

Hooked!

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Summer is in full swing !!

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the latest issue of Hooked! I can't believe Fish-Club is now half way through its sessions for 2017 with only 4 more to go.

Our year end is fast approaching and planning underway for our Senior/Junior pairs match, details will come out soon.

The CAST awards initiative, mentioned in the last issue has started with 12 of our juniors having signed up to take part. These awards will be running throughout the rest of our FishClub sessions in 2017.

Great progress has been made in our May & June events and I am confident that everyone will have passed these and be awarded their certificates & badge before our last event in August.

I hope you all enjoyed the waggler & long pole sessions we staged at Battisford.? For some,

casting a float was a new experience but everyone certainly improved their technique as the morning went on.

Casting I think, is something that we will need to re-visit on a later session.

Included last month was a voucher for our regular attendees to pass onto a friend or relative, giving them free entry to any one of our Fish-Club sessions in 2017. Don't forget the voucher is only valid until the day of our last event this year. So, pass it on and let's get more people down on the bank enjoying our sport.

So that's about it, hope to see you all at our next FishClub events and make sure you get out fishing this month.

Don't forget to add your catch pictures to our Facebook pages, we'd really like to see what you've been up to,



Joe fishing the near margin at Battisford

and don't forget...

If you have any questions then please get in contact with us.

See you all soon !! (Ed)

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 continues this July with two further sessions. The first is a special at **Stonham Barns** followed by the start of our three NFM events down at Woody's lake, Barking Tye. There are limited places for these events so book early. August sees us completing our FishClub sessions for 2017 with two more NFM events,

both again down on Woody's lake, Barking.

See inside for session details.

Facebook page

We now have a page on Facebook open to everyone. We are planning to use this to advertise our events to a larger audience and showcase some of the great sessions we've had over the year.

So if you have any 'Catch' photos, it would be great to see them on this page.

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

Type in **Gipping Valley Angling Club Juniors** on Facebook and checkout the pages



Juniors fishing on Battsiford Top Lake

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.

July 2017

FishClub 6 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 8th - 9.00 to 13.00 (**Stonham Barns**)
Pole Long & Short

All attendees £5.00 per session per session.

NFM Event 7 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 22nd - 9.00 to 13.00 (**Woody's**) (NFM)
Short Pole margin fishing

All attendees £3.00 per session.

August 2017

NFM Event 8 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 5th - 9.00 to 13.00 (**Woody's**) (NFM)
Short Pole margin fishing

NFM Event 9 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 12th - 9.00 to 13.00 (**Woody's**) (NFM)
Short Pole margin fishing

All attendees £3.00 per session.

(NFM) - National Fishing Month session

Sept 2017

Sen/Junior Pairs - Beginners to Advanced

Sun 3rd - 8.00 to 15.00 (Venue TBA)

Any method and fished to general club match rules.



"Can I ask a question please"

Preparation, Preparation, Preparation !

Effective Questioning

How do we learn?

Simple question but do you know the answer. Well two of the most effective ways are to observe, watching someone perform a task or action, the other is through instruction such as a teacher teaching you through speech.

But how do we ensure that, that knowledge stays with us and how can we expand upon it? Well one of the best ways is to simply ask questions.

Most people are afraid to ask

questions as they think it is a sign of weakness or that people around them will think they are not as intelligent as them, for the teacher there is an assumption though, that the person has understood fully what they have tried to teach them.

You should not be afraid to ask questions. It's the quickest way to clear up any doubts or misunderstanding you may have and it shows you are interested in the subject and want to learn more.

Next time you are at one of our FishClub sessions and one of our coaches shows you something that you're not sure on or don't understand fully then, tap them on the shoulder and ask them to explain it further.

To understand something fully will only increase your knowledge and ultimately make you a better angler.

"Be brave! don't be afraid to ask a question. Asking questions is a strength... not a weakness"



Ballabeni 80gr shot dispensers

Product Review

Item: Ballabeni split shot
Tackle Firm: Ballabeni
Price: £4.49 to £5.49

Description:

Finding good quality split shot these days is a lot easier than it used to be years ago, but there is still a lot of bad quality shot out there in the market. So you still have to make the right choice.

What is really important is the actual split itself. It needs to be perfectly & centrally cut which ensures that it sits on your line correctly.

Get the wrong shot and your bait presentation will be affected.

This split shot from Ballabeni is widely regarded as some of the best quality available. This shot is imported directly from Italy and comes supplied in 30gr tubs, 80gr tubs and 5 division dispensers which contains sizes 8-9-10-11-12.

Unfortunately the shot doesn't come cheap and is probably twice the price of most other shot at the moment.

But if you want perfect presentation and shot that doesn't ping off your line this shot is worth every penny.

Generally available on the internet you won't find this at your local tackle dealer.

"Perfect alignment, excellent grip, precise presentation. This is the best on the market!"

Behind the Scenes

CAST Awards

As all our regulars will be aware we have been running the Angling Trust approved CAST Awards scheme this year and I am pleased to say here are our first award winners!

Starter Award Winners

Max Barnes
Alex Kemp
Leah Kemp
Aston Lander
Jacob Myall
Archie Pearce

Jasper Pearce
Lauren Reid
Maddie Reid
James Shaw &
Rory Woodger

Congratulations everyone!!
And we will present your certificate to you at our next FishClub session.

Most of you are also well on the way to completing you Level 1 award so keep up the good work.

Stonham Barns Visit

As I mentioned in a previous issue we were hoping to join up with a group of like-minded junior anglers in Norfolk for a days fishing.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this trip but instead we have arranged a FishClub session at Stonham Barns on the 8th of July.

We will be fishing the match lake which has a very varied species of fish to catch, so it promises to be a great morning's fishing.



Stonham Barns
Match Lake

Skills Corner

Fig 1:

Form a loop in your line and pass it round the neck of your hook tyer.

Fig 2:

Twist the hook tyer round for 2 revolutions.

Fig 3:

Now pass the top of the loop through the mouth of the tyer.

Fig 4:

Wet your line & holding the main line & tag end, pull the loop tyer away forming the knot.

Fig 5:

Tighten the knot & allow the line to slip off the neck of the loop tyer.

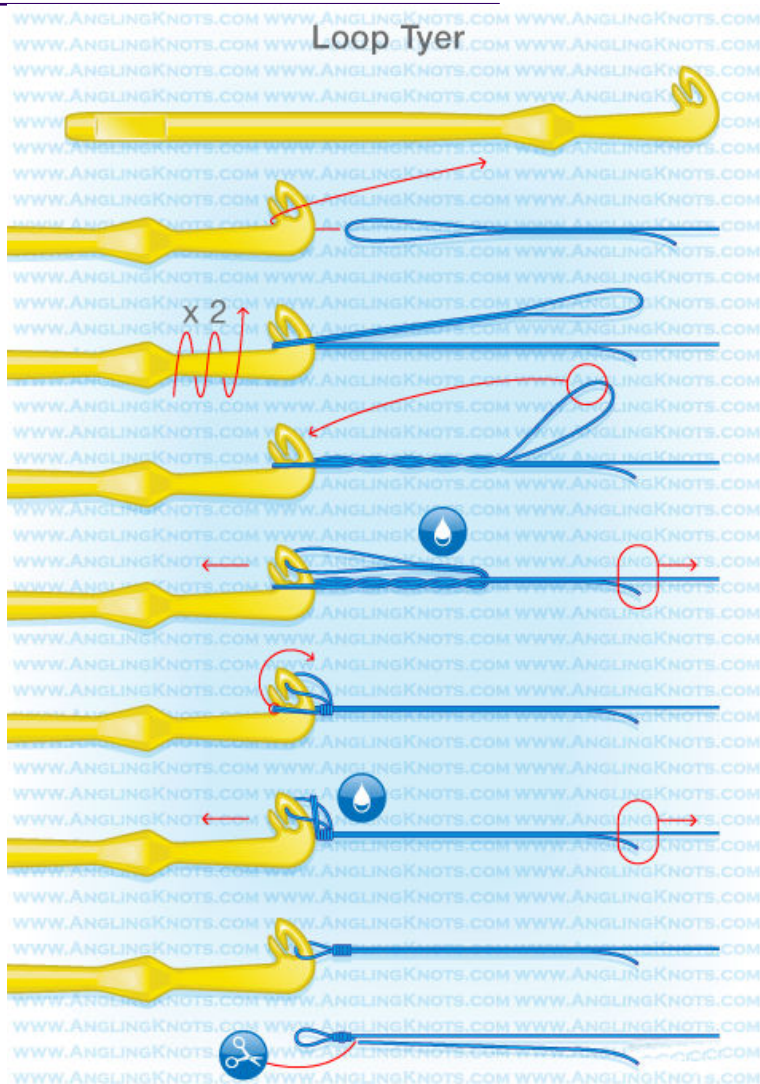
Fig 6:

Now wet the knot and pull tight completing the knot.

Fig 7:

Ensure when pulling the knot tight that you do so at the same point on the tyer to achieve consistent size loops.

Lastly trim off the tag end.



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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.

Pole Rigs & Shotting

Standard Margin Rig

How does the rig work?

Following on from the last newsletter rig, this month we take a look at a more traditional margin rig, and one that you will all of seen if you've fished Woody's

With the water temperatures reaching their highest point in the year and the fish very active this is your starting point for any margin swim.

If there's at least 2 feet in depth and you have some form of feature to target then fish to it; overhanging bushes, even the odd reed stem can offer much-needed cover that fish feel safe being near or under.

A light float pattern, say a 4x12, with a small bulk of No. 9 shot is really all you need. Make sure that you scale your line strength up to the size of fish you expect to catch. Also ensure the float you use will be stable in the water and strong enough to cope with the fish you're hoping to catch.

Ensure that the length of line between the float and your pole tip is no more than 25cm or less. Start by fishing at dead depth (as pictured), but if you start getting false bites or fish you can't hook then try shallowing up or fishing over-depth. Keep changing your depth until you start hooking fish again. Even changing the shooting pattern could help bring more bites.

Also make sure your feeding is also very accurate. Whether you feed by hand or through a pole mounted pot, keep your loose feed as tight as you can, then lift your rig and lower slowly right over the feed.

Keep the feed going in regularly. If you attract too many fish into your swim then cut back on the feeding otherwise you will get a lot of false bites and hooking fish will become much more difficult.

If you are able to, feed each side margin, left & right and alternate during the session to keep fish coming!!

