

HOLT SEA ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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“ Holt SAC - Continues to thrive ”

Dear Club Members ...

For once the Autumn season was fortunate with the weather with no matches cancelled although two were postponed due to lack of numbers. The Autumn season began with the final match of the Summer Accumulator which resulted in Ivan Alison taking the John Hardingham Trophy by a slender margin with 252 points from John Neave on 245 points and Tony Thomas on 242 points, well done Ivan! This match was also the Final round of another excellent West Norfolk Challenge Series at Kings Lynn where Essex man Richard Burt became 2014 Champion with 4 points from clubmen Trevor Elliott on 5 points and Mike Watts on 8 points, well done Trevor and Mike!

The pure club matches kicked off for a change at Kelling on the 14th September with a healthy turnout boosted by a contingent of the Sabre Tackle crew, welcome aboard lads! In contrast to previous years a number of fish were found particularly to Richard Ellis who carded a bucketful of flounders and a late summer 39cm bass. The following match at Salthouse again saw a lot of quality flounders up to 33cm and 9 bass with Tom Gibbs finding 4 of them and Mike Watts the biggest of 49cm. Unfortunately, this quality of fish was not sustained in club matches for the remainder of September and October. Turn out also started to wane but at least the fish numbers dramatically improved at the club's 1st night match at Kelling at the start of November where a very late codling narrowly gave Tony Thomas victory. This match also saw an enthusiastic Rachel Watts joining the throng but after 5 hours was left thoroughly exhausted although not certain if this was due to number of fish on her card or producing a very neat Mr Watts card, well done Rachel! The final pure club match at the end of November saw the whiting at last appearing albeit small but not in the serious numbers of 2/3 years back.

The club hosted three Open matches during this period with the first the Annual Open which was moved back to its traditional home of Bacton. For this Castaways was HQ and many thanks to Anna and Richard for their continued support and use of their premises. The move to Bacton proved to be a resounding success with a turnout of 36 and plenty of quality flounders including a cracking 40cm specimen to Keith Morley. Fish of the day a 41cm codling went to our International star Henry Randell which was the first codling caught in a club match for 3 years. This helped Henry take the match and the Roy Waller Memorial trophy, well done Henry! The next was the Xmas Fayre and Town Team Challenge Open at Kelling just before Xmas which saw a small turnout of quality anglers from Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambs. and Lincs. contest this one. Mark Gooch took the individuals' honours with Holt taking the Town Team shield by the narrowest of margins with 34 points from Woodbridge on 35 points and Gorleston on 36 points. The Rocket House Open at Salthouse after Xmas was traditionally the only fish length club match where every fish counted. Different techniques were needed here where the match decider went down to the last cast with Mike Watts on 915cm just pipping Tony Thomas on 900cm with Richard Ellis third on 844cm, well done Mike!

This year the North Norfolk National Sea League run by the club has been increased to 7 teams. Many thanks must go to Christian Bulch for mustering two Sabre Tackle teams for the league. The first round in October at Bacton was a close run affair with new team Sabre Tackle B taking the team Honours and North Norfolk Lads Mike Watts doing the individuals' business. Plenty of fish recorded with lots of good flounders well over 30cm and a few healthy bass. Round 2 in November was at Kelling where there was again plenty of fish. Again plenty of big flounders ably supported by the usual army of dabs but surprisingly just 4 round fish recorded, all whittings. North Norfolk Lads took the teams and Mike Watts again secured the Individuals. Round 3 was at Cley in December with lots of small fish, predominantly dabs. Avenue Angling took the team honours on the day with Gutter Basher's Henry Randell at last getting his act together on home turf to take the Individuals' top spot. The club also hosted another outstanding National Sea League Final at Cley, Salthouse and Kelling where 27 teams from around the country participated. Champion team was again Worthing's Prime Angling for the fourth year in a row and the top local team was North Norfolk Lads in seventh place.

Club Committee

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On the non-club scene a number of club members participated in the SAMF Combined Armed Forces Challenge match of 4 teams of 15 anglers which was held at Kelling this year. Richard Ellis, Peter Loke, Henry Randell, Tony Thomas and Mike Watts fished for SAMF whereas Tom Gibbs, Kevin Green and Willy Groombridge fished for the Police. SAMF took the honours with the Police fourth but everyone was a winner as all received a medal which prompted Tom to comment "First time I got a medal for coming last", well done lads!

That's just about the Autumn sorted out and we can now look forward to the remainder of the Winter league and club matches. The AGM and Presentation Evening will be at Kelling in mid-March preparing ourselves for the coming season. A season that promises to be better than ever with the prestigious North Norfolk Bass Festival in early May which will also encompass the inaugural UK Ladies Championships. This will be followed by the West Norfolk Change Series at Kings Lynn which also promises to be bigger than ever. This year's Summer Accumulator looks to be exciting with the proposed inclusion of the Sabre Tackle Sunday League for the summer, significantly increasing match numbers as well as providing more "hound" opportunity. The club also has a large number of Juniors joining and there is scope for a Juniors League and Opens as well as providing much needed coaching to the future of our sport.

Finally, the club's new website is now fully operational which will hold information regarding all aspects of the club. Over the next few weeks this will be filled up with match reports, match results, latest league tables, Open event detail and other club info. The club now owns the old URL holtseaanglingclub.com as well as new ones for this site, holtseaanglingclub.co.uk, holtsac.com and holtsac.co.uk. Please use this site to keep in touch with club activity.

Lots to look forward to in the coming season so hopefully see you on the beaches soon!

Regards,

Club Chairman

Winter Fixtures...

	Date	Venue	Match Times	Trophy/Accumulator	Tide Time	Tide Height
33	Sunday 4th January	Cley	9:00 - 2:00	1st Leg Winter Accumulator & Cockaday Cup	LW 12:37 a.m.	4.6m
34	Sunday 11th January	Salthouse	10:00 - 3:00	2nd Leg Winter Accumulator & Teams of 5	HW 10:08 a.m.	4.2m
35	Saturday 17th January	Kelling	2:30 - 7:30	3rd Leg Winter Accumulator & Nelson Cup	HW 3:59 p.m.	4.2m
36	Sunday 25th January	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	4th Leg Winter Accumulator & Ken Brown Cup	HW 9:55 a.m.	4.8m
37	Sunday 1st February	Trimingham	10:00 - 3:00	5th Leg Winter Accumulator	LW 11:39 a.m.	4.4m
38	Sunday 8th February	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	6th Leg Winter Accumulator & Teams of 5	HW 8:58 a.m.	4.6m
39	Sunday 15th February	Cley	10:00 - 3:00	7th Leg Winter Accumulator	LW 9:34 a.m.	4.0m
40	Sunday 22nd February	Bacton	12:00 - 5:00	8th Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 8:47 a.m.	5.1m
41	Sunday 1st March	Kelling	1:30 - 6:30	9th Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 4:03 p.m.	4.0m
42	Saturday 8th March	Bacton	10:00 - 3:00	10th Leg Winter Accumulator & Teams of 5	HW 8:26 a.m.	4.8m
-	Saturday 14th March	Kelling Heath Holiday Park	2:30 onwards	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
-	Saturday 14th March	Kelling Heath Holiday Park	7:00 onwards	PRESENTATION DINNER		