



WASPSNEWS

Little Mountains 2016 Newsletter

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Well, its that time of year again for you to dust off the cobwebs and start thinking about the forthcoming season. Last summer wasn't bad for us and remained reasonably warm and dry unlike other parts of the country. Subsequently some good fishing was had, with some notable catches being made.

Last year I stocked 20 reasonable size Crucian/F1's into the front reservoir which have proved popular with their captors,



This winter, although extremely mild has been very quiet with a lot of the members preferring the comfort of their warm homes, although I should imagine that will change once the warmer weather gets here.

RODENTS

This winter we have had some unwanted visitors to our little lodge house, the little critters had great pleasure in chewing up the mop, magazines and toilet rolls. Fortunately they also indulged themselves on the box of rodent food that I prepared for them and subsequently they have not been seen since.....

Ive cleared up all the mess they made and hope their relatives do not come in for the grub.

PLEASE DO NOT TOUCH THE RAT POISON BOX I HAVE INSTALLED IN THE CABIN AS IT IS POISONOUS TO HUMANS AS WELL

DAFFODILS

In December 2014 I planted 400 daffodils between the two lakes only to find that last spring the vast majority (all except 2) came up blind probably due to being planted a bit late. This year due to the random weather that we have had this winter they got confused and some of them started flowering in January! They look pretty but not many of you have been there to see them.



REBUILDING SWIMS

Last year we rebuilt some of the swims on the back reservoir and this year I will be rebuilding swim # 25 "The Hole in the corner" as people fishing there often spread out onto the track which is not permitted and also dangerous when people drive around the corner.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

There have been incidences where members have not got their newsletters etc due to incorrect email address's etc particularly when members have changed their ISP from say BT to TalkTalk and losing their old email address in the process. I strongly recommend that members get a non dedicated email account such as Gmail, Hotmail, Live etc and not use the ISP based email accounts. The added benefit of these type of accounts is that they can be accessed using a smartphone, laptop, Ipad/tablet, or computers from virtually anywhere.

DONATIONS

Last year I received financial donations from some of the members which was used to pay for railway sleepers and the three ton bags of MOT Type 1 stone chips. Anonymity was requested, but I am sure that you will all agree in me thanking those concerned.

NOT JUST CARP

Many anglers simply fish the front reservoir, thinking that the back res is purely for carp. How wrong they are, admittedly there are a lot of carp in



the back res but there are also some spectacular Roach, Rudd and Perch. Even Terry catches fish from there.....



As soon as the colder and wetter weather sets in the access track leading to the back lake is usually closed., members therefore simply move on to the front lake. The



winter time can be very good when targeting the Silvers and Perch when the carp lay up for the winter.

BRICKING IT

Over the course of last season we have laid bricks and Type 1 stone along virtually the full length of one side of the track leading to the back reservoir, this has resulted in cars being at less on an angle due to raising one side by about 4", it should also prevent any further erosion and give members a definitive line to follow. Hopefully we will also get hold of some more bricks to put on the slope leading up to the back reservoir to make each row wider, as for some unknown reason some people continue to miss the bricks and churn up the mud either side!

SLEEPERS

Several of the sleepers at the front of the swims have subsided into the water, the sleepers are there purely to stop bankside erosion from the water.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE MEMBERS TO STAND ON OR REST THEIR PLATFORMS ETC ON THE SLEEPERS.

TRACK RESURFACING

This year I plan to dress the access track all the way down to the reservoirs with crushed tarmac to fill, obviously it will prevent access to the lakes whilst the work is being done, however I will notice in advance when I plan the work to be implemented.

STUPID RULE.....

Last summer a member drove up to a swim on the back reservoir, unloaded his gear, set up and then started fishing, leaving his car blocking the track. A fellow member mentioned to him that it was against the rules but he continued fishing. John the bailiff went up there later and noticed the car parked on the track and also had a word with the member informing him that it was not permitted to block the track. John then continued walking round the lake to talk to other members. Later much to his surprise he saw that the member had still not moved his car so he went back and remind him that it was against the rules to park on the track, to which the reply was "if someone comes I will move it", undeterred John insisted that he moved his car NOW, much to the disgust of the member muttering "Stupid rule".

Well, for the sake of clarification, there are not many rules for the club but they are not open to interpretation or flexibility. Rules are there to be obeyed and if anyone does not want to abide by the rules I do not want them in the club.

ARSEHOLE.....

Last year I put the following article in the 2015 newsletter.

PLEASE DON'T FISH IN AMONGST SNAGS

The "Top Left Corner" swim #33 (nearest to where the cars come up to the back lake) had a potential problem with anglers fishing tight along the bank in amongst the Lillies, in order to prevent this I therefore put a handrail along the left side of the swim to effectively block off fishing in that direction. Guess what, the next thing I hear is that the handrail was being used as a rod rest.....

FISHING TIGHT IN AMONGST THE LILLIES IS POTENTIALLY VERY DANGEROUS FOR THE FISH AS THEY ARE HIGHLY LIKELEY TO GET SNAGGED IN THE LILLIES AND END UP EITHER DYING OR INJURING THEIR MOUTHS TRYING TO FREE THEMSELVES FROM THE SNAG.

PLEASE DO NOT FISH IN OR CLOSE TO SNAGS



Imagine my dismay when I discovered that the pole I had put up on the left hand side of the swim to prevent casting to the left into the lilies had been snapped off.

If I find the arsehole who did this they will discover another place I can insert the pole.....

SHIP AHOY.....

I'm on the lookout for a small fibreglass dinghy for maintenance of the fishery, if anyone knows of a cheap unwanted boat please let me know, condition is not really important as long as the water stays on the outside.....

W-A-S-P-S CLOTHING

We have a selection of polo shirts (£18) and hoodies (£30) made up bearing the club logo. Other garments such as sweat shirts or fleeces can also be ordered.



Please come and see them at the shop.

DID YOU TIE THIS...

This abortion was found on a fish caught this season, fixed rigs are strictly prohibited, under no circumstances should any swivel, clip etc be tied above the feeder/weight as this prevents the feeder/weight from being ejected if the line breaks.



Anyone found to be using fixed rigs will face immediate expulsion from the club.

MEMBERSHIP & FEES

Following an increase in the lease there will be a nominal increase to the membership fees to cover the cost of the materials for the track repairs. Membership numbers are strictly limited and we now have several people waiting to join if a vacancy arises.

Guest permit prices are being increased for the first time in over 10 years.

- Single ADULT membership will be £55 per season.
- Family membership will be £85 per season.
- Daily guest permits will be £6 per day.

Membership places are limited and renewal is available at the shop now, your current membership expires on 31st March after which it may be offered to the next person on the waiting list as I have to pay the lease in April.

WEBSITE

We have a website www.w-a-s-p-s.com where all the information about the club can be found.



I have created a FACEBOOK page to keep members updated and to allow members to share info and pictures of captures. Unfortunately not many members currently access the page often because of misguided apprehension about facebook. A lot of people are wary about facebook as they believe that it shares too much information, to register all you need to enter is Your Name, Age,, Gender and email address. It is very simple to use and it is up to you what you see and who can see your profile. Trust me, it is a very safe and simple facility. If you have a smart phone you can even update your catches from the lake.

Try it, register and if you don't like it de-register and close your account, simple, I can assure you that it is the easiest way to keep up to date with what is happening at the lake etc. If you need a hand give me a call.

LAKE CLOSED

Following a request from our landlord please note that the lake is to be closed and OUT OF BOUNDS for **Christmas Day and Boxing day every year.**

The lake is also closed on the LAST SUNDAY IN MARCH for the annual work party where only attendees of the work party may fish after the work party finishes.

WORK PARTY

This years work party will be held on Sunday 27th March running from 9am til lunchtime. The lakes will be CLOSED for the work party but may be fished by attendees after the work party has ended.

WANTED

If anyone has any of the following that they no longer require please let me know :

- Scaffold poles
- Angle Iron (even old bed frames)
- Railway Sleepers
- Posts
- Sand, Gravel , Shingle, Pebbles.

Or anything that you think may come in handy.

RESERVOIR MAP

I have now updated the Reservoir Map showing swim names and parking locations. This has been posted on the Notice Board and can be viewed or downloaded from the website www.w-a-s-p-s.com/pdf/mountains_map.pdf either follow the link or go to the Little Mountains page on the website and download the map. A copy of this map is attached to the end of the newsletter.

ACCESS & PARKING

We have a one way system so that access to the back reservoir is via the far entrance slope and exit via the slope between the two reservoirs (**STRICTLY ONE WAY, MEMBERS MUST NOT DRIVE UP THE EXIT SLOPE OR DOWN THE ENTRANCE SLOPE**).



We have several lay-by style parking places at the rear of the front reservoir to allow members to park in their swim, however anyone using these parking places is to ensure that their vehicles are tucked right in to allow other cars to drive past.

PARKING IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE ACCESS TRACK AROUND THE REAR RESERVOIR EXCEPT IN THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS.

COMMON SENSE RULE

If the "Road Closed" sign is up or in wet weather please to not drive past the sign or around to the back reservoir.

5mph SPEED LIMIT

For safety and to prevent track erosion please can members not exceed **5mph** when driving at the venue

DRIVING HOURS

To prevent disturbing local residents, driving down the access track is only permitted at the following times.

6am til 10pm April-September

Dawn Til Dusk October-March

PLEASE PARK ON THE HARD STUFF

When the ground is wet please try and park on the harder areas and avoid creating ruts, if you do make a rut please can you fill it with the bricks etc.

PLEASE KEEP OF THE GRASS

The access track leading to the reservoir has been significantly repaired over the last few years, so in an effort to protect the access can all members please keep to the track, and not drive on the grass.

PLEASE GIVE ME A CHANCE.....

Its very nice to see members using nice new shinny fishing tackle, although I do find it a bit disappointing when someone has spent a big chunk of money but not given me a chance to equal or beat the price. I can't guarantee that I will always be able to be the cheapest but at least give me a chance. At the end of the day I'm only trying to earn a living

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE....

Last year I was contacted by a national business estate agency asking if I wanted to sell my business, my response was no not unless the price was one I couldn't turn down. The upshot of it was that they would market the shop on a NO SALE NO FEE basis. Realistically the price they have put it up for is unrealistic so the likelihood of me selling is extremely unlikely. Ive got 5 years until I retire and I cannot see me packing up before then.

Furthermore, when I do retire I fully intend to keep the lakes on to give me somewhere to spend my time cutting the grass etc.

A BIG THANKYOU

You are all a credit to the sport and I am pleased to have such a friendly group of members in the club who all contribute to such a pleasant and happy atmosphere at the lakes.

A big thankyou to everyone who has made efforts, contributions, donations etc this season there have been so many that I will not try to name everyone for fear of forgetting somebody and causing offence. I really appreciate the help and efforts

I am sure you will all join me in thanks to John Brench (our bailiff) who once again has worked tirelessly throughout the year to keep our little venue special.

FINALLY

I hope you all enjoyed fishing at our friendly little club this this season and I hope that you have a successful forthcoming season and enjoy your fishing. I look forward to seeing you in the shop or at the reservoirs.

Tight Lines

Little Mountains Reservoirs Map



KEY: Yellow Dots = Swims Red Dots = Parking Places Blue Arrows = One Way

Bottom Reservoir Swims

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| 1. Grotto | 9. Ritchie II |
| 2. Drain Pipe | 10. Ritchie I |
| 3. The Owl | 11. Harold's |
| 4. The Deep | 12. Lifebuoy |
| 5. Pear Tree | 13. Oak Tree |
| 6. Shed Swim | 14. Apple Tree |
| 7. Bench Swim | 15. Jack Horner |
| 8. Khazi Corner | |

Top Reservoir Swims

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| 16. First Swim | 25. Hole in the Corner |
| 17. Top Lifebuoy | 26. Gap in the Trees |
| 18. Silver Birch | 27. The Stump |
| 19. The Pinch | 28. Middle Lifebuoy |
| 20. Bullrushes | 29. The Overflow Pipe |
| 21. Little Oak | 30. Next to the Reeds |
| 22. The Jetty | 31. Maple Tree |
| 23. Comfy Swim | 32. Middle if the Dam |
| 24. Top Reservoir Bench | 33. Top Left Corner |