

HOLT SEA ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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“ Holt SAC ... A club of many talents! ... ”

Hello Club Members ...

The final part of the 2014-2015 season has seen the club's membership increase to 59 and the largest for some years. I would like to welcome all these new members aboard which positions the club for a healthy season ahead.

The final 3 months of the season saw the weather turn decidedly cold with winds persistently in the most unfavorable east or north east which certainly affected the volumes of fish not helped by rough seas and big swells. The usual final raft of big whiting that normally show in January and February never really materialized leaving a few pins and weights well down on previous years. Even flounders seemed to disappear earlier with just one or two per match although they did make a healthy appearance at the last match at Bacton in early March. Fortunately, at least the dabs were still here although even these were generally of poor quality with the odd exceptions. For a change a few codling made a welcomed appearance with a chunky 50cm specimen going to Ian Gedney at Bacton and the heaviest codling of the season.

The Winter Accumulator which is based on cumulative weight over the last 10 matches of the season did produce some reasonable weights. The trophy was taken by Tony Thomas with 20lb followed by John Carter on 17lb 9oz and Peter Morse on 17lb 3oz. The Overall League Champion was decided at the last match at Bacton with Mike Watts taking the prestigious metal ware with 489 points from Tony Thomas on 476 points and Ivan Allison 454 points.

Only one Open match, the New Year Open was ran during this period which only attracted 14 match anglers. Fortunately, the poor attendance was made up for with excellent numbers of fish with clubman Keith Morley taking the honours with just under 12lb from 44 fish. In contrast, the final 3 rounds of the North Norfolk National Sea League were played out during this period with good turn outs for the final two rounds although numbers for the January match were again well down. Weather again played its part in the first two rounds with the January one having to be switched from Salthouse to Gorseston and the reason for that poor attendance. The February round at Kelling was nearly a similar victim but still went ahead in rough seas and big swell resulting in a lack of fish and many blankers. The final round at Bacton with an excellent turn out produced a good result with a lot of small fish and the return of those flounders albeit small. The champion team was again Avenue Angling for the 3rd year in a row with North Norfolk Lads runners up. All seven teams have qualified for the National Sea League 2015 Final at Eastbourne at the end of November which will be organized by the club.

The club's season closed with the AGM and Presentation Evening at Kelling Heath Holiday Park in mid-March. The AGM was attended by 14 members where a very active and constructive meeting prepared the club for the up and coming season. The committee for the coming year was elected and this is detailed at the bottom of this newsletter. In brief, the main points from the meeting were ...

- A healthy £526 balance for the 2014-2015 year.
- A reduction in annual membership fees to £10 for all adult members with £5 for all adult members for the Jan-Mar period.
- Club levy for each match has been increased from 50p to £1.
- The optional 50p meal fund per match has been scrapped.
- Minimum size limit for both summer and winter matches will be 18cm for all species. Match rule 7 will be invoked if limits need to be increased for a species on a match by match basis.
- Match rules were amended to clarify assistance for Juniors in Club and Open matches as well as to address Catch & Release Code of Conduct.
- Maximum league points per match to be increased to 50 with 5 points for attendance with no fish and 10 points for heaviest Flat & Round per match.
- For Sea Angler Clubman League any prizes won as an Individual will go to Individual and any as a member of a Club Team will go to the club.
- Club trip to Orford will go ahead in October as in 2014.
- Casting club invitation via Cain Plumb for a club casting day at Bircham Newton on Saturday 18th April was accepted with others planned for later in the year if this is successful.

Club Committee

<i>Chairman:</i>	Tony Thomas	<i>Committee</i>	Ivan Allison	Bill Beeton	Shane Brown	Christian Bulch
<i>Vice Chairman:</i>	John Neave	<i>Members:</i>	Tom Gibbs	Dave Parks	Henry Randell	
<i>Secretary:</i>	Mike Watts					
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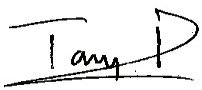
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The presentation evening was again well supported where members tucked in to the best presentation dinner for years. This was followed by the presentation of all the match winnings for the year and the 28 club trophies in a very jovial atmosphere which concluded the club's 2014-2015 season.

The new season once again looks promising with the increase in new members particularly in Juniors and Ladies. We have the usual series of weekly matches throughout the year which will be either pure club matches, Opens or a combination of both that club members will be able to attend as they see fit. The first major club event will be the Bass Festival in May and this year we will have a UK Ladies Championships and a North Norfolk Juniors Tournament as supporting competitions. This will be followed by the West Norfolk Challenge Series at Kings Lynn during the summer where we are expecting a larger attendance than previous years. The final match of the summer will be a new Open event in the Sabre Tackle Charity Cup at Bacton & Mundesley. The club's first match kicks off at Kelling on Sunday 12th April which will be the first match of the John Hardingham Summer Accumulator as well as being the first of the club's new Sabre Tackle Leagues which will be taken from all the club's summer beach matches.

As in previous years, look forward to your support in the coming season and see you on the shingle or sand or even on the estuary at your earliest opportunity.

Regards,



Club, Chairman

Summer Fixtures ...

	Date	Venue	Match	Trophy/Accumulator/League	Tide Time	Tide Height
1	Sunday 12th April	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	1st Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Winter/Spring League Match 10	HW 12:30 p.m.	4.1m
2	Sunday 19th April	Bacton	10:30 - 3:30	2nd Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Winter/Spring League Match 11	LW 2:23 a.m.	5.0m
3	Sunday 26th April	Salthouse	11:00 - 4:00	3rd Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 1	HW 1:16 p.m.	3.9m
4	Sunday 3rd May (Bhol)	Cley	11:00 - 4:00	4th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 2	LW 1:37 p.m.	4.6m
-	Saturday 9th May	Cley/Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	Bass Festival Match 1	HW 10:21 a.m.	4.6m
-	Sunday 10th May	Cley/Kelling	11:00 - 4:00	Bass Festival Match 2	HW 11:11 a.m.	4.5m
5	Sunday 17th May	Bacton	9:30 - 2:30	5th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 3	LW 1:18 p.m.	4.8m
6	Sunday 24th May	Kelling	9:00 - 2:00	6th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 4	HW 11:28 a.m.	4.3m
7	Sunday 31st May	Cley	9:00 - 2:00	7th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 5	LW 12:24 p.m.	4.4m
8	Saturday 7th June	Bacton	4:00 - 9:00	8th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 6	HW 10:10 p.m.	4.6m
9	Sunday 14th June	Salthouse	8:00 - 1:00	9th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 7	LW 12:07 p.m.	4.5m
10	Sunday 21st June	Kelling	9:00 - 2:00	10th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 8	HW 10:15 a.m.	4.7m
11	Sunday 28th June	Kings Lynn - West (Central)	9:30 - 2:30	11th Leg Summer Acc. & West Norfolk Challenge League Rnd 1	LW 10:50 a.m.	4.1m
12	Sunday 5th July	Mundesley	4:30 - 9:30	12th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 9	HW 10:02 p.m.	4.7m
13	Sunday 12th July	Cart Gap	9:00 - 2:00	13th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle Summer League Match 10	LW 10:41 a.m.	4.2m
-	Friday 17th July	Cley	6:00 - 9:30	Mackerel Bash	HW 8:34 p.m.	4.6m
14	Sunday 26th July	Kings Lynn - West (North)	10:00 - 3:00	14th Leg Summer Acc. & West Norfolk Challenge League Rnd 2	HW 3:03 p.m.	3.9m
15	Saturday 1st August	Kelling	3:00 - 8:00	15th Leg Summer Accumulator & Sabre Tackle League Match 13	HW 8:16 p.m.	4.9m
16	Sunday 9th August	Kings Lynn - West (South)	10:00 - 3:00	16th Leg Summer Acc. & West Norfolk Challenge League Rnd 3	HW 3:01 p.m.	4.2m
17	Sunday 23rd August	Kings Lynn - West (Central)	10:00 - 3:00	17th Leg Summer Acc. & West Norfolk Challenge League Rnd 4	HW 12:34 p.m.	4.0m
18	Sunday 6th September	Bacton/Mundesley	11:30 - 4:30	Sabre Tackle Charity Cup & Open	HW 1:22 p.m.	4.3m