



NEWSLETTER

April 2013

Editorial

Arranging the Groups

Some heat was generated at this year's A.G.M. about how the groups were selected.

Last year was exceptional because the lowest group was larger than the group above it.

In order to have the lowest group as the smallest this year the rules should have resulted in one promotion and no demotion.

A simple clerical mistake about promotion from group four into group three and the, mistaken, subsequent demotion from group three into group four, led to a lot of noise and argument.

The Rules are very simple.

1. The winner of a group is offered promotion.
2. Relegation will be required as necessary.

If the groups say the same in number and size then provided the winner in the group below accepts promotion (and this does not always happen) the bottom team is relegated.

BUT the groups do not always say the same. In these circumstances NONE or MORE teams may have to fish in a lower group.

In practice if a group grows larger nobody will be relegated,

But if a group gets smaller then more than one team will be relegated.

It is a simple rule to meet a flexible situation which has worked well for twenty five years. Why mend something that isn't broken!

For example If we have 18 teams next year and decide to have three groups of six teams – there will be a lot of promotions and no relegations.

Silver Jubilee

2013 is the twenty fifth year that the Association's Challenge Table has been fished.

We have commissioned a Jubilee Badge as below.



Everyone who fishes in the 2013 season will receive a badge.

These are rather larger than the Winners metal badges and better quality.

Unfinished Business

The Anglian Water Trophy for the Winners of Group Two was not available at the presentation ceremonies at the end of the 2012 season.

It was finally presented at this year's Spring Match by John Caldwell to members of the Soldier Palmers 'A' Team who won the group in 2012.



A Good Start to 2013

Averages of

7.1 - 4.9 -- 5.4 - 4.8

For the

Spring Match on Bewl

Many teams were out practicing the day before the match and it was reported to be a bit of a struggle to catch fish in the steady rain.

On match day however the weather stayed dry but with a stiffish northerly breeze that seemed to have a touch of east or a touch of west in it depending on where you were trying to drift.

Most boats headed for Bewl Straight and Rosemary Lane with a few trying either end of the dam and Ferry Point.

Some people found fish early on – Invicta's Kieran Bonas, fishing a Di7 line with a booby on the point, bagged up before 11 o'clock. He said the fish were about four feet down so was beginning the retrieve as soon as the flies hit the water.

Other early finishers were Richard Kesek, Ronnie Christie, Adrian Necci and Dave Summers who all completed their bag before one o'clock.

As far as I know only one boat, shared by Mike Gunnell

and Kim Green, went the other way to the end of Hook Straight. Here they were sheltered from the wind and reported near tropical conditions. They found lots of fish too as they were back at the lodge by two o'clock.

There were plenty of fish at Rosemary Lane and Tinkers Marsh including shoals of rather small blues, but the boat pressure was high and the catch rate may have decreased as the day went on.

Several people reported that the fish 'came back on' after four o'clock.

The biggest fish of the day, caught by Ronnie Christie, was 3lb 12 oz and the average weight of fish overall was around 2lbs but it should be noted that there were three fish weighed in that were under 1lb.

Soldier Palmers 'A' was the top team of the day, and the only team to complete a full bag of 32 fish, however both

Rutland and Fish Hawks 'A' were only one fish behind with 31 apiece.

The new caterers provided an excellent breakfast at the sailing club and the evening meal of roast turkey or pork followed by apple crumble was voted a hit by all.

The organizer would like to thank the fishery staff for their assistance in making the day run smoothly and we look forward to returning to Bewl in the future.



***Ronnie Christie of Soldier
Palmers 'A'
Best Bag – 24lbs 3oz
Receives the Eddie Grey Cup***

Soldier Palmers 'A' Team

Winning Team

Spring Match 2013



Previous wins by the Soldier Palmers 'A Team

Autumn 2008

Spring 2009

Autumn 2012

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GROUP 1 RESULTS 2013

Round 1

Venue:

Bewl

Date: April 7

1st	Soldier Palmers 'A'	5 pts
2nd	Rutland Water F.F.	4 pts
3rd	Fish Hawks 'A'	3 pts
4th	GWFFA 'A'	2 pts
5th	Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'	1 pt

Total fish caught	142	
Rod average	7.1	
Average weight	2 lbs	0 oz
Largest fish	3 lbs	12 oz
Best Bag inc. time bonus	24 lbs	3 oz

caught by Ronnie Christie (Soldier Palmers)
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Bewl Bridge F.C. 'A'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Ray Burt	8	2 lbs 11 oz	15 lbs 10 oz	14 hrs 00 mins	4 lbs 0 oz	19 lbs 10 oz
Paul Canning	6	2 lbs 10 oz	12 lbs 1 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	12 lbs 1 oz
Nick Cox	4	3 lbs 7 oz	9 lbs 10 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	9 lbs 10 oz
Martyn Gray	6	2 lbs 8 oz	11 lbs 14 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	11 lbs 14 oz
Team Total	24		49 lbs 3 oz		4 lbs 0 oz	53 lbs 3 oz

Fish Hawks 'A'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Paddy Mounter	8	2 lbs 7 oz	15 lbs 10 oz	15 hrs 00 mins	3 lbs 0 oz	18 lbs 10 oz
Simon Gaines	8	2 lbs 12 oz	16 lbs 11 oz	13 hrs 50 mins	4 lbs 0 oz	20 lbs 11 oz
Al Gamble	7	2 lbs 6 oz	13 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	13 lbs 2 oz
Lloyd Thompson	8	2 lbs 10 oz	16 lbs 7 oz	15 hrs 00 mins	3 lbs 0 oz	19 lbs 7 oz
Team Total	31		61 lbs 14 oz		10 lbs 0 oz	71 lbs 14 oz

GWFFA 'A'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Chris Bobby	7	2 lbs 7 oz	13 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	13 lbs 2 oz
Norman Rushton	8	1 lbs 11 oz	15 lbs 3 oz	15 hrs 15 mins	2 lbs 12 oz	17 lbs 15 oz
Peter Hartley	1	2 lbs 1 oz	2 lbs 1 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 1 oz
Richard Kesek	8	3 lbs 0 oz	16 lbs 15 oz	11 hrs 45 mins	6 lbs 4 oz	23 lbs 3 oz
Team Total	24		47 lbs 5 oz		9 lbs 0 oz	56 lbs 5 oz

Rutland Water F.F.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Mike Gunnell	8	2 lbs 12 oz	17 lbs 8 oz	13 hrs 20 mins	4 lbs 8 oz	22 lbs 0 oz
David Lang	8	3 lbs 1 oz	17 lbs 7 oz	17 hrs 10 mins	0 lbs 12 oz	18 lbs 3 oz
Dave Summers	8	2 lbs 7 oz	14 lbs 7 oz	12 hrs 45 mins	5 lbs 4 oz	19 lbs 11 oz
David Holroyc	7	2 lbs 4 oz	14 lbs 4 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	14 lbs 4 oz
Team Total	31		63 lbs 10 oz		10 lbs 8 oz	74 lbs 2 oz

Soldier Palmers 'A'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Ronnie Christie	8	3 lbs 12 oz	18 lbs 3 oz	12 hrs 00 mins	6 lbs 0 oz	24 lbs 3 oz
Paul Lee	8	2 lbs 14 oz	17 lbs 1 oz	14 hrs 40 mins	3 lbs 4 oz	20 lbs 5 oz
Andy Everett	8	2 lbs 4 oz	15 lbs 0 oz	14 hrs 10 mins	3 lbs 12 oz	18 lbs 12 oz
Paul Kitchen	8	2 lbs 5 oz	15 lbs 1 oz	16 hrs 20 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	16 lbs 9 oz
Team Total	32		65 lbs 5 oz		14 lbs 8 oz	79 lbs 13 oz

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GROUP 2 RESULTS 2013

Round 1

Venue:

Bewl

Date: 27 April 2013

1st	Invicta F.F.C. 'A'	5 pts
2nd	Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.	4 pts
3rd	Queen Mother F.F.	3 pts
4th	RNRMAA	2 pts
5th	Bristol Reservoirs F.A.	1 pt

Total fish caught	99	
Rod average	4.95	
Average weight	2 lbs	1 oz
Largest fish	3 lbs	3 oz
Best Bag inc. time bonus	22 lbs	8 oz

caught by Tony Wilkinson (RNRMAA)
caught by Kieran Bonas (Invicta)

Bristol Reservoirs F.A.	No.	Best Fish		Bag Weight		Finish Time		Time Bonus		Total Weight	
Simon Lucas	0	lbs	oz	lbs	oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	lbs	oz
Bryn Woodsford	5	2 lbs	8 oz	11 lbs	0 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	11 lbs	0 oz
		lbs	oz	lbs	oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	lbs	oz
		lbs	oz	lbs	oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	lbs	oz
Team Total	5			lbs	oz			lbs	oz	11 lbs	0 oz

Invicta F.F.C. 'A'	No.	Best Fish		Bag Weight		Finish Time		Time Bonus		Total Weight	
Gary How	5	2 lbs	15 oz	9 lbs	12 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	9 lbs	12 oz
Kieran Bonas	8	2 lbs	9 oz	15 lbs	8 oz	10 hrs	50 mins	7 lbs	0 oz	22 lbs	8 oz
Ron Lusardi	6	2 lbs	12 oz	12 lbs	14 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	12 lbs	14 oz
Clive Collier	8	2 lbs	9 oz	15 lbs	15 oz	13 hrs	30 mins	4 lbs	8 oz	20 lbs	7 oz
Team Total	27			54 lbs	1 oz			11 lbs	8 oz	65 lbs	9 oz

Queen Mother F.F.	No.	Best Fish		Bag Weight		Finish Time		Time Bonus		Total Weight	
Jim Longmore	6	2 lbs	11 oz	12 lbs	9 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	12 lbs	9 oz
Tony Kirkham	7	3 lbs	0 oz	15 lbs	4 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	15 lbs	4 oz
Sue Hunter	7	2 lbs	13 oz	15 lbs	12 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	15 lbs	12 oz
Mike Hill	5	2 lbs	8 oz	10 lbs	6 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	10 lbs	6 oz
Team Total	25			53 lbs	15 oz			lbs	oz	53 lbs	15 oz

RNRMAA	No.	Best Fish		Bag Weight		Finish Time		Time Bonus		Total Weight	
David Morton	8	2 lbs	13 oz	16 lbs	0 oz	13 hrs	15 mins	4 lbs	12 oz	20 lbs	12 oz
Tony Wilkinson	5	3 lbs	3 oz	11 lbs	14 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	11 lbs	14 oz
Iain Mcallister	1	1 lbs	15 oz	1 lbs	15 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	1 lbs	15 oz
Neil Loughrey	3	2 lbs	7 oz	6 lbs	7 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	6 lbs	7 oz
Team Total	17			36 lbs	4 oz			4 lbs	12 oz	41 lbs	0 oz

Tunbridge Wells F.F.S.	No.	Best Fish		Bag Weight		Finish Time		Time Bonus		Total Weight	
Richard Denney	2	2 lbs	5 oz	4 lbs	0 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	4 lbs	0 oz
Mick Dwyer	8	2 lbs	12 oz	16 lbs	2 oz	16 hrs	10 mins	1 lbs	12 oz	17 lbs	14 oz
Richard Lovett	8	3 lbs	0 oz	18 lbs	5 oz	16 hrs	15 mins	1 lbs	12 oz	20 lbs	1 oz
Martin Wright	7	1 lbs	15 oz	12 lbs	12 oz	hrs	mins	lbs	oz	12 lbs	12 oz
Team Total	25			51 lbs	3 oz		3	lbs	8 oz	54 lbs	11 oz

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GROUP 3 RESULTS 2013

Round 1

Venue:

Bewl

Date:

20 April 2013

1st	Greylags	4 pts
2nd	Hanningfield F.C.	3 pts
3rd	England Police	2 pts
4th	Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'	1 pt

Total fish caught	87
Rod average	5.40
Average weight	2 lbs 1 oz
Largest fish	3 lbs 8 oz
Best Bag inc. time bonus	21 lbs 6 oz

caught by Craig Pennington (Greylags)
caught by Kim Green (Greylags)

Bewl Bridge F.C. 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Ralph Painter	8	2 lbs 6 oz	14 lbs 13 oz	16 hrs 45 mins	1 lbs 4 oz	16 lbs 1 oz
Yvonne Webb	3	2 lbs 3 oz	6 lbs 1 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 1 oz
Adrian Necci	8	2 lbs 12 oz	15 lbs 15 oz	12 hrs 50 mins	5 lbs 0 oz	20 lbs 15 oz
John Turner	2	2 lbs 3 oz	3 lbs 10 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 10 oz
Team Total	21		40 lbs 7 oz		6 lbs 4 oz	46 lbs 11 oz

England Police	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Steve Short	2	1 lbs 15 oz	3 lbs 10 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	3 lbs 10 oz
Alex Rothwell	3	2 lbs 8 oz	6 lbs 9 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 9 oz
Russ Logan	8	2 lbs 9 oz	15 lbs 13 oz	14 hrs 30 mins	3 lbs 8 oz	19 lbs 5 oz
Andy Hope	8	3 lbs 7 oz	16 lbs 15 oz	17 hrs 00 mins	1 lbs 0 oz	17 lbs 15 oz
Team Total	21		42 lbs 15 oz		4 lbs 8 oz	47 lbs 7 oz

Greylags	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Kim Green	8	2 lbs 9 oz	16 lbs 10 oz	13 hrs 15 mins	4 lbs 12 oz	21 lbs 6 oz
Colin Faires	3	3 lbs 4 oz	7 lbs 8 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	7 lbs 8 oz
Ian Whiteside	8	2 lbs 8 oz	17 lbs 4 oz	15 hrs 45 mins	2 lbs 4 oz	19 lbs 8 oz
Craig Pennington	2	3 lbs 0 oz	5 lbs 3 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	5 lbs 3 oz
Team Total			46 lbs 9 oz		7 lbs 0 oz	53 lbs 9 oz

Hanningfield F.C.	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Alan Stern	8	2 lbs 12 oz	15 lbs 9 oz	15 hrs 11 mins	2 lbs 12 oz	18 lbs 5 oz
Dave Bromley	5	2 lbs 3 oz	9 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	9 lbs 2 oz
Vince Howley	8	2 lbs 4 oz	16 lbs 5 oz	17 hrs 40 mins	0 lbs 4 oz	16 lbs 9 oz
Julian Weddell	3	2 lbs 14 oz	6 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 14 oz
Team Total	24		47 lbs 13 oz		3 lbs 0 oz	50 lbs 13 oz



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GROUP 4 RESULTS 2013

Round 1

Venue:

Bewl

Date: 27 April 2013

1st	GWFFA 'B'	4 pts
2nd	Invicta 'B'	3 pts
3rd	Soldier Palmers 'B'	2 pts
4th	Fish Hawks 'B'	1 pt

Total fish caught	77	
Rod average	4.8	
Average weight	2 lbs 0 oz	
Largest fish	3 lbs 2 oz	caught by Lawson Wight (Invicta)
Best Bag inc. time bonus	19 lbs 12 oz	caught by Lawson Wight (Invicta)

Fish Hawks 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Keith Gilchrist	3	2 lbs 4 oz	5 lbs 5 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	5 lbs 5 oz
Billy Miller	7	2 lbs 3 oz	12 lbs 6 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	12 lbs 6 oz
Chris Peace	4	2 lbs 15 oz	8 lbs 7 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 7 oz
Adam Rundle-Palmer	3	2 lbs 4 oz	5 lbs 15 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	5 lbs 15 oz
Team Total	17		32 lbs 1 oz		lbs oz	32 lbs 1 oz

Grafham Water F.F.A. 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Yusriy Smith	8	2 lbs 14 oz	17 lbs 15 oz	16 hrs 20 mins	1 lbs 8 oz	19 lbs 7 oz
Ade Bell	7	2 lbs 13 oz	14 lbs 4 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	14 lbs 4 oz
David Spall	5	2 lbs 4 oz	11 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	11 lbs 2 oz
Marc Cutworth	1	1 lbs 15 oz	1 lbs 15 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	1 lbs 5 oz
Team Total	21		45 lbs 4 oz		1 lbs 8 oz	46 lbs 12 oz

Invicta F.F.C. 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Lawson Wight	8	3 lbs 2 oz	17 lbs 12 oz	16 hrs 00 mins	2 lbs 0 oz	19 lbs 12 oz
David Moore	5	2 lbs 14 oz	10 lbs 13 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	10 lbs 13 oz
Allan Sefton	4	1 lbs 14 oz	6 lbs 15 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 15 oz
Mike Smith	3	2 lbs 7 oz	6 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	6 lbs 2 oz
Team Total	20		41 lbs 10 oz		2 lbs 0 oz	43 lbs 10 oz

Soldier Palmers 'B'	No.	Best Fish	Bag Weight	Finish Time	Time Bonus	Total Weight
Jim Wright	8	2 lbs 7 oz	14 lbs 15 oz	17 hrs 45 mins	0 lbs 4 oz	15 lbs 3 oz
Toby Bunney	6	2 lbs 11 oz	11 lbs 11 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	11 lbs 11 oz
John Hooper	4	2 lbs 5 oz	8 lbs 2 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	8 lbs 2 oz
John Gamon	1	2 lbs 0 oz	2 lbs 0 oz	hrs mins	lbs oz	2 lbs 0 oz
Team Total	19		36 lbs 12 oz		0 lbs 4 oz	37 lbs 0 oz

