

HOLT SEA ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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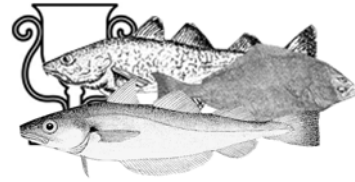
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New match dates agreed

As many of you are aware the committee met and discussed new match dates for the continuation of the summer accumulator.

The accumulator will keep running through out the summer months and the final winner will be the person who picks up the most points. Therefore points mean prizes so keep fishing and we hope to see as many of you at each match as possible.



May

- Sunday 25th Kelling 1000-1500 (high water 9.45)

June

- Sunday 1st Cley 0900-1400 (low water 1100)
- Friday 6th Salthouse 1730-2230 (high water 2120)
- Sunday 15th Trimmingham 0900-1400 (low water 1140)
- **Sunday 22nd Summer Open Kelling 1000-1500 £11 (high water 0900) Roy Waller Memorial Cup**
- Sunday 29th Weybourne 1600-2100 (high water 1600)

July

- Sunday 6th Kelling 0900-1400 (high water 0900)
- Other matches to be arranged.

The reason for the Friday match is so everyone who wishes can come over to Dene's 40th birthday on the Saturday evening. And it will also give us all a chance to grab some smooth hounds.

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Imposters on the loose.

It has been brought to the attention of the club that either members or imposters have been masquerading around Salthouse beaches and surrounding areas in 4x4's claiming that as they were a member of the club it was well within their right. The law of the land states that 4x4's are aloud to use some beaches if they are in a match situation however using part of a nature reserve which is designated as a special site of scientific interest (SSSI) (one of the EU top 3 habitats) because they are too bone idle to walk is ludicrous. Threatened and endangered species of bird nest along these corridors and hence there European importance. I would like to take this opportunity to ask club members to be watchful of other anglers and report any misdoings to the authorities a.s.a.p. And please keep your vehicles off the beaches.



The Sky Lark (left) and the Oyster catcher (right) both nest in the margins between the beach and nature reserve and don't stand a chance against 4x4's.

Some Good News For Sea Angler At Last!

After what seems to be an eternity of concern for many sea anglers including myself there has finally been a decision made for the introduction of the sea angling license.

The fisheries minister Jonathan Shaw finally saw common-sense in not pursuing the issue any further. The problems that have caused this action were how to police the license and what the anglers would see in return for their £24.50 concession? Personally after the fiascoes of the bass recommended size limits I feel I cannot trust this government with issues concerning the sea. My personal opinion would be that its introduction would be just another 'stealth tax' and the license fee would not go towards sea and/or the fish let alone the sport.

However it is a victory for all sea anglers. It took god 7 days to create the universe and everything in it but its going to take considerably longer to sort out the mess at number 10. Well done to everyone who lobbied against the license.

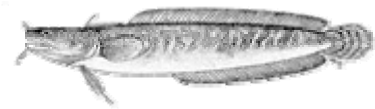


Jonathan Shaw has finally made his mind up.

"License plans scrapped!!"



Club Website & Promo



The club website is proving beneficial with new enquiries and above all new members joining. I have started adding more pictures to the site gallery and these will all have a slightly tongue in cheek feel to them, as you will see from the "Phil Collins" look alike and the "white legs of Bacton". Please do take pictures when fishing any of the matches especially compromising ones so we can all have a laugh.

Other sites recently added to our online fishing network are www.match-angler.com where you can read ours and other match reports from around the country, its still in its infancy but we hope it will grow even popular.

www.fishingmarks.co.uk is another free website where members can add their favorite venues and share some knowledge.

As many of you know my fulltime work is web design and computers and the idea for these sites is to help promote our club within the search engines and hopefully bring more new members.

We hope all members will contribute with the ongoing promo by giving out leaflets to friends, family and neighbors. Ideas and suggestions please ring Dene on 01362 668574.

"Internet brings in new members"

Peeler Crab



The peeler crab season is upon us and I thought it time to shed a little light on using these as bait. Peeler Crabs, are crabs that are under going a molt, to allow growth. Seasons vary around the country along with prices if buying crab, they can be anywhere from 60p to £1 each when demand far out ways supply. Having said that in comparison to 100 worm you can get 20 crab for approx. the same price and these will last just as long if not

longer. Collecting crab from the shore is also an option but its back breaking work and normally more difficult in comparison to collecting in estuaries.

To test if the crab is a peeler grip both the 1st and second segments of the any leg, and twist, first one way, and then the other having broken the connective tissue holding the two together, pull slowly but firmly apart, if it's a peeler then you should have an empty tip shell, and a new freshly exposed fleshy 1st segment still attached to the rest of leg. If it's a hard back, then the 1st segment comes away whole, and leaves just a white cartilage stump joined to the second segment.



When using crab it is important to peel all remnants of shell from the body and the legs in preparation for hook mounting. Depending on the size of your hooks you may want to cut the crab body into 2 or 4 pieces and then tie onto the hook using elastic thread.



If anyone needs advice on using peeler just give Dene a shout at the next match.

Next committee meeting : Tuesday 12th August 7.30pm