

BRISTOL & WEST BRANCH

SALMON & TROUT ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER 2018

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Planned for 2018:

AGM

West Country Game Fair

***Royal Bath & West Show
Sport for the disabled
including flycasting at the
show***

Members' Day

Annual Dinner

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details***



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John West**

AGM - March 12th 2017



Once again the AGM took place at Blagdon Lodge and started with an informal get together over a glass of wine and an excellent buffet lunch provided by Alfred and Jane Pope. Brian Kick ran his usual raffle with his very interesting fly playing cards and raised £55 for the Branch funds.

After lunch the AGM proper started with the Chairman welcoming everybody to the meeting and thanked all who had taken the trouble to come. He reported on all of the events that had taken place during the year and thanked Roy Buckland, Malcolm Fisher and Brian Kick for supporting the shows and Phil and Pat Smith who had travelled to help Roy at the Royal Bath & West Show. He congratulated the Treasurer on catching the biggest fish on his last cast at the Members' Day. Alfred then thanked all the committee members for a successful season.

Alfred vacated the chair and Malcolm Bond proposed him for re-election as chairman. This was seconded by Roy Buckland and carried unanimously. The rest of the committee all stood for re-election and they were proposed en masse by Alfred Pope and seconded by Paul Middle. It was carried unanimously.

A discussion then ensued on the S & TC and the Angling Trust and the future of the Branch.

Members' Day, September 3rd 2017, Blagdon Lake

The Lord Darling Trophy was fished for at Blagdon by 13 members and their guests on Sunday September 3rd. It was a very wet and cold day and fishing was very difficult with a total of only 6 fish caught at an average of 2lb 11oz. Mike Smith was the most successful fisherman with 3 rainbow trout and Pete McGuckian was presented with the Lord Darling Trophy for his 3lb 2oz rainbow.

This year, there was a change to the catering with Jenny West and Jane Pope preparing and serving an excellent 3 course supper which was very much appreciated by some very tired fishermen. We are also very grateful to the staff at Woodford Lodge for arranging the room and lighting the very welcoming fire.

Unfortunately Paul Middle had to make a trip to hospital having lacerated his hand unhooking a pike caught by Alfred Pope, his boat partner.

Annual Dinner, September 15th 2017, Cameley Lodge



The Annual Dinner was held at Cameley Lodge again in September after it's successful date change last year. The chef produced a superb dinner and it would be very hard to find better food in the South West and an excellent evening was enjoyed by all those present.

Our guest speaker this year was Mark Lloyd, the Chief Executive of the Angling Trust who spoke about some of his boyhood memories of fishing and the work his organisation were undertaking.

Our Chairman was away in Portugal celebrating his Golden wedding anniversary so John West had the honour of presenting the Chairman's Trophy to Malcolm Fisher for all the

hard work he had done on behalf of the Branch over many years. Brian Kick put an extra smile on our Treasurer's face when he gave him the takings from his raffle - well done and thank you Brian.

Events Calendar for 2018

AGM, Sunday March 4th 2018 at Blagdon Lodge

Royal Bath & West Show

Wednesday 30th May - Saturday 2nd June 2017 at Shepton Mallet Showground together with the Royal Bath & West Sport for the Disabled

Members Day Sunday September 23rd 2018 at Blagdon Lake

This is boat or bank fishing. The biggest fish caught during the day wins the Lord Darling Trophy followed by a hot supper in the Lodge.

Annual Dinner Friday 19th October 2018 at Cameley Lodge

The Annual Dinner will again be held at Cameley Lodge 7.15 pm. for 8.00pm. (Black tie preferred). This is always a lovely evening and all who went last year said it was one of the best ever. The food at Cameley Lodge is memorable for all the right reasons. Try not to miss it.

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