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Newsletter for August 2019

Dear Members,

With the current season now well under way it is that time of the year to update you on things generally which are hopefully of interest and also to keep you all fully informed of events since the last newsletter.

May I initially extend, on behalf of the CDAS Committee, grateful thanks for the way in which you have embraced the increased requirements on dipping your equipment. Within weeks of the start of the last season it had been necessary to sanction a number of members who had failed to comply with this vital requirement but at the time of writing this newsletter no sanctions have been necessary which is clearly a massive relief. The Society must remain vigilant over this matter and the dip tanks remain under review both day and night with the assistance of the CCTV equipment, and a zero-tolerance response to offenders remains in force. As members, your willingness to ensure your **equipment is fully immersed on every visit** to the lakes is invaluable.

Many of you will be aware that it has proved necessary to close Whyke Lake for a period of time at the start of the new season. This decision was not taken lightly and was the result of the unfortunate timing of the advent of hot weather this year which started the fish spawning again. I am sure you all appreciate the need to make quick decisions in such circumstances and again the thanks of the Committee are extended to those of you who expressed your approval and support over this action, albeit not ideally timed when many of you were almost certainly hoping to avail yourselves of some good sport on that particular lake. Thankfully the closure was relatively short lived, but undoubtedly such events will occur in the future and you are therefore asked to be vigilant at looking at all signage around site which will notify you when anything unusual is taking place.

As technology advances and social media increasingly becomes the “go to” platform for providing and receiving information quickly, the Committee would urge as many members as possible to register to join the CDAS Facebook page. It is obviously still intended to update the CDAS website and indeed utilize notices on site and the quarterly newsletter to convey important information but if you can avail yourself of the Facebook facility as an added means of receiving notifications of situations which may affect you, this should ensure as many members as possible are aware of each and every decision which is made by the Committee first hand and as quickly as possible.

Following requests from several members after the success of the Pike Teach-In last year, Kevin White, a long-term member and now a Committee Member has offered his time to undertake a couple of Carp Social Days in October. The format of these sessions, unlike with the pike teach-in, will be entirely voluntary and intended to provide an opportunity for those either new to the sport or wishing to gain additional guidance and tuition, to have a chance to spend time with Kevin who is a highly experienced carp angler and to avail yourselves of his knowledge to enable you to hopefully have a more pleasurable and successful time on the complex when undertaking this type of fishing in the future. Full information and dates can be found on both the Facebook page and the website so please do check it out and come along for a few hours of enjoyment with other likeminded members. It is anticipated that Kevin will undertake one session on **Saturday 5th October** and another on **Wednesday 9th October** to hopefully accommodate as many who wish to attend as possible. The day will commence at 0800 and cover such things as a rig demonstration, set up demonstration, safe landing, handling and unhooking and some free “roaming” time where members can pick Kevin’s brains for specific queries they may have.

The Society will again be running a Pike-Teach-In day this season for those who wish to obtain a “pike stamp” in their membership book. To fish for pike on the Societies waters this stamp is mandatory. The date for this years teach-in will be **Sunday 22nd September** and those wishing to attend must register by sending an email to pike.teachincdas@gmail.com with their membership number.

To enable the pike teach-in to cover everything, the Committee will be closing Churchyard Lake from swim “**swan crossing**” around to “**elephant and matchsticks**” from midnight on Friday 20th September until the teach-in gets underway on the Sunday morning. This effectively closes the car park end of Churchyard Lake during this period of time, after which “**plateau**” and “**disabled**” will need to remain closed for the whole day on 22nd so that they can be used for demonstration purposes.

Clear signage and information on the above events can be found on site and also on the CDAS Facebook page and the CDAS Website but please do feel free to raise any queries you may have in this respect.

And now to those point which seem to raise their heads every year and a couple of new but very important changes which you all need to be made aware of: -

Rubbish – Every year without fail it is necessary to remind you that it is essential that you take away all of your own rubbish as there is no facility on site for rubbish disposal. We are fortunate to have a gentleman who is prepared to litter pick for us regularly but it is not feasible for him to collect endless bags of rubbish which are being left abandoned in swims on a weekly basis. Rubbish and in particular plastics which enter our waters can cause catastrophic problems for our fish stocks and so yet again I ask you all to check your swim as you leave it and take anything which does not belong away with you including used tea bags which seem to make a regular and unwelcome appearance in several swims every week.

Alcohol – At the present time the Society does not have a specific policy on bringing alcohol onto the complex and indeed it is appreciated that for some members, part of the relaxation process involves a couple of bottles of something cold and refreshing. However, bringing large volumes of alcohol onto the premises does not sit so comfortably with the Committee when it results in members becoming a nuisance to others or indeed a danger to our fish if the member is not sober enough to safely land and deal with their catch. At the present time it is not the intention of the Committee to impose any specific restrictions on the amounts of alcohol permissible on the complex at any one time but the situation is being monitored and the Bailiffs are entirely within their rights to ask members to vacate the premises if found under the influence of drink or indeed drugs. The CDAS complex is first and foremost a fishery and there is no place for excessive drinking or indeed drug taking in this environment. Unfortunately, unless all members can show a suitable degree of restraint in this area, it is likely that a different decision will need to be made in the future which could result in a complete ban of alcohol from the complex which would be something of a shame for the majority of members who just want to enjoy a quiet drink while they are fishing which is perfectly acceptable in moderation.

Barbless Hooks – Unfortunately, due to the high levels of reeds and lily pads in Quarry, Long and Little Long Lakes, it has been necessary for the Society to impose an interim rule on the use of barbed hooks in these three lakes. Too many fish are being found with rigs in them and as a result, barbless hooks only are to be used with effect from 1st September and for the remainder of the current season. This will then become a proposal for a permanent change to the rules at the next AGM in February 2020. Please observe this change which is implemented for the safety and protection of the fish themselves as failure to do so will result in sanctions for non-observance.

Planting- Several young trees have recently been planted around the complex following the severe cutback of older and decayed shrubbery earlier in the year. These trees have been added to enhance and soften the areas in question and will be maintained in the same way as all other trees and shrubbery on the complex. It is not permissible for members to undertake their own pruning of any of the trees and shrubs on the complex which appears to have been occurring in recent weeks. Please leave them alone.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a highly enjoyable continuation of the current season and as always to invite you to contact me with any questions or suggestions you may have. I cannot guarantee to have immediate answers but will happily take anything you wish to be considered along to a monthly committee meeting for full discussion by the committee members. It is your club and for your enjoyment and therefore anything you feel would improve the complex will always be given full consideration. Your Committee members work tirelessly and often on a totally voluntary basis to keep CDAS the amazing place it is for you and future generations to continue to enjoy. All that they ask in return is for you to abide by the rules in your Membership Book and treat the complex, other members, and the fish in its waters with respect and due diligence for which I extend my sincerest advance thanks on their behalf.

Kind Regards
Carole Baker
Secretary