



OCTOBER 2015 UPDATE

What's happening this month, plus Club news and other dates for your diary

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As we go into the autumn proper, we are benefiting from the copious rainfall of a few weeks back for our river flows, but some Indian Summer weather to encourage us out onto the banks. There is so much to choose from at this time of the year, with the stillwaters remaining quite warm and the fish pretty active, whilst rivers are losing a little of their weed growth, to open up some tempting swims. It seems that our waters are in good fettle; the rivers are reported to be chock full of silver fish, which bodes well for the health of the aquatic environment and future stocks. If the first couple of items on this Update don't encourage you, there's something badly wrong!



Who says you can't catch on Causeway?

This 28 lb beauty from Causeway Lake is just one of the great catches that Tom Coulson has made this season. If you've missed it on the Club Forum, be sure to check out his postings, there are more terrific pictures.

Well done for sharing your catch details Tom. It's important for the members and in particular the Fisheries Officer to know the stamp of fish that our venues contain. Your postings also mentioned double figure bream, almost as a 'by catch'. Now that could get some other members excited too!

Superb PB barbel for a young angler

Aaron Brittain caught this stunning 15 lbs 8 oz specimen mid-evening on one of our River Loddon fisheries. No wonder you look happy Aaron, that's a superb capture. Not surprising that it was your Personal Best. You will have to go a long way to beat that, but keep trying!

Thanks also to you for putting out the information, which is a great encouragement to all our members – especially those of more tender years. It proves you don't have to be the age of our Committee members to catch good fish!



Club Away Days

Over the last few years the Club has organised occasional Away Days, to fish venues that offer something different from our home waters. These can be great fun, combining some good fishing and plenty of banter with fellow members. The most practical way to organise these is via the TDFC website Forum, in the Club Chat section. There are two Away Days under consideration, although specific dates have yet to be fixed:

Predator fishing with vertical jigs on Rutland Water – Ian Crook is coordinating

River Avon at Britford – Steve Double will organise, for after Christmas

If you are interested to join in, contact Garry or Steve via the Forum or directly: Garry on **07833 447034**, Steve on **07917 067580**

Do you have any videos and photos for The Big One Show?

For several years now TDFC has exhibited at The Big One, the annual tackle-fest in Farnborough. Our stand has promoted the Club effectively to new members and others in the fishing world, but we want to update our presentation. If you have any Go Pro or other video footage that we could use, please send it in. Also, any still photos that you think would show off the Club's waters and fish well would be gratefully received. Please forward these to Club Secretary Pete Sullivan at secretary@tdfc.org.uk

Next year's show is on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 March, so you might want to save the date.

Match Fishing

Two matches to report on from last month. The St Pats match on 13th September was won by Rod Needs with 10lb 4oz. Steve Dunbar was second with 9lb 12oz and Vince Davies third with 7lb 11oz. The river was in good condition and fished well. A total of six anglers caught 41.75lbs of fish with an average of 6.96lbs per angler. Great to see a new name on the 'leader board' – well done Rod, compensation for your ducking on the Blackwater working party!

The last Sunday of the month saw the match anglers back on the Pats again. The match was fished in clear sunny conditions and overnight the temperature had dropped noticeably, which probably accounted for the disappointing results. The winner was Bernie Upton with 1lb 5oz, second was Vince Davies with 7oz and third was Ray Davies with 5oz. Five anglers caught 2.13lb of fish with an average of 0.43lbs per angler.

Only two more matches to go this season.

Date	Venue	Draw	Fishing time	Trophy
Sun 18 Oct	Thames	08.30	10.00 – 15.00	Pole Trophy
Sun 25 Oct	Thames	08.30	10.00 – 15.00	N/a

Please note that the match originally scheduled for 11 October has been put back a week, to 18th. It is a pole fishing match only, so don't turn up with only rod and line – George Smith please note!

Newcomers are very welcome. If you have not fished a TDFC match before, you'll find them very friendly and quite informal affairs. Entry to the match pool is affordable and you'll get plenty of advice on how to fish your peg from the regulars.

For more details contact Colin Rumney on 07836 204 739 or colin.rumney@btinternet.com or Vince Davies on 07793 404 006

Next newsletter

The next edition of our newsletter will be out during the month. If you are reading this Update, you will get your newsletter by e-mail. Those who are not on e-mail will receive their copy in the post.

The biggest challenge in putting together the newsletters is material to publish. So please think about what news, information, ideas, stories or other input that you can offer. Get it over to me, Stuart Spindler, at newsletter@tdfc.org.uk or have a chat about your thoughts via **07774 235 381**

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