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- Events for this year announced
- We look at some essential tackle
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- Did you know that about the Coach!

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Happy New Year !!

Welcome back,

I hope Santa Claus bought all the presents you ask for this Christmas and one or two fishing items as well.

With only 3 months to go before our first FishClub session of 2016 the coaching team are hard at work preparing the new kit. With over 250 float rigs & 200 odd hooks to tie up our winter isn't going to be a lazy one.

This year sees us holding sessions at some new venues, namely Maypole lake at Buxhall & Needham lake, we hope this will give you all new and interesting challenges using some brand new techniques and equipment.

We've also set up Facebook pages for both the GVAC club and a special junior page, but more of that later.

Don't forget that the annual

Junior presentation evening will be taking place on the 16th January. Again this year there will be lots happening on the night so please try to keep that Saturday free in your diary to come along and join us.

The weather has been pretty mild recently, so if you have chance, get out onto the bank. There are fish to be caught!

Congratulations to Callum Murton whose Angling Trust regional junior league finished with an overall 3rd place. Not only did Callum win prizes on the final day he also earned himself a day out this spring with the Preston Innovations team which includes Lee Kerry, Des Shipp & Tom Pickering who are all England international anglers. So well done Callum! on a really great achievement.

See you all soon !! (Ed)



Callum in action during the AT National Junior Angling League 2015

Be sure to show this newsletter to your parents so that they know when the Fish Club sessions are taking place... Otherwise you might miss out!!

Latest News

FishClub

With just 3 months to go before FishClub starts, the coaching team have been hard at working preparing.

We start off again this year with 2 indoor sessions back at Gt Blakenham village hall before heading back out onto the bank.

I hope you will all be able to

join us as we look at lots of new skills & techniques to help you all improve your fishing

See inside for session details.

Facebook page

Yes, that's right! We now have our very own Facebook page. Still in the early stages we are planning on using this page to

improve our communication with you.

Session invites, picture galleries, hints & tips, useful information, forums & lots more are planned for the site.

If you have any ideas on what you'd like to see then please let us know.

If you haven't already joined then just search on Facebook for 'GVAC Juniors' and request access.



more smiles at another GYAC NFM day

Dates for the Diary

So Mum's, Dad's & Grandparents this is the section you need to read. Here are the upcoming sessions planned for this year.

Jan 2016

Junior Presentation evening (Free)
Limes Hotel, Needham Market
Sat 16th - 7.00pm to 10.00pm
Awards, Prizes, Raffle and more...

Mar 2016

Fish Club 1 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 19th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Indoor)
Gt Blakenham village hall
Loops, Knots, & Rig tying

Apr 2016

Fish Club 2 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 16th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Indoor)
Gt Blakenham village hall
Loops, Knots, & Rig tying

May 2016

Fish Club 3 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 14th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Woody's)
Method Feeder & Peg Management
Fish Club 4 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 28th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Maypole)
Pole &/or Wagglers fishing

Members £5.00 Non-members £6.50 per session

"A place for everything and everything in its place."

Benjamin Franklin,
Founding Father of the
United States

Preparation, Preparation, Preparation !

Peg management' means the layout of your tackle around your seat-box. The term doesn't apply just to match fishing, as pleasure and specialist anglers also have any amount of gear with them when fishing. Good peg management will help you find things quickly and reduce the chances of pole sections and rods getting broken during the course of a match or session.

Over time, we all develop a preferred layout of our kit,

but right-handers usually have their bait and landing net on their left, whilst pole sections are shipped back on the right, and a rod and reel (left-hand wind) will also be placed on rests to their right (vice versa for left-handers). Things like keepnet bags can be used to place items on if banks are wet or muddy.

If you find yourself accumulating a lot of kit as you progress in the sport, you can plan the layout of your gear at home.

On the bank, when you're happy, you could even photograph your peg, refer to it later and note anything you can improve upon. In time it'll become second nature and getting into good habits early will help you become a more efficient angler.



Product Review



Maver 'End Result' Hair Rig Tyer

Item: Hair rig tyer
Tackle Firm: Maver
Price: £4.99 or less

Description:

One of the essential skills every angler needs these days is having the ability to tie hair-rig hooklengths, This tool makes the job easy. Similar in design to a standard hook tyer this has an additional adjustable sprigot that not only helps secure the hair but it also gives you complete control over the length of the

hair from the hook.

Using a knotless knot the line is passed through the eye of the hook.

Next you tie your hair, be it with a loop, pellet band, bait stop or baronet.

Securing the hair to the sprigot & the hook in the vice end you next loop the line around the shank of the hook before pushing the end of the line back through the eye of the hook.

Lastly, you cut your hook-length to size, tie a loop in the end and there you have your finished hooklength. Don't worry we'll be covering this in one of our indoor sessions this year!



Behind the Scenes

Maypole Farm Lake

As we mentioned in our last newsletter Maypole Lake was in the middle of a total renovation.

3 months later we can report that all the work has now been completed and Maypole lake is now open again to club members to fish.

A considerable amount of work has gone into this project from a small dedicated band of volunteers within the club, including our own Steve Barnes, Charlie Burgoyne & Pip Game.

We plan to run two FishClub sessions on the water this year in May & July where we will be looking at some new techniques and baits.

This promises to be a really interesting couple of sessions for us as this water hasn't been fished much over the last few years, so who knows what we might catch.

Suffolk Sport Award

Thanks to your support, the coaching team represented GVAC at the annual Suffolk Sport Awards in November.

We were nominated for 'Club of the Year'. One of only three clubs shortlisted, we were only beaten into 2nd place by Wortham Tennis Club.

For this we picked up a certificate and official photo, together with a copy of the video taken on our last session of the year.



Coaching Team with Suffolk Sport Award

Hopefully this will be shown on the presentation evening in January so that you can all see yourselves on film.

Skills Corner

Fig 1:

Form a loop by doubling up the line. Now wet the line.



Fig 2:

Form a 2nd loop by taking the 1st loop round the back of the doubled up line



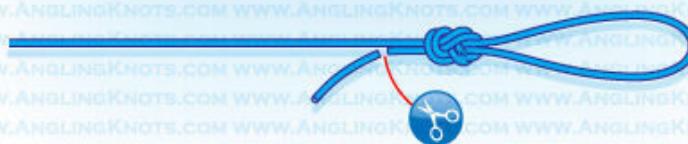
Fig 3:

Bring the 1st loop back over the doubled up line & then through the back of the 2nd loop. Wet the knot.



Fig 4:

Now pull tight from both the loop & mainline ends to form your figure of eight loop. Trim the tag end.



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Gipping Valley Angling Club - 'Active' 'Accessible' 'Accredited'

GVAC is based in mid Suffolk and has waters in and around Needham Market and Stowmarket. The club was established in 1984 with our original members fishing Needham Lake and four sections of the River Gipping.

The club values its members' opinions, the development of its fisheries and the development of angling and is intent that all shall be given the opportunity to enjoy our sport in a safe and friendly environment. Our very active Junior Academy sections host regular events for young anglers and, along with our intermediates, are given every encouragement and opportunity to compete on a national level. With the support of Bosmere Tackle in Needham Market, the Environment Agency and Mid Suffolk District Council, young members and non-members alike can enjoy the coaching afforded by the club's volunteers. We are actively involved with the running of the Suffolk County Amalgamated Angling Association (SCAAA), members of Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM) and are supported by the Angling Trust in angling development projects.

Meet the Coach

Name:

Pip Game

Position at Club:

Coaching Assistant

Best Fishing Memory:

Too many great fishing memories to single out but fishing the Ballinasloe festival on the river Suck in Ireland was a great week. A little nearer to home I would have to say the river Gipping in the 1960s-70s when clubs travelled miles to sample the fantastic Roach fishing the river had to offer .

Best Match win:

One that remains in my memory was a GAPS match on Elton water bank on the Gipping. River was carrying extra water. I fished a large waggler across to the far bank. Fishing caster and bronze maggots I weighed in 18 lb of mainly roach .A lovely days fishing .

Worst Fishing Experience:

Fishing a Winter League round on the river Wensum in the middle of Norwich . I had drawn an upstream section where you sit on the towpath with a high wall directly behind you. The wind was Very

strong and half way through one of my top kits was blown into the river. Quickly grabbing my landing net I just managed to net it before the river swallowed it up .Having saved an expensive top 3 kit from a watery grave I took a step back and promptly stood on my other 2 spare kits laying on the bank! I didn't catch much either.

Favourite Venue:

The river Waveney, the upper reaches for chub and the tidal section around Beccles for roach and skimmers during the colder months.

Favourite Club Venue:

The upper reaches of the Gipping which over the last 2-3 years has shown signs of a roach revival .

Favourite Peg:

Any peg I can catch a few fish from.

Who's your Fishing Hero:

This has to be the late **Ivan Marks**. As a young match angler eager to learn, I would read everything he wrote..



Favourite Style of Fishing:

Waggler and stick float fishing on running water for Roach ,nothing better.

What's Your Biggest Angling Lesson:

Preparation and practice .Weather you are pleasure fishing or fishing a match win or lose enjoy it .

What item of tackle would you never leave home without:

A disgorging has to be the most important item in your box .

What's your top tip:

To be comfortable and have everything you need to hand.