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# Ashton Keynes Angling Club

**Mid Season newsletter- October 2009**

To all members, some club information on the season to-date:

Well the season got underway much as we finished last season, although many of you will be asking what has happened at Keynes Park and particularly the Top pit.

Well progress had been very well made with our lease for the Keynes Park and Neigh Bridge waters. In fact both the Cotswold Water Park Society and we have signed the lease. We had taken the advice of our solicitor in all the progress to date which gave us the confidence that we had achieved the very best for the club and its members.

However prior to printing the cards at the start of the season I enquired with the C.W.P. Society in May, copied Watermark Ltd, the new sub lease holders, at Keynes Park, (now called the Cotswold Country Park) to advise me in any changes that will be put in place. Well by the time I needed to print the membership cards I had still not had any replies to the Keynes Park Entry/Exit or any other matters that we should adhere to.

Well since then we have had to accept that parking on the grass areas on Top pit, in agreement with our lease had to stop, parking to be in designated parking places only, but further without notice we have had parking areas barriered off, the stopping of selling our cards and day tickets at the shop, no combination lock on the main gate and that all cars must leave the park before closure and the main gate would remain locked overnight till the following day. During this time one of our members, rightly or wrongly would not remove his vehicle from the park before locking up whilst fishing overnight (and this has caused the new lease holders to make this matter very much the main subject of debate and has caused the final registration of our lease with Land Registry to yet to be completed.) Watermarks reasons are that it contradicts the terms of their insurance. This arrangement was put on to our website for members to be aware. However we have been criticised to such an extent over our handling of the situation, that we received a letter from the solicitors acting on behalf of Watermark in August issuing notice to cease fishing on the Top pit, and since then "No Fishing", notices were installed at Top pit and the main barrier in September. We continue to try and sort out these problems to allow us to continue talks to again get the best out of a difficult situation. Remember we had at least for the time being overnight fishing without criticism, provided the cars were parked in the nature reserve car park after closure of the park.

**Topics:-** Thank you to all those members who have responded so well in accepting and continuing to maintain a locked gate at Thamesmead, brought about to support the wishes of the owner in preventing entry of non-members and putting a stop to the anti-social behaviour that was developing early in the year. I understand we had several problems with opening the type of lock fitted. Well since we have had a new lock fitted with an explanation on the website on how to unlock it correctly. My apologies to you if you had problems. Talking of locks, an instance at Waterlands occurred in August when somebody had presumably changed the combination and the lock had to be cut off to allow access???

## *Remember "To lock all gates".*

**Water Reports:** Some exceptional Carp have been reported, with mid-April, producing a 28lb Common from **Neigh Bridge** (lake 36), the same lake brought "Moonscale" to the bank in early September at an incredible 34lb 14oz.

Over on **Thamesmead the 'B' lake** brought Carp of 21lb and 26lb mid April, six in July/August three Commons and three Mirrors, best a 28lb 2oz Common and the smallest, again a Common of 20lb 2oz. With the end of May bringing a report of a Carp of 28lb 10oz out of 'A', others followed in July at 20lb 2oz (Common) and 27lb (Mirror) with September having a pair of Commons at 23lb and 16lb. (lots of good Bream and Tench reported by these captors). Some anglers are commenting that there is a lack of Carp in both the 'A' & 'B' lakes, your opinions?

On **Manor Brook** many sightings of smaller Carp have been seen with a 14lb Common in October. While the quiet 'C' lake had Commons of 14lb and 29lb in October.

At the start of the season in June a smaller fish of 14lb came out from the **Large lake (lake 32)**, and later in early July a lovely Common Carp of 26lb 4oz was captured but this was surpassed in August with a magic specimen Mirror weighing a grand 33lb 8oz. Up on **Top pit (lake 31)**, I had it reported late June that since the start of the season on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 4 Carp, the best, a specimen 29lb Common were brought to the net. Since then my final update from **Top pit** was of a 28lb Mirror Carp.

For the summer specimens of Tench and Bream, my attention was brought to **Thamesmead 'B'** where late April brought out the Tench with the best weighing an exceptional 9lb 8oz and the 'A' lake turned up an 8lb 8oz specimen in June. During this same month over on the **'A' lake** a large shoal of Bream was spotted and a 7lb Bream came out late July. But this news was surpassed by a specimen Bream of 12lb 8oz from the **'B' lake**, which can be seen on our website.

June was again a successful period for both Tench and Bream from both **Large Lake and Cokes pit** (Lake 34). Early June had a 15 bag of Tench from **Cokes pit**, the best a fish of 8lb 4oz. The largest match weight to date was of a bag of Tench from this same lake weighing 48lb. Incidentally one angler has reported a creditable catch of 86 Tench from the same Cokes swim throughout the summer, plus a Bream of 6lb 12oz in amongst them, in fact the Tench showed in catches right from the off in June. Bank Holiday and all its busy activity still brought me updates on Bream catches out of **Large Lake**. One afternoon session on the **Large Lake** brought 11 Bream and 5 Tench. Tench of 6lb and 6lb 1oz came out and many Bream are coming out between 3lb – 6lb. **The large lake** has been showing Bream catches right up through September, most definitely from clear bottom areas, and in October it was still producing reports, with six fish taken, the best a Bream of 6lb 10oz.

Not many reports have come to me of Roach catches, how have you fared on Thamesmead 'A'?

Perch have not shown up to well in the matches but some, one of about a 1lb from the **'A' lake**, but the best just over 1lb came from **Large Lake** in July and further reports of quality Perch again in September again from the same lake.

Quality fish do not come out easy, we do not have as you all know "bag up" waters, like the commercials, so it is a credit to those members whose skill and patience have been rewarded by such superb specimens and it's a privilege that they have chosen the AKAC as their choice of club.