

# Hooked!

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## Happy New Year !!

Hi Everyone,  
And welcome to the first of this years Hooked.

We hope you all had a great Xmas and received lots of presents. Did Santa sneak any items of fishing tackle in with your other presents?

We've been busy planning this years FishClub sessions which will kick off in March with the first of our two indoor sessions.

In this session we'll be looking at making some pole floats and hopefully showing you how to make a pole rig ready for use at our sessions during the year.

So don't forget to book up early, spaces are limited

We combined, our annual Junior presentation evening with the senior event last year which gave us a chance to let the seniors see what you juniors have been up to and also

to let you see what you could achieve within the senior side of the club.

Its always a pleasure for us to see your hard work and continued commitment to angling being rewarded. It was a real shame though that some of the trophy winners couldn't make the event.

This months edition is again crammed full of great information to help you improve your angling skills & knowledge.

Included within this issue is a GVAC club membership form. Prices have changed this year with annual membership for juniors under 16yrs only £5.00, which is a great offer. Plus from the 1st April, rod licences for juniors up to 17yrs old will be **free!!** Details also included on the membership form.

See you all soon !! (Ed)



Family fun at one of GVAC's NFM events

**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

FishClub starts in March again with the first of our 2 indoor sessions back at Gt Blakenham village.

There are limited places for these so book early.

May sees us heading out onto the bank with sessions at Battisford & Maypole, Buxhall. A

new venue for this year which is packed full of roach.

**See inside for session details.**

### Facebook page

I know lots of you use Facebook but not many of you are contributing to the page. It would be great if you could post something on there, per-

haps a picture of your latest catch or something you've found on the internet, so get-posting!!

**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.



Rig making at one of our indoor sessions

## Dates for the Diary

Mums, Dads & Grandparents this is the section you need to read. Here are the up & coming sessions planned for this year.

### Mar 2017

**Pike Day** - Beginners to Advanced  
Sat 11th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Alton Water)

**Lure Fishing - Details to follow**

**FishClub 1** - Beginners to Advanced  
Sat 18th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Indoor)  
Gt Blakenham village hall

**Float making & Hook tying**

### Apr 2017

**FishClub 2** - Beginners to Advanced  
Sat 15th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Indoor)  
Gt Blakenham village hall

### Float making & Rig tying

#### May 2017

**FishClub 3** - Beginners to Advanced  
Sat 13th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Battisford) (FF)

**Waggler, rod & line**

**Peg Management**

**FishClub 4** - Beginners to Advanced  
Sat 28th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Maypole) (FF)

**Pole &/or Whip fishing**

**Members £5.00 Non-members £6.50 per session.**

(FF) - Family Fish session



"A place for everything & everything in its place"

## Preparation, Preparation, Preparation !

Winter has finally arrived and with it the cold weather and less opportunities to fish, it makes the perfect time to look at all your tackle and prepare for the spring. But what should you be looking at?

### Seatboxes

A good clean & tidy! Empty out all the contents & give it a good Hoover & clean with soapy water. Don't forget to put a little oil on all the screw in threads. & metal parts.

### Poles, Rods & Reels

Wipe over with a damp cloth,

make sure the rod rings are cleaned as well. Pole sections can be cleaned in your bath, soak in warm water to get rid of all the grit inside. Give the working parts of your reels a little oil as well.

### Floats & Rigs

Check that all your floats are in good condition, throw away any that can't be repaired. Check that your pole rigs are all OK, if not then make up more rigs ready for your next pole fishing session.

### Hook lengths

Now is a great time to replenish your hook length wallet.

Tie up enough hooks to last you for the first part of the spring.

### Nets

Give all your nets a good clean in hot soapy water. This helps extend their life and stops them rotting.

### Accessories

Also check that all those other items of tackle are clean & in good working order, repair or replace as needed.

And lastly make sure everything is put away dry & tidy!!



Stonfo Levapiombo Shot Remover

## Product Review

**Item:** Levapiombo Shot Remover

**Tackle Firm:** Stonfo

**Price:** £4.99 to £5.99

### Description:

A very unusually named piece of tackle this month, but a really useful one.

There will be times during your fishing when you suddenly find that your float seems too heavy & sinks or you change to a heavier bait & your float doesn't sit right in the water.

When this happens the only option is to take a shot off. You could try biting the shot off but you could easily bite through your line.

This little tool takes the hassle out of removing shot

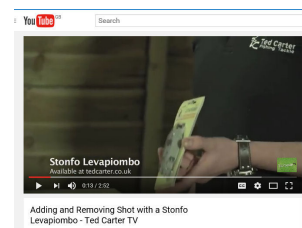
Simply select the shot you want to remove. Place the shot between the jaws and the line in the grooves.

Now squeeze together and the shot should easily & quickly come off.

"Quick & hassle free, wish I'd had one years ago!"

Check out the Youtube link below:

<https://youtu.be/IoYoUUdJITE>



## Behind the Scenes

### Junior Winners 2016

#### Ivan Goymer

1st Lauren Reid  
2nd James Shaw

### Junior Academy Intermediate

1st Ciaran Gardner  
2nd Dominic Mason

### Viscount Young Angler

1st Lauren Reid  
2nd James Shaw

### Best Newcomer 2016

1st James Shaw  
2nd Rory Woodger

### Coaches Cup

1st Lauren Reid  
2nd Danny Mayes

### Merit Award

1st Danny Mayes  
2nd Max Barnes

### Sports Person of 2016

1st Callum Murton

### Young Clubman of 2016

1st Callum Murton

### Best Weight of 2016

1st Lauren Reid  
2nd James Shaw

### Sen/Junior Pairs 2015

1st M. Barnes/ M. Brewster  
2nd JS. Barnes / J. Shaw

### NFM Winners 2016

#### Academy Starters

1st James Shaw (95lb 10oz)  
2nd Maddison Reid (53lb 0oz)  
3rd Rory Woodger (52 lb 4oz)

#### Academy Cadets

1st Lauren Reid (101lb 6oz)  
2nd Danny Mayes (78lb 10oz)  
3rd Max Barnes (47lb 13oz)

#### Academy Juniors

1st Ciaran Gardner (83lb 14oz)  
2nd Dominic Mason (52lb 4oz)  
3rd Aston Lander (38lb 2oz)



GVAC Junior trophies 2016

## Skills Corner

### Fig 1:

Take the loop from your main line and pass it through the loop of your hook length.

### Fig 2:

Now pass the hook & hook length through the loop of the main line.

### Fig 3:

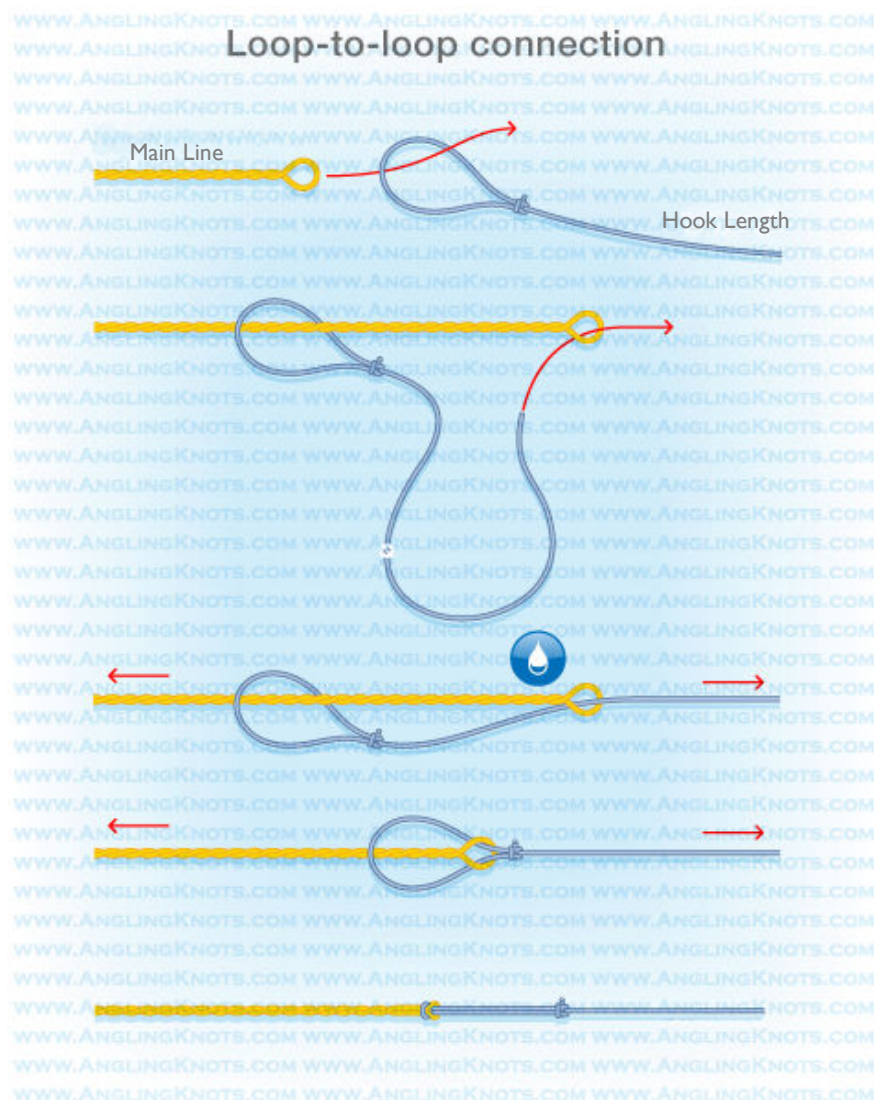
Slowly pull both the main line & hook length away from each other. Moisten both the loops as they come together.

### Fig 4:

Continue to pull both lines away from each other until they tighten together.

### Fig 5:

Once tightened your loop to loop knot is formed.



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**GVAC is based in mid Suffolk and has waters in and around Needham Market, Stowmarket & Brantham. 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.**

## New for 2017!!

### CAST Skill Awards

#### So what are they?

The Angling Trust has in recent years been developing a programme of skill awards to support, reward and recognise the standards of all anglers, whatever their age, across England & the UK.

The awards have been created as a series of progressive steps that with the help of qualified coaches aim to take a complete beginner to angling right through to an experienced and proficient angler enabling them to reach their full potential in the sport.

They allow anglers in all disciplines to develop at their own pace but with recognition for their efforts at each stage. The awards begin with the CAST Starter award and continue with CAST level 1 through to CAST level 6.

In the near future, anyone who wishes to attend an Angling Trust Level 1 Coaching in Angling course will need to hold up to a CAST level 3 award, and to attend a Level 2 coaching course, a person will have had to pass up to the CAST level 6 award.

#### What are GVAC doing?

For 2017 the GVAC junior academy will be running these awards along side the FishClub sessions for those of you who want to take part. It's not compulsory and it's entirely up for you to decide.

There may be a little homework but nothing much and for the most part you won't even know you're doing anything different. Paul will be assessing you during our FishClub sessions by observing what you are doing and asking a few questions to check your knowledge & understanding.

The first couple of awards are fairly quick & easy to achieve, but they do get harder the more you do, but most areas are already covered in our sessions.

There will be a small charge for each award which covers the cost of the certificate and badge but this won't be more than between £1.00 - £2.50, price will be confirmed before FishClub starts.

If you would like further information on the CAST awards then please contact Paul directly on Mob: **0775 830 4312** or email: [paul.d.sargent@gmail.com](mailto:paul.d.sargent@gmail.com)



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