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- Events for this year announced
- Latest News
- We look at some essential tackle
- A closer look at bait (New)
- Pole Rigs & Shotting!

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Happy New Year !!

Hi Everyone,

Hopefully Santa has been to your home in the last couple of weeks and left some nice new shiny tackle.

A new reel was left for me a Daiwa Cast'izm BR 25A. Something I've been after for a while for long distance casting. Can't wait to try this one out!

Preparations are well under way for FishClub 2018 and we start off with the first of 4 indoor sessions in March where we will be looking at elasticating a top kit and getting to grips again with knots & hook tying. I hope you can join us as it promises to be a very interesting morning.

We have been looking at some different venues for this year after last years success at Stonham Barns. In light of that we have two events lined up at Stonham Barns this year and the possibility of a day at Alton

Water, date to be confirmed.

Included in this issue is a complete list of all the events we have lined up for 2018.

It was also great to see so many of you at last December's GVAC presentation evening. There were a good spread of trophies up for grabs with many of you picking up a trophy or two but more about that inside.

Plus a big surprise for one of our juniors Jasper Pearce who picked up the club's specimen fish award with a pike of 20lb 8oz caught at Alton Water last October.

Lastly just a quick word to say a very, VERY BIG THANK YOU to the coaching team for their continued support. Without you guys we couldn't do what we do!!

The good news is they are all carrying on this year.



Jasper with his 20lb 8oz Pike helped by Jason & Phil

Roll on 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

A new year beckons with 2018 promising to be another great year for FishClub. We have a greater variety of sessions lined up between March & October... Yes! October.

There'll be 11 sessions this year covering a wider range of techniques & key skills. In addition

we've added two extra venues to our list, with sessions at Stonham Barns & Alton Water.

We'll also be opening up the opportunity for you to take part in the Angling Trust's level 2 CAST award. So lot's to look forward too.

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 the year.

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 confirmed dates for 2018.

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.



“Matchmen in the heat of competition”

Preparation, Preparation, Preparation !

Be ‘Match Fit’

What do we mean by and how can you become ‘match fit’?

A good example is to look at footballers and in particular those that have been out of the first team for a while. Suddenly they are thrust back into the next league game.

Their passing is poor, they're slow to react to play, can't keep up with the pace of the game and then they miss the 'sitter' from 2 yards. The solution is to keep playing games until everything begins

to come together.

Its entirely the same in match fishing. You are not going to turn up for your first match & romp home the victor, (unless you're Des Shipp). You need to break yourself in gently, and gradually build up.

Think about these when you start out on your match fishing journey:-

- Do your homework on the venue
- Watch some matches on the venue
- Write notes on baits used,

methods & techniques

- Concentrate first on just a couple of venues
- Talk to the local experts, find out what works
- Practice a few times, build your confidence.
- Not catching? then sit behind someone who is, what are they doing that you aren't.

“Be patient, don't get discouraged, stay confident, have a plan but be prepared to be flexible. Success will come, you just have to believe!”

Product Review

Item: Carp Match & Feeder Rods

Tackle Firm: Daiwa

Price: £32.99 to £36.99

Description:

Something a bit more expensive this time & with Xmas money possibly burning a hole in your pocket, these rods maybe an option.

There are 5 in the range, 10', 11' & 12' pellet waggler rods and 10' & 11' feeder rods.

You will all of used these rods, as they are the same rods that we use at our FishClub ses-

sions.

All are two piece with an eva & cork handle. The rods have a good medium to through action which not only makes them good casting rods but a joy to play fish on. All come with a cloth bag to protect them.

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- » Medium grade carbon blanks
- » All two piece assembly
- » Aluminium Oxide guides
- » Carbon quivers on feeder models

» Hook keeper

Reviews in various publications have likened these to rods costing twice the price.

They are great rods at a very competitive price and make an ideal first rod/s for use on all types of venues and methods.

“Quick pick up & seamless action make these rods a joy to play fish on!!”



Daiwa Carp ‘Match & Feeder’ rods

Behind the Scenes

Junior Winners 2017

Ivan Goymer

1st Rhys Russell
2nd Jasper Pearce

Academy Intermediate

1st Lauren Reid
2nd James Shaw

Viscount Young Angler

1st Rhys Russell
2nd Regan Jaggard

Best Newcomer 2017

1st Archie Pearce
2nd Jacob Myall

Coaches Cup

1st Finley Jaggard
2nd Maddie Reid

Merit Award

1st Jasper Pearce
2nd Rory Woodger

Sports Person of 2017

1st James Shaw

Young Clubman of 2017

1st Jack Damant

Best Weight of 2017

1st Lauren Reid (59lb 12oz)
2nd James Shaw (56lb 8oz)

Sen/Junior Pairs 2017

1st L. Reid / C. Burgoyne
2nd R. Russell / S. Barnes

NFM Winners 2017

Academy Starters

1st Maddie Reid (53lb 6oz)
2nd Jacob Myall (43lb 12oz)
3rd Freya Reid (40lb 5oz)

Academy Cadets

1st Rhys Russell (93lb 0oz)
2nd Regan Jaggard (65lb 6oz)
3rd Jasper Pearce (56lb 2oz)

Academy Juniors

1st Lauren Reid (118lb 4oz)
2nd James Shaw (91lb 10oz)

Specimen Cup

Jasper Pearce (20lb 8oz - Pike)



GVAC Junior trophies 2017

Bait School - Course Feed & Hook Pellets

What are they?

Coarse sinking pellets are a water stable complete feed containing ingredients such as fish oil, grain and krill which makes the pellets very edible to all coarse fish.

They come in a variety of sizes from 2mm up to 28mm and relates to the size of fish you're trying to catch. Normally you wouldn't go above 12mm

Skretting or Coppens?

Almost all pellets used in the UK, from any bait company will have been mass produced firstly by either Skretting's or Coppens. Then the various bait companies buy in bulk, flavour them and re-badge them under their own brand. Skretting pellets generally are a low oil pellet which sink slower in the water whereas Coppens pellets are high oil, sink quicker & take longer to break



down.

Some anglers use Coppens as hook bait & Skrettings for feed.

Does size matter?

Most definitely it does, but its not quite as simple as the smaller the pellet, the smaller the fish you will catch as 2mm pellets can be a great feed bait for large carp.

So how do you decide? Well, to start with, you need to consider a few things:-

- The type of venue you're fishing
- The species and size of fish present
- Were the fish reared on or are they used to pellets
- Time of year & weather conditions

Take a walk around any venue you're planning to fish when people are fishing, watch & talk to them to see whether pellets work & what size and make work best.

As a general rule start small with either 2mm or 4mm feed & the same or one size up on the hook. Feed sparingly as well & let the fish tell you if they want more. If you're getting bites feed more, if you aren't then feed less or take a gamble and see what happens.

Wet or Dry?

Does it make a difference? If you throw in hard pellets you tend to find that a few will float for a few seconds before sinking, this could spread your feed out to far. Wet or 'soaked' pellets will sink straight away.

Generally soaked pellets are easier for fish to suck in & break down quicker, making them a very attractive meal, but it will also attract smaller fish which especially in summer, can be a problem when you're trying to catch bigger fish. Hard pellets are much more selective & are often ignored by smaller fish attracting the bigger fish into your swim. Experiment is the key see what works best!

How to soak

Soaking your pellets is easy and the general rule is submerge them in water for 30secs per 2mm, so for 4mm pellets that would be 60secs, then tip all the water out, cover with a lid and leave them until you're ready to fish.

Do this as soon as you arrive at your swim and your pellets will be perfect for when you start fishing.

Expanders

These are much the same as normal pellets except that the air within the pellet hasn't been squeezed out during production, therefore they float. To make them ready as a hook bait you need to use a special pump which forces water into the air gaps and makes them sink. Fish love the soft texture, which makes them an ideal hook bait.



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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

Ultra Shallow Rig

How does the rig work?

Simply a variation on the standard shallow rig, but one that allows you to fish even shallower. This can be a very valuable addition to your armoury on more heavily stocked waters particularly where small FI's or smaller carp may be a key quarry.

Sliding the bulk shot to sit directly underneath the float allows it to cock immediately in the swim and you'll be fishing as soon as the float hits the water.

Again back shot can also prove crucial to the rig if there's a 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 the bulk of No. 10 shot directly under the float stem is really all you'll need. The secret is to use the smallest length float you can find, with a bulbous body to aid stability. 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 intending to catch.

The length of line between the float and your pole tip should be no more than 40cm or less. This will keep the pole tip directly over the float to help with hooking. Generally you will find the fish hook themselves.

As always make sure your feeding is also very accurate. Either use a pole pot or catapult to feed the swim. Start with just 6 to 8 4mm pellets every 30 seconds to attract fish in and go from there. You need to strike a balance of keeping the fish interested & competing for food without over feeding them.

Give it a go you might be surprised at the massive weights you can achieve with this simple setup.

