

HOLT SEA ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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August 2015

“ Holt SAC ... Time to move forward! ... ”

Hello Club Members ...

I am pleased to inform that Club membership for Summer 2015 season has remained similar to last year at 45 with 3 Lady and 3 Junior members. There have been 5 new members joining us during this period and I welcome them aboard. In addition, there are 10 previous members who have shown their intention to re-join for the Autumn/Winter season so the club continues to have a very healthy membership.

It has been a strange Summer weather-wise unlike any of previous years with the cold temperatures lingering well into April. This resulted in an inconsistent supply of peelers at times and probably had a big influence on turn out particularly towards the end of the Summer. However, the first Summer match in early April attracted the best turn out of the Summer of 20, as well as the best catch of 35 fish and most fish of 397. Dabs and whiting were prolific and the match also threw up a dog fish to Danny Brown and a Herring to Peter Morse. Average turn out remained in the high teens until mid-June and waned significantly as the species started to thin out on the beaches.

End of April saw the whiting disappear but the reliant dabs were still there in numbers on the shingle when a few flounders started to join them including one of 38cm to Christian Bulch at Kelling, the biggest of the Summer. Bacton brought the first bass of the Summer a 43cm to Tom Gibbs but this venue never really lived up to its true potential this year with quantity and quality of flounders and bass. In contrast, the match at Cley at the start of May in torrential rain produced probably one of our best bass matches ever when 21 were recorded with 13 sizeable. Mike Watts found 5 and Alan Doy one of 61cm which was the biggest bass of the Summer. In the same match Paul Tovell found a 62cm smooth hound the first of the Summer which was beaten by Henry Randell in mid-May at Bacton with one of 74cm and these were just a couple of a handful taken by the club this Summer in contrast to the serious fish and numbers coming off the Lincolnshire coast.

June saw the dabs decline further which were again replaced by flounders but not in numbers and quality of previous years. Bass were still appearing in small numbers but nothing serious and the same could be said for smooth hounds which became smaller as the month rolled into July although “Kipper” did find a 38cm sole at Bacton which shared biggest flat of the Summer. Enthusiasm for the sand & shingle had by now run out and the beach summer campaign concluded in mid-July.

The Club's 3rd North Norfolk Bass Festival was run in early May at Cley & Kelling and was again an outstanding success. This year it also included the Inaugural UK Ladies Championships and the North Norfolk Juniors Tournament which in total attracted 100 match anglers from around the country to participate in the two day event. Altogether 47 bass were recorded over the two days, more than 2014 but nowhere near the 94 of 2013. Rob Tuck from Essex took the Bass title with an excellent performance in all categories, Lorraine Perry from Hants took the Ladies title and local club junior Danny Brown became Junior Champion. Well done to them for their success and to all the other competitors for making it again another memorable event.

During June, July and August the club ran its Annual West Norfolk Challenge Series on the Ouse Estuary at Kings Lynn. Support for the Series was about the same as in previous years although we had hoped for an improved turn out this year. The availability of crab again did not help the situation and the quantity and quality of eels & flounders was worse than 2014 which did not help. Henry Randell became West Norfolk Challenge Champion which he first won in 2012 with a stella performance in all 4 matches. Richard Burt & Ed Driver took the Free Pairs title and Richard Burt and Kev Sealy the Mystery Pairs title.

The club also ventured out into a boat trip out of Brightlingsea in July which gave experience of such ventures to some club novices in this activity. A somewhat windy day and although there were rays, lots of dogs and a few smooth hounds and of course the odd mackerel it generally did not quite meet expectations but I'm sure we'll be doing it again in 2106.

The Club's Summer Accumulator has been taking place over the 18 summer matches with one cancelled where best 8 scores are taken. With just one match left Paul Tovell takes the John Hardingham Summer Accumulator Trophy with 429 points helped by his succession of heaviest fish points. Jeff Stannard is currently 2nd on 399 points and Mike Watts 3rd on 394 points although these may change after the last match. Well done to all club members who have been participating in this contest during the Summer!

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	
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Prior and during the Summer the club has been collaborating with Sabre Tackle Cromer in various activities and leagues. The 1st two Summer club matches completed the Sabre Tackle Winter League with Shane Brown taking top spot with 281 points, Tony Thomas 2nd on 278 points and Mark Borley & Christian Bulch tying for 3rd on 375 points. The Sabre Tackle Summer League has been run over 12 of the Summer beach matches with one cancelled with the best 8 matches counting. With just one match remaining Paul Tovell has again taken the title without the help this time of heaviest fish on 373 points from his sparring partner Keith Morley on 372 points with John Neave currently on 254 points who can be caught. The club is also venturing out with Sabre Tackle on fortnightly Wednesday Evening matches from now into the Winter for the more serious match anglers in the club. There is a few bob at stake and if the first two are anything to go by it will certainly hone ones match skills.

On the non-club scene two of our members in Jake Cooper and Henry Randell were selected to fish for the England Youth Team in the Homes Internationals in Ireland in the Summer. The Team won Gold which they had also won the previous year in Scotland where Henry also played a big part. Henry has also been selected to travel with the England Youth Team for the Youth Worlds in Holland in the Autumn and he is almost certain to fish. Well done to both these lads for an outstanding performance!

With the Summer Campaign almost complete our attention now moves onto our busiest time of the year where we have a full schedule of 16 club and Open matches up to and including New Year's day. The club is here to enable you to enjoy your sport so participate whenever you can particularly in the Open matches where a healthy attendance helps to raise the profile of the club. There will also be an Orford Trip on Wednesday 11th November sponsored by the club so if interested book as soon as it is announced as numbers could be limited.

The club is also responsible for Organising and running the TronixPro National Sea League Final which this year is in Eastbourne at the end of November. To compliment this, the club is also responsible for the North Norfolk NSL Teams of 5 Sea league which starts at Bacton on 10th October. This year we have a number of new teams joining us which will take us up to 8 or even 10 teams. In the past it has been difficult to ensure all club members participate in teams so Tom Gibbs (07747779826) has offered to coordinate the placing of club members in teams. So if you are interested in fishing in a team please contact Tom and remember the National Sea League Final may well be held in North Norfolk in 2016.

To add to all this team activity the club is considering running an Invitation "Tackle Shop" Teams of 5 Challenge during 2016 which would comprise of 4 matches fished on the East Coast during the year so watch this space on this one.

On the rules front, our Secretary Mike Watts has been working with EIFCA regarding clarification of two issues that were raised during the summer namely ...

1. The taking of undersize fish from the beach by Recreational Anglers.
2. The use of edible peelers for bait by Recreational Anglers.

For 1. EIFCA has changed their opinion regarding the interpretation of EU legislation for the minimum landing sizes to include fish landed by recreational fishermen not just motorised vessels as was the original interpretation.

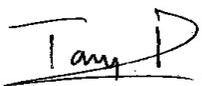
For 2. The EIFCA byelaw regarding the use of edible crabs for bait is up to date. It is quite specific that within our region it is not allowed. (http://www.eastern-ifca.gov.uk/documents/eifca_byelaws_april_2011.pdf)

Please be aware of these two rulings and be careful not to get a black mark against the club regarding these matters as the club would then have to take appropriate action. Please contact Mike if you have any queries about these rulings.

Well that's all for now with plenty of action to look forward to over the coming months so let's hope the fish oblige!

See you all on the shingle or sand soon!

Regards,



Tony Thomas
Club, Chairman

Holt Sea Angling Club

2015-16 Autumn Fixtures

Match #	Date	Venue	Match Times	Trophy/Accumulator	Tide Time	Tide Height (Cromer)	
CUPS/SHIELDS & ANNUAL OPENS	19	Sunday 13th September	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	Presidents Cup	LW 2:26 p.m.	4.9m
	20	Sunday 20th September	Salthouse	9:00 - 2:00	Sid Ernie Cup	HW 11:02 a.m.	4.4m
	21	Sunday 27th September	Cley	10:00 - 3:00	Pairs Shield	LW 1:23 p.m.	5.1m
	22	Sunday 4th October	Trimingham	1:00 - 6:00	Nelson Cup	HW 11:46 a.m.	4.5m
	23	Saturday 10th October	Bacton	9:30 - 2:30	H. Mack Cup & NN NSL Teams of 5 Round 1	LW 12:49 p.m.	4.6m
	24	Saturday 17th October	Gorleston	10:00 - 3:00	Bumphrey Shield	HW 11:38 p.m.	4.6m
	25	Sunday 25th October	Bacton	8:30 - 1:30	ANNUAL OPEN & Roy Waller Memorial Cup	LW 11:08 a.m.	4.8m
	26	Saturday 31st October	Kelling/Weybourne	3:00 - 8:00	Nite Shield	HW 8:59 p.m.	4.9m
	27	Sunday 8th November	Kelling	9:00 - 2:00	J Long Shield & NN NSL Teams of 5 Round 2	LW 11:09 a.m.	4.4m
	28	Sunday 15th November	Gt. Yarmouth - North Beach	10:00 - 3:00	Woodward Cup	LW 4:48 p.m.	4.7m
	29	Sunday 22nd November	Salthouse	10:00 - 3:00	Ken Brown Cup	HW 3:23 p.m.	4.4m
	-	Saturday 28th November	EASTBOURNE	10:00 - 3:00	NSL Final Day 1		5.0m
	-	Sunday 29th November	EASTBOURNE	10:00 - 3:00	NSL Final Day 2		4.9m
	30	Sunday 6th December	Mundesley	10:00 - 3:00	Cockaday Cup	HW 3:12 p.m.	4.0m
	31	Sunday 13th December	Cley	10:00 - 3:00	Lloyd Durham Shield & NN NSL Teams of 5 Round 3	LW 2:07 p.m.	4.7m
	32	Sunday 20th December	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	XMAS OPEN, TOWN TEAM CHALLENGE & Matthews Cup	HW 1:47 p.m.	4.1m
	33	Sunday 27th December	Salthouse	10:00 - 3:00	ROCKET HOUSE OPEN & Janet Waller Cup	LW 2:13 p.m.	4.8m
34	Friday 1st January	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	NEW YEAR OPEN & Nelson Shield	HW 11:12 a.m.	4.0m	

2015-16 Winter Fixtures (Provisional)

Match #	Date	Venue	Match Times	Trophy/Accumulator	Tide Time	Tide Height (Cromer)	
WINTER ACCUMULATOR	35	Sunday 3rd January	Cley	10:00 - 3:00	1st Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 1:14 p.m.	3.8m
	36	Sunday 10th January	Salthouse	10:00 - 3:00	2nd Leg Winter Accumulator & NN NSL Teams of 5	LW 1:14 p.m.	4.7m
	37	Sunday 17th January	Kelling	9:30 - 2:30	3rd Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 12:02 p.m.	4.2m
	38	Sunday 24th January	Cley	10:00 - 3:00	4th Leg Winter Accumulator	LW 1:22 p.m.	4.7m
	39	Sunday 31st January	Trimingham	12:00 - 5:00	5th Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 11:03 a.m.	4.0m
	40	Sunday 7th February	Kelling	9:00 - 2:00	6th Leg Winter Accumulator & NN NSL Teams of 5	LW 12:12 p.m.	4.5m
	41	Sunday 14th February	Salthouse	10:00 - 3:00	7th Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 10:32 a.m.	4.5m
	42	Sunday 21st February	Cley	9:30 - 2:30	8th Leg Winter Accumulator	LW 12:28 p.m.	4.5m
	43	Sunday 28th February	Bacton	12:00 - 5:00	9th Leg Winter Accumulator	HW 9:36 a.m.	4.4m
	44	Sunday 6th March	Kelling	10:00 - 3:00	10th Leg Winter Accumulator	LW 10:57 a.m.	4.2m
	45	Sunday 13th March	Bacton	12:00 - 5:00	NN NSL Teams of 5 Round 6	HW 9:21 a.m.	4.9m
	-	Saturday 19th March	Kelling Heath Holiday Park	2:30 onwards	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
	-	Saturday 19th March	Kelling Heath Holiday Park	7:00 onwards	PRESENTATION DINNER		