

Get Hooked On Fishing Midlands Newsletter



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A New Year What Could It Bring?

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Welcome to the second edition of the GHOF Midlands Newsletter, last year was a great year for the team and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the coaches for the hard work and effort they had put in.

In October of last year Andy had collected the 'Individual' Award from the Dreamstore Awards evening; he collected the award for his imagination, innovation, empathy and understanding towards the young people entrusted to his care. We were invited to the awards evening not knowing that Andy would be collecting an award, it was also nice meeting other organizations that put their own individual touch into promoting angling.



Left to Right: Craig, Andy and Yvonne with Andy's Award.



Oliver Neiyar

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Pictured is some of the tackle donated by Shakespeare.

Peoples Millions

Last year Yvonne pulled in a massive £50,000 to spend on refurbishing Rowheath Lake. The outcomes of this will be to:

- Improve the lake area and surrounding park environment
- Improve fishing access for those with disabilities
- Increase community usage, which will also help people take an interest in their surroundings and the environment in general.
- Improve the lives of socially excluded young people and increase their confidence

Just before Christmas the Get Hooked on Fishing lock up was broken into, and £5000's worth of equipment was stolen. Due to this happening we had to cancel a couple of trips and we would like to apologise to those who couldn't fish.

But now due to numerous sources donating equipment (listed below) we now have enough tackle and are ready for all of the fishing trips this year.

LIST OF THANKS!

- Members of the public have donated their surplus tackle & also gifts of money.
- Shakespeare Company Ltd have donated £700 worth of equipment
- Slater Brecknell Weighing have donated 2x weighing scales
- European Fishing Tackle Trade Association has donated some line
- T.K. Halford LLP have donated some equipment (about £500 - £1,000 retail value)
- Mustad (Norway) have donated about £1,000 worth of hooks
- Leeda have allowed us to purchase some poles at an extremely cheap price
- Hopkins & Holloway have also allowed us to purchase some equipment at cost price.

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Featured Coach

Aubrey Smith

I have been a fishing coach for a number of years now, first starting at Packington Somers Fishery where I started junior matches and held coaching sessions for the youngsters. These coaching sessions covered Carp, Pike, and match fishing on river and lake. My favourite method is the feeder most people think it's a chuck and wait method but like any other form of angling there is more to it than that, feeder rigs; hook links, baits and presentation all play their part. Again more preparation carried prior to the actual fishing trip ground bait, the more you improve your chances to catch.

Besides the feeder I use the other methods as well, never put all your eggs in one basket. Favourite fish must be the Bonefish, they are the most powerful fish for their size I have ever caught. We were in the Florida Keys, to fish the Key West Classic, a four day angling competition. The main species were Tarpon, Permit and Sailfish, but on our days off we fished for Bonefish and Shark on the flats at Sugarloaf, just up the road from Key West.

Tight Lines, hope to see you on the bank.



Dates for your Diary:

Special FREE angling sessions during the Easter holidays At Lavender Hall Fisheries.

Dates:

Tuesday 11th April
Thursday 13th April
Tuesday 18th April
Thursday 20th April

Times:

10am – 2pm
Learn how to fish using the Pole, the Wagglor & the Feeder.

All tackle, bait, peg fee & instruction by Professional Coaches provided FREE of charge.

16 places each day. Book your place by phoning Debbie on 01676 530299

Wanted

If you have been on a fishing trip before but have lost contact with us, could you please email or phone me and let me know how you're doing:

Contact Details:

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Write to:

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Oak Tree Lane
Bournville
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Hints & Tips

Winter Tip:

The Most Successful anglers are those who feed correctly, in summer this is not so much of a problem but in winter it can be the difference between catching and blanking. If you put too much feed into your swim straight away you can't get it back out, therefore you may have over fed the fish consequently wrecking your chances to catch. Therefore in the winter it is better to feed little and often, remember the more you put in does not ensure you to catch more.

Written By: Aubrey Smith

Competition Time Again!!!

What knot used by anglers is also known as the 'surgeon's knot'?

- a. Blood knot.
- b. Water knot.
- c. Palomar knot.

All correct answers will be put into a prize draw. The winner will receive a Years free subscription to Improve Your Coarse Fishing magazine

Send your answers to Andrew Walker, c/o BVT, Estate Office, Oak Tree Lane, Bournville, Birmingham, B30 1UB

Previous Winners:

Winner of the first newsletter competition was Chris Hodgkinson – who won a **years free** subscription to '**Improve your coarse fishing**' magazine.

Winner of the GHOF questionnaire was Shannon Ensor – who won a rod worth **£65**.

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