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Another successful year !!

Hi Everyone,
Well... I can't believe that FishClub has finished for 2017, it only seems like yesterday that we were planning the year's events.
It's been great to see some new faces on the bank, I hope 'FishClub' has hooked you to come and join us again next year.

The CAST awards initiative, we started this year has been enthusiastically taken up by the vast majority of you, 13 juniors have passed the Starter level & 10 of those have gone on to pass the Level 1 award with the 3 remaining very close to passing.
Next year will see us continue this award scheme so any of you who didn't have the chance this year can start the awards & for those who have passed your Level 1, we'll begin to concentrate on the Level 2 award, a little more homework, but something I know

you are all capable of passing.

The NFM events at Woody's in July & Aug proved very popular this year with 37 juniors joining us over the 3 events & over 840lb of fish caught, that's an average of over 22lb per angler, per event, Wow!!

We have a few new ideas for next year and hopefully a new venue or two. We're looking at possibly fishing a Junior national competition as well so, watch this space!

That's about it for this year, Don't forget we have our trophy presentation evening in November. I hope you've all enjoyed yourselves and have taken away some new skills & techniques to practice & use on the bank.

The coaching team are going to take a bit of a break now, some of us might even do a bit of fishing ourselves.



Photography 'breakout' session at Woody's Lake

We hope to see you all at our FishClub sessions next year, don't forget we kick off 'FishClub' again in March 2018.

As always if you have any questions then please get in contact with us & we'll try and answer them for you.

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

Word is spreading and our numbers are growing. FishClub has had a great year, lots of new people joining us, new venues added to our list and some great feedback.
Stonham Barns were so impressed with our coaching session that they want us back next year... in fact, don't be surprised if you see one or

two of your faces on Stonham Barns on-line advertising for 2018.

Facebook page

We now have a page on Facebook open to everyone. We have used this to advertise our events to a larger audience and showcase some of the great sessions we've had over 2017.

So if you have any 'Catch' pho-

to's, it would be great to see them added onto this page.

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

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



Steady Gerry !! Don't lean too far out

Dates for the Diary

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

These are provisional dates for 2018 and are yet to be finally confirmed.

Mar 2018

FishClub 1 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 17th - 9.00 to 13.00 (Indoor)
Gt Blakenham village hall

Elasticating a Top kit & Hook Tying

Apr 2018

FishClub 2 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 21st - 9.00 to 13.00 (Indoor)
Gt Blakenham village hall

Pole Float Rig tying

May 2018

FishClub 3 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 12th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Battisford) (FF)

Waggler - rod & line, Peg Management

Junior Pole Champs ?? - Teams of 4

Sat 19th - 6.30 to 20.00 (All day)
(Venue Westwood Lakes, Boston)

June 2018

FishClub 4 - Beginners to Advanced
Sat 9th - 8.30 to 14.00 (Stonham Barns) (FF)

Long pole work

Members £5.00 Non-members £6.50 per session.



“A place for everything and everything in its place”

Preparation, Preparation, Preparation !

Be organised

We have all done it... You get to your peg, start to setup and then you suddenly remember, those carefully tied hook lengths & float rigs you finished yesterday ready for today are still sitting on the kitchen table waiting for you to pick them up.

Being organised and fully prepared for your fishing session is a great habit to get into, especially if it's a match.

Modern match anglers spend hours preparing before their

next match. They leave nothing to chance. They check & double check everything is carefully prepared & packed.

This ensures that when reaching their peg they spend the least possible time setting up their kit, everything is to hand & prepared, leaving them to concentrate purely on the match & how they are going to fish it. It also helps give a boost to their confidence, which plays a big part in a lot of sports.

Try these ideas out before

your next trip:-

- Write a list of things you need to do.
- Give yourself plenty of time to prepare
- Do your homework on the venue you are fishing
- Never rush your preparation
- Always double check everything has been done

“Time spent at home organising your kit will save time on the bank, resulting in more fish in your net”

Product Review



Preston Innovations Stotta

Item: Stotta Pliers
Tackle Firm: Preston Innov
Price: £7.50 to £8.50

Description:

Placing stotz or styl type weights onto fishing line has always been a fiddly job, even picking them up can be difficult.

Over the years there have been many tackle manufacturers who have designed pliers to help with the application of shot & stotz, some good... some bad.

But Preston Innovations have come up with the perfect solution in the 'Stotta'.

Developed to make the application of Stotz even easier. The Stotta is designed to work with all weight sizes.

It has a flat pincer end which helps to pick up a single stotz and apply it quickly and easily to your line.

With a sturdy construction this tool will last for years.

Make sure that the split in the stotz is facing down on the surface you have placed them on so that when you pick it up, the split is facing up towards you, making it easier to apply. The Stotta even has a handy tool to remove stotz & stotz without damaging the line. Perfect!!

“Compact & efficient, makes the job of shotting your pole rigs so much easier!!”

Behind the Scenes

CAST Awards

What a great end to the year the 12th Aug was, where we presented certificates & badges to all the Level 1 Award Winners. **They were:-**

Regan Jaggard
Finley Jaggard
Jacob Myall
Archie Pearce
Jasper Pearce
Lauren Reid
Maddie Reid
Rhys Russell
James Shaw &
Rory Woodger

Congratulations everyone!!
 You all did brilliantly this year.

Next year we'll be looking at the Level 2 award.

Stonham Barns Visit

The Stonham Barns visit on the 8th July proved to be very successful.

We had some great feedback from both Alan & Richard who run the fishery, not only were they very impressed with the coaching team and how we run our events, but

they were greatly impressed with the skill level of you juniors and your behaviour during the day.

So impressed were they that they have asked us back next year to run more sessions. Plus Paul was asked by the Stonham Barns owners whether they could use some of our photographs from the day for their advertising programme in 2018.

They will also be promoting our GVAC FishClub events in 2018.



Stonham Barns
Match Lake

Skills Corner

How to join two pieces of line together

Fig 1:

Lay the two lines next to one another with the ends facing away from each other. Taking one end of line, form a loop & make 5 turns by passing the line around the other line & through the formed loop.

Fig 2 & 3:

Taking both ends of line (marked 'I'). Wet the line, pull away from each other & slowly tighten up knot, ensuring other the piece of line doesn't slip through knot.

Fig 4:

Now repeat fig. 1 with other piece of line

Fig 5:

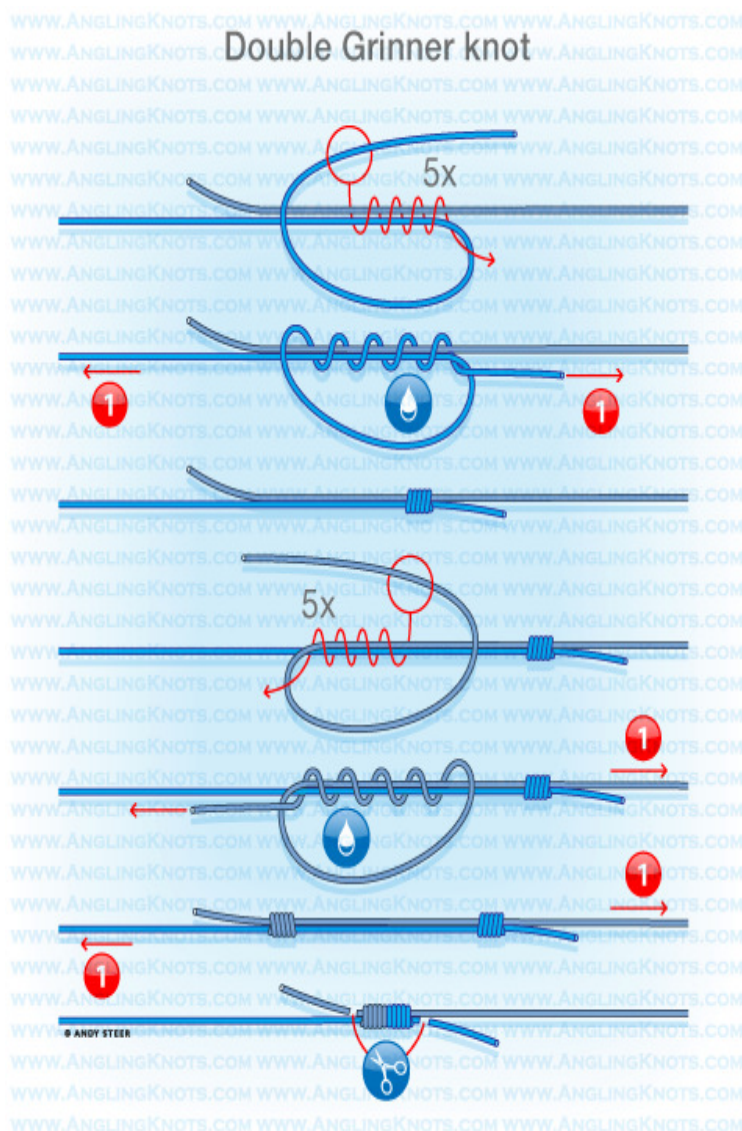
Repeat fig. 2 & 3 with other piece of line.

Fig 6:

You should now have two tightened knots. Wet both knots again and taking both pieces of line (marked 'I') & slowly pull away from each other allowing the knots to come together.

Fig 7:

The knots will come together and tighten further. Now cut off both tag ends leaving two joined pieces of line.



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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 Shallow Rig

How does the rig work?

Just because autumn is starting to roll in don't automatically assume that shallow rigs are a waste of time. Fish sit at all different layers in the water and a rig to target them off the bottom can be crucial, particularly for fish that are just cruising around.

If you're on a shoal of fish even at this time of year, it can be possible to put together a nice net of fish with a shallow approach, and a very minimal feeding approach. Rule it out at your peril.

Back shot can also prove crucial to stabilising the rig if there's a light wind or breeze usually up to three No. 10 back shot spread evenly above the float can really do wonders for stability.

A small float pattern, such as a 4x10, with a strung bulk of No. 10 shot is really all you'll need. Don't forget to scale your line strength up to the size of fish you expect to catch. Also ensure the float you use is strong & robust 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 40cm or less long. This will give you the option to keep the pole tip slightly away from your float, reducing the chances of spooking the fish.

It also gives you the added bonus of slapping the float on the water's surface to attract fish. This technique involves you flicking the whole rig over in a circular motion and slapping the surface.

As always make sure your feeding is also very accurate. Either use a pole pot or catapult to feed the swim. Start with just 4 to 6 4mm pellets every minute to attract just a couple of fish and go from there. Give it a go you might be surprised at the results you can achieve with this simple setup.

