



Essex Coarse Angling Society

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WELCOME

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the year. We have lots of information for you, as well as why we are taking the actions at our fisheries.

LAKE CLOSURES

We have had to close certain lakes at our fisheries because of the very hot weather that has been going on for months and with no rainfall. Our committee members have been working very closely with the EA, monitoring dissolved oxygen (DO2) and pH levels. Lambourne has been the most affected because it is a shallow lake and there has been no substantial rainfall since last winter and then it was not that much. With this in mind we have now closed Lambourne, both the main lake and the small lake. Matches have been cancelled and keep nets at all fisheries.

Beauchamps is also being checked, this is a different story, the top lake is open but the levels are down, it is deeper than Lambourne but it is not fed by any water source, only by pumping from the small lake and from Tabor farms in the winter months. The small lake is closed.

We have pumps in all the lakes at Lambourne and Beauchamps, putting oxygen into the lakes to save our fish stocks. Without fish we have no fisheries, so we hope you understand our actions. We are working closely with the EA to bring in systems for the coming seasons as this weather is going to be the norm in years to come. We are lucky that these actions have saved our fish stocks; unfortunately a fishery near Lambourne had catastrophic fish loses in one of it's lakes last month.

Unfortunately we are not currently in a position to say when Lambourne and the small lake at Beauchamps will reopen. However please keep an eye on Facebook and your emails for any further information regarding the reopening of the lakes.

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have helped in keeping our fish stocks alive by either taking water quality readings, frequently going to the petrol station and running the pumps, it is greatly appreciated.



FISH STOCKING

In February we had a delivery of small bream and tench, with an additional crucians, these went into Beauchamps. Later we had a free delivery of roach and a few bream from the EA. With our present stocks we are not proposing to increase stocks this winter and we will look closer for fish stocks in 2027.



CHARITY MATCH

We had a collection after one of our matches to donate funds to the Finish Line Fund; this is the group who supplied our defibrillators at Beauchamps and Lambourne.

We had a Charity match in aid of Southend Hospital Radiotherapy Unit, where almost £1400 was raised. Thank you for your generous donations.

Joe Smith won the match with 48lbs

LAMBOURNE

Paul and Steve have been working tirelessly repairing swims around the main lake. They have also been taking the DO2 measurements and pH levels at both Lambourne & Beauchamps and setting up the pumps at the lakes and lots more behind the scenes, thank you both.

COARSE 86

Dave Crawford has been working most weekends and overseeing the repair of swims, fallen trees and car park. We must thank the farmer for his help in dredging the canal section all that has got to be done is build the swims. This will take some time and money. We have had some work parties, some better attended than others. Thank you Dave for all the work you do.

BEAUCHAMPS

Michael Noakes and his band of helpers have been busy Saturday mornings, first clearing the close in weed from the field bank swims and then painting the lean to protect for this and future winters. The committee really appreciates this work and would like to thank all of Michael's helpers. If you would like to help any of the fishery managers or Michael, you will find their numbers in your membership book.



MATCH FISHING

There is no match fishing at Lambourne or Beauchamps because of the weather conditions. The matches that have been scheduled for C86 are going ahead; this is because this lake is much deeper.