

Wards 84 Angling Club

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Club Waters Report and Membership News 2019-20



River Teme, Bransford (Bank Clearing – Sunday 24th May 2020, 8.30am):



Our barbel and general river fishing has been severely affected by flooding this past year. The barbel pictured (a 9 pounder taken from peg 10 in the second field) was caught during late September, shortly before the river went into flood. The river level dropped briefly to around 1 metre on the Bransford gauge during the Christmas break – a survey of our stretch during this time thankfully showed that the majority of pegs were still intact, in spite of the river suffering 3 major floods during the October-December period. During the summer, before the floods, members reported some decent barbel catches across the stretch, along with chub and dace on float from the top field.

Grove Farm Lake (Bank Clearing – Sunday 19th April 2020, 8.30am):

The housing development adjacent to the lake is progressing quickly. A new culvert linking a balance pond to the lake has appeared, and the developers have started to landscape the surrounding trees and vegetation, following discussions with the club committee. In spite of the constant level of construction work, the fish have continued to feed, with plenty of double figure carp being caught and lost in matches and leisure sessions. Silver fish sport is also good – larger roach and perch have not shown so frequently, but bream in the 2-4lb range are appearing more often, with bream catches accounting for 3 wins during recent winter league matches.

Wards Pool (Bank Clearing – Sunday 12th April 2020, 8.30am):



The development of the field adjacent to the lake as a youth football facility has not affected catches, with decent nets of silver fish still being taken during pleasure sessions and in matches. There are still a number of carp present which are a challenge to catch, but are still putting on weight. The 11.5lb common carp pictured was taken from peg 10 in April 2019.

The annual Acorns Childrens Hospice charity match will be held on Wards Pool on Sunday 31st May. Please support this worthwhile event if you can (refreshments are provided – the £5 peg fee goes to Acorns, along with any funds raised at the raffle held after the match).

Membership News:

As with most small clubs we struggle to maintain sufficiently high membership numbers to cover rental costs. Subscription prices have remained the same for adult categories since 2012. However, the committee have once again decided to maintain 2020-2021 membership fees at the current level, in recognition of the lack of available angling time on the river this year due to flooding. Your support is very much appreciated, please continue to support the club and encourage angling relatives and friends to join Wards 84 to help keep the club running and avoid the need for subscription increases.

100 Club:

Our continued 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 annual entry fee (£1 per month), we 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.

TIGHT LINES - TAKE ONLY YOUR MEMORIES. LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOTPRINTS.