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NEWSLETTER

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SHIRLEY SEA ANGLING CLUB



SOUTHAMPTON

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A big welcome to members old and new. What a strange year we have had for 2020, none of us ever thought that we would be put into lockdown and stopped fishing, but it happened. Also the death of our Chairman Bob Patterson, was a great shock and loss to the club this year, we also have to mention our Vice President Derek Lay and member Dave Henwood who have also passed away.

The committee have had time to reflect on all the jobs that Bob did, and we have all had to reorganize and step up to new jobs and challenges, which we must thank the committee members for doing. For those of you that do not stay up to date with us on the Website and Facebook, Dave Neil a long standing member of the club has become our new Chairman, and Adey Groves another long standing member is the Secretary. Sue Patterson has agreed to stay treasurer. We now have Rob Cooke and Gavin Pridy responsible for Shore competitions, John Richards and Barry Instrell are Shallow boat and Richard Knight is Deep Boats, when we can get that running again. Kev Dunham is Records, Website and Facebook co-ordinator.

**The Shore** matches were the first to return in June, with a trial match at Hamble proving a success. We had to work with government and Angling Trust guidelines and social distancing.

Following on in July we held a match at Hythe and Shore Road, with the following results. The matches will be measure and return, so no weigh-in at the end of a match.

1st Dan Panter 1 fish 3k 401grms

2nd Stu Foley 3 fish 1k 247grms

3rd John Carstairs 1 fish 566grms

The weigh in was not fantastic with 26 fishing, but only 6 weighing in silver eels, smoothounds and bass. The optional pool went to Dan Panter with a smoothound of 3k 401grms.

The August match at Hurst Shingle Bank, produced 90 fish and 11 species, including black bream, plaice, cod, golden grey mullet, tub gurnard, silver eels, bass, gilthead bream, ballam wrasse, pollock, smoothound. We had 24 members fishing including 2 juniors.

1st Lewis Milam 12 fish 2k 890grms

2nd Riley Panter 7 fish 2k 843grms

3rd Dan Panter 10 fish 2k 522grms

Adey Groves won the optional pool with a smoothound of 1kg 474grms

We have changed the issue of prizes with money prizes going to the top 3 and optional pool, but points will be awarded towards a one off championship this year in memory of Bob Patterson. We will be running a shore knock-out and pairs competition for the August-December matches.

**The Shallow Boats** returned in August as that was a little harder to sort out with social distancing, but due to the nice weather our members were able to get out on the first competition of the year. Again we have had to change the way of recording with measure and return and the length of all sizeable fish recorded. Unlike the shore matches, we will not be running a championship on the boats this year, and each match will be paid out on the first three positions.

Positions for this match

1st Adey Groves 4 fish 236cms length

2nd Dave Beale 4 fish 192cms length

3rd Roger Collins 3 fish 163cms length

12 members fished with 9 weighing in a mix of smoothound, dogfish, wrasse, mackerel, scad, bass and black bream.

Again money prizes will be awarded to the top 3.

**Deep Boats** has been even harder to sort and the decision has been made by the club that we will not run any deep boat competitions during 2020, this is due to social distancing on the boats, which is pushing the cost per person to unreal levels. Richard is looking at boats for next year so hopefully we can get back out after the big fish!!

**BOAT OWNERS IN THE COMPOUND**

Barry & John are working hard to re-arrange the compound and having a good clear-up. Boat owners please note that they need to take all rubbish home after working on your boat. The normal slipway cleans will be taking place, which we would love to see you all come along to help. There will also be a clearing up day in September when we want all boat owners to come down and move your boat into its new allocated position. Emails and letters will be sent out advising date and time.

**BBQ MATCH 23rd AUGUST – CANCELLED**

We know that a lot of you like this match, but unfortunately due to no social gatherings allowed, we cannot have our normal BBQ, and social distancing would be a problem with fishing. We will be back next year.

**BINGO EVENINGS**

We hope to resume the Bingo Evenings at Festival Hall, Sholing on Saturday October 23rd, Tim Swanborough has offered to take on the job of Bingo Caller, so keep your eyes out for more information nearer the time.

**MEMBERSHIPS**

We have agreed that memberships will carry over this year until end of 2021, so there will not be any need to renew at the AGM in January, but any change of address, email address or junior becoming a senior, please let Carol Groves Membership Sec know.

**VOUCHERS**

If any of you hold Shirley SAC vouchers redeemable at tackle shops, please make sure you use them by the end of the year. The club no longer issue vouchers – cash prizes only.

Al’s tackle at Woolston are offering club members 10% discount on production of your membership card.

**YOUR NEW LOOK COMMITTEE**

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**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**

Rob Cooke is looking at running a memorial match, possibly at Chesil next year, with monies being split between to the British Heart Foundation (in Bob’s memory) and the NHS charities.

Due to restrictions this will be run when guidance allows for social gatherings.

Social – The social and presentation evening is booked for February 2021 at the moment. If we are allowed to continue with this it will be a social evening with presentations being put on hold for 2020, due to Covid 19 and the committee reviewing what cups and trophies the club hold.

Those of you that hold cups or trophies the committee will be asking for them back early 2021. You will be contacted for their return nearer the time.