

Wards 84 Angling Club

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Club Waters Report and Membership News 2018-19



River Teme, Bransford (Bank Clearing – Sunday 26th May 2019, 8.30am):

In spite of 4 major floods during January-March 2018, most of the established pegs held up well, with only peg 6 in the first field needing new steps to be cut due to a bank collapse, so we still have around 18 pegs available across the two fields at Bransford.

Barbel catches during 2018 were at a similar level to 2017 with most fish caught in the 5-8lb range, although many anglers sensibly stayed off the river during the hottest days of summer 2018 as advised by the EA and Barbel Society, to protect the welfare of the fish when the river level and oxygen content was low. A beautiful fish of over 10lb was caught from peg 10 in the second field during late summer by a new club member (pictured).



Chub to over 6lb have been taken across the stretch, using both float and leger tactics. It is noticeable that all year groups of smaller chub ranging from 1 ounce to 1 lb can be caught when float fishing, suggesting that the chub are spawning successfully each year.

Grove Farm Lake (Bank Clearing – Sunday 21st April 2019, 8.30am):

The Grove still contains a good head of carp - a specimen of 21lb was reported by a new club member targeting them during the summer, while plenty of lower doubles continue to be caught (and lost!) during matches. Silver fish sport has also been consistent, with plenty of roach, rudd and perch in the 1-2lb range reported (see picture), and evidence that bream are becoming better established with fish to 3.5lb taken in matches.

Work has now started adjacent to the lake in preparation for the construction of a new housing estate by Bloor Homes. However, the club has secured a new 3 year lease with the developers so the future of angling at Grove Farm remains secure with Wards 84 AC.



Wards Pool (Bank Clearing – Sunday 14th April 2019, 8.30am):

Decent nets of silver fish have been taken during pleasure sessions and in matches. While carp can be seen cruising on the surface on sunny days, they have been harder to catch this year!

The annual Acorns Hospice match will be held on Wards Pool on Sunday 2nd June. Please support this worthwhile event if you can (refreshments are provided – £5 peg fee goes to Acorns).

Membership News:

Subscription prices for the 2019-2020 season remain unchanged, although we have introduced a new 'intermediates' category to encourage younger anglers to join the club. As with most small clubs we struggle to maintain sufficiently high membership numbers to cover rental costs. Your continued support is very much appreciated, but please encourage angling friends to join Wards 84 to help keep the club running, and avoid the need for subscription increases.

100 Club:

My sincere appreciation to all of you who have joined the **100 Club** – it helps cover administration costs. If you have not yet joined and can afford the extra £12 per year entry fee, I would be most grateful for your support - you might even win back your membership fee!

Entry is open to non-members, so family and friends can help as well. Monthly winners (2 prizes per month) are announced on the Wards 84 website and Facebook page.

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