

Wards 84 Angling Club

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Club Waters Report and Membership News 2022-23



Grove Farm Lake (Bank Clearing – Sunday 16th April 2023, 8.30am):

Following completion of the housing development adjacent to the lake, the developers have continued to improve the fishing facilities as agreed with the committee, with the addition of slabbed pegs around the lake during 2022, such that there are now around 18 permanent pegs available, including a new, easy access peg near the car park suitable for less able-bodied anglers.

Plenty of carp are still being caught, while the bream fishing goes from strength to strength, with fish to 7lb (as pictured) now being taken. Shoals of skimmer bream can be targeted from all pegs along with roach, rudd and perch, so 'The Grove' is now a well-balanced mixed fishery for both match and pleasure fishing.



Wards Pool (Bank Clearing – Sunday 9th April 2023, 8.30am):



Once again near double figure nets of roach, perch and rudd were caught during the summer months, both in matches and pleasure sessions. The tench which started to show in matches during 2021 appeared again in the spring and summer months and can be targeted by fishing close to the lilies using standard tactics, which led to the brace of fish pictured, taken during June 2022.

The annual Acorns Children's Hospice charity match fished on the lake in early June was won by Match Secretary Leon Elsworth and raised £350 for the charity. The club has supported Acorns this way for more than 20 years, raising over £4000 for the hospice during this time. This year's match will be held on Sunday 4th June 2023, so please note the date and support this worthwhile event if you can - the £5 peg fee goes directly to the charity.

River Teme, Bransford (Bank Clearing – Sunday 28th May 2023, 8.30am):

2022 brought the usual mixture of high river levels during the winter, then dry weather and low water conditions during the summer and autumn. However, the pegs all held up well, along with Howard's benches, so when we could get on the river there was comfortable fishing available with the usual catches of barbel, chub and dace to float and leger tactics. There were also reports of occasional grayling and trout within these mixed bags, more typical of stretches further upstream on the Teme.

Membership News: Membership numbers remained stable during 2022, allowing the club to cover the cost of water rentals and running expenses, so membership fees will remain unchanged for the 2023-24 season. Our thanks go to Alan's Tackle and Worcester Angling Centre for selling membership cards, and also day tickets for our Bransford water. The club continues to support the Angling Trust and Fish Legal - please take up an individual membership with them if you can, to help support their work to promote angling and the fight against river pollution. The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th March at 7pm at The Fox Inn at Bransford.

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