caught will also be enforced.

To reiterate again, absolutely **No Litter** please. Any member caught leaving litter could be expelled from the club immediately.

AGM and Rule Changes

If you have any proposals to rule changes, they must be submitted least three weeks prior to the AGM – the date for the 2019 AGM will be posted next year on the Website and with new season renewals.

To make sure any proposals are registered in time, a special committee meeting will be held a week before the date of the AGM, at which time any proposals for the AGM from members can be discussed.

When the date of the AGM is set (shown on the website www.rayleighbangling.co.uk or via the next newsletter), any changes to the club rules need to be submitted to the Chairman at david.redbond@yahoo.com. so that they are received by him at least 14 days prior to the AGM being held.

RADAS Website

The Club Website is www.rayleighbangling.co.uk and we are always on the look-out for club related input to be included so please provide any updates or articles to Alan Jagers.

Working Parties

ALL members will be required to attend 2 work parties, with the next Working Party planned for 16 September 2018. A list of dates is on your membership card and on the club website.

Members between 16 and 65 must attend 2 work parties (full and Birketts only members)

All exciting members age 65 to 70 must attend at least 1 work party.

Disabled members are except providing they supply the relevant certificate each year when they renew their membership.

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