# 10 Years Fishing And Friendship

# **SEAN WINS THE 2014 OPENER**

OUR 10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY MATCH

peg	name	lbs	ozs
7	S.DURRANT	20	9
23	M.JONES	20	4
25	R.COX	18	11
22	K.SMITH	18	10
27	D.ROBINSON	17	11
28	I.RENNIE	17	8
9	M.SMALL	17	3
1	B.HINKS	15	14
14	C.PARSONAGE	14	13
20	I.HUGHES	13	15
5	P.BULLOCK	13	14
6	A.WHITMORE	12	14
18	S.KAVANAGH	9	9
19	P.HOTCHKISS	8	6
13	R.PARSONAGE	6	1
16	J.KING	5	6
21	D.BULLOCK	4	15
3	D.CROSBY	4	7
15	J.TURNER	3	8
4	A.MARTIN	DN	W
26	B.TOVEY	DN	W
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Sean Durrant got our 10th season off to a Flying start by winning The opening match at



Rob Cox, Sean Durrant, Mark Jones, Kieran Smith

Riddings the scene of our first match back in 2004. I first must apologize for missing such an important match in Exel Angling history but we have been trying for along time to organize a family holiday and it just happened to fall on our first match of 2014.

Looking at the weights it was a close run thing between Sean and second placed Mark Jones which suggest's the first division will be very interesting as we progress throughout the season. Sean who collected the second division championship last season will be certainly pushing hard for more honours this term. Mark Jones who usually makes a slow start to the season must realize if he his to hold onto the first division championship he won last year he must be more consistent from the off.

If it was tight between the first two just look at third and fourth with just one ounce separating Rob Cox and Kieran Smith with the former just edging it. Rob will be certainly in the mix when the honours are decided at the end of the season. It was nice to see Kieran in the frame after a couple of bad campaigns and no doubt he will be looking for a quick return to the top flight after his relegation in 2013. Dave Robinson finished in fifth three ounces clear of Ian Rennie in sixth. It was also nice to see Steve Kavanagh back fishing with us after his brief absence due to work commitments

#### FITTING TRIBUTE **THANKS**

I believe all those attending the Many thanks to all those who match at The Ridding paid their helped in running the first match respects to Lou Hughes by holding at the Riddings. Once again I was a two minutes silence before the sorry to have missed the Folly match. To be fair to Ian and his Pool opener but to get all my family I could have filled the hand- family together for a week is a out with my own personal tribute to difficult problem and I could not the great man but I think they have give up the opportunity to spend had enough to cope with recently an enjoyable week with them all and it's time to carry on.

in Portugal.

# LEAGUE TABLES

#### LOU HUGHES MEMORIAL TROPHY

#### **DIVISION ONE**

name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Р
S.Durrant	1										1
M.Jones	2										2
R.Cox	3										3
M.Small	4										4
P.Bullock	5										5
D.Bullock	6										6
J.Male	10										10
S.Cox	10										10

#### DIVISION TWO

name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Р
K.Smith	1										1
I.Rennie	2										2
B.Hinks	3										3
C.Parsonage	4										4
J.King	5										5
D.Crosby	6										6
B.Tovey	7										7
D.Skinner	10										10

#### **DIVISION THREE**

name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	P
D.Robinson	1										1
I.Hughes	2										2
A.Whitmore	3										3
P.Hotchkiss	4										4
R.Parsonage	5										5
J.Turner	6										6
A.Martin	7										7

We will be counting your individual results from this years Doubles match and they will count towards the league tables. Please remember you will drop your worst result throughout the season and if for any reason you miss a match you will be awarded 10 points. If two or more are on the same number of points overall weight will decide the positions.

Name	points
S.Durrant	1
M.Jones	2
R.Cox	3
K.Smith	4
D.Robinson	5
I.Rennie	6
M.Small	7
B.Hinks	8
C.Parsonage	9
I.Hughes	10
P.Bullock	11
A.Whitmore	12
P.Hotchkiss	13
R.Parsoange	14
J.King	15
D.Bullock	16
D.Crosby	17
J.Turner	18
A.Martin	19
B.Tovey	19
D.Skinner	24
J.Male	24
S.Cox	24

#### STILL WAITING TO HEAR

I am still waiting to hear off anyone with a suggestion where we can hold the race night which was voted for at the AGM. If I don't hear soon I will book a room of my choice and let you all know the details.

# SINGLES COMPETITION FIXTURES AND TABLES



MATCH 2		Packington
R.Cox	V	R.Parsonage
M.Jones	٧	S.Cox
D.Crosby	٧	B.Tovey
D.Robinson	٧	A.Martin
M.Small	٧	P.Bullock
D.Bullock	٧	J.Male
K.Smith	٧	I.Rennie
C.Parsonage	٧	B.Hinks
J.Turner	٧	D.Skinner
P.Hotchkiss	٧	A.Whitmore
	٧	I.Hughes
J.King	٧	S.Durrant

The winner of each group match
will receive two points
The loser will receive no points
unless he is within one pound of
the winning weight then he will be
award one bonus point.
After the five group matches if two
or more are level on points then the
angler with the most wins will go
through. If however these are the
same then it will be decided on
overall weight throughout the five
matches.

MATCH 3		Alvechurch
S.Cox	٧	R.Cox
M.Jones	٧	B.Tovey
R.Parsonage	٧	D.Crosby
P.Bullock	٧	D.Robinson
M.Small	٧	J.Male
A.Martin	٧	D.Bullock
B.Hinks	٧	K.Smith
C.Parsonage	٧	D.Skinner
I.Rennie	٧	J.Turner
I.Hughes	٧	P.Hotchkiss
	٧	S.Durrant
A.Whitmore	٧	J.King

MATCH 4		Willow Marsh
R.Cox	٧	D.Crosby
R.Parsonage	V	M.Jones
S.Cox	٧	B.Tovey
D.Robinson	V	D.Bullock
A.Martin	V	M.Small
P.Bullock	٧	J.Male
K.Smith	٧	J.Turner
I.Rennie	V	C.Parsonage
B.Hinks	V	D.Skinner
P.Hotchkiss	V	J.King
A.Whitmore	V	
I.Hughes	٧	S.Durrant

MATCH 5		Coppice Lane
B.Tovey	٧	R.Cox
M.Jones	V	D.Crosby
R.Parsonage	٧	S.Cox
J.Male	V	D.Robinson
M.Small	V	D.Bullock
A.Martin	V	P.Bullock
D.Skinner	V	K.Smith
C.Parsonage	V	J.Turner
I.Rennie	V	B.Hinks
S.Durrant	V	P.Hotchkiss
	V	J.King
A.Whitmore	٧	I.Hughes

GROUP A	W	L	В	pts
R.Cox				
M.Jones				
S.Cox				
D.Crosby				
R.Parsonage				
B.Tovey				

<b>GROUP B</b>	W	L	В	pts
D.Robinson				
M.Small				
P.Bullock				
D.Bullock				
A.Martin				
J.Male				

SEMI		FINALS
Group A	V	Group C
Group B	V	Group D

Both semi-finals will take place on Sunday 21st September Astwood Fishery

GROUF	С	W	L	В	pts
K.Smith					
C.Parson	age				
B.Hinks					
J.Turner					
I.Rennie					
D Skinner					

GROUP D	W	L	В	pts
P.Hotchkiss				
I.Hughes				
J.King				
A.Whitmore				
S.Durrant				

GRAND		FINAL
	V	

The Grand Final will take place on Sunday 26th October Fisherwick Lakes

> Winners of each match Are in bold print

DOUBLES		DOUBLES
B.Hinks	&	J.Turner
D.Bullock	&	D.Crosby
B.Tovey	&	I.Hughes
S.Durrant	&	
C.Parsonage	&	A.Martin
J.Male	&	I.Rennie
M.Small	&	P.Hotchkiss
K.Smith	&	D.Skinner
R.Cox	&	R.Parsonage
S.Cox	&	J.King
M.Jones	&	D.Robinson
P.Bullock	&	A.Whitmore

Sunday August 17th 2014 Cob House Laurel & Oak pools

## WELCOME OUR TWO NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members in our ranks for 2014 and we would like to wish them both all the best and hope they enjoy our company. Jeff Turner pictured on the right should need no introduction to the members he has fished many matches with us in the past and always supports our presentations evenings and I'm sure he will have a good season. The other new face is

sure he will have a good season. The other new face is Paul Hotchkiss who has fished with us once before at the back end of last season and he put over 85lbs on the scales in our doubles match at Cob House. Unfortunately I do not have any photo's of Paul yet

but I'm sure we will put that right as the season progress's. I spoke with one of our past members recently Andy Starkey and he told me it will not take Paul long to settle in and he is a very capable angler. Both of the new recruits will be placed in Division Three and lets help them settle in.

## JOHN KING WINS THE CANAL MATCH



John King

John King won the pre-season match on the Dudley No 2 Canal in Halesowen with a very impressive 6-13. John used double maggots to tempt some lovely looking Bream and a few skimmers. The wind spoilt the day for the eight anglers who turned up, but John was not put off by the weather and won the event with over three pounds to spare.

## 2015

I have booked the following matches for the 2015 season.

Sunday April 12th - Cob House Sunday May 31st - Willow Marsh Sunday June 14th - Alvechurch Sunday July 12th - Coppice Lane Sunday September 13th - Bonehill Mill Sunday September 27th - Alvechurch

I have still to book another Four so when I do I will let you know. I had lot's of problems with Cob House again, they are now taking bookings for 2017. Whilst I was on the phone I have booked 2016 for July 10th when we have all the Wyatts Pool, 2015 match will be split between Laurel and Oak. You will also noticed I have booked two matches at Alvechurch, the first will be on Horseshoe the second will be on the new pool.

## WELL DONE JOHN



Whilst we where making the draw for recent canal match it was nice to hear one of the members commenting on good our Web-site was compared with others.

Well it's all down to John Male who's done a splendid job in revamping not only the home page but all the site in general. He has turned what was already a formative site into something we can all be proud of.

# **NEXT MATCH**

### SUNDAY 18th MAY

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## WASSELL GROVE FISHERY

Wassell Grove Lane Hagley West Midlands DY9 9.IH

MATCH POOL (24 pegs booked)

Draw 08.00am Fishing 09.00am - 14.00pm First group matches in the Singles Competition

	TEAMS	OF	THREE
Team 1	S.Durrant	I.Rennie	D.Robinson
Team 2	R.Cox	B.Hinks	I.Hughes
Team 3	P.Bullock	B.Tovey	J.Turner
Team 4	M.Jones	D.Crosby	A.Martin
Team 5	S.Cox	J.King	
Team 6	J.Male	D.Skinner	P.Hotchkiss
Team 7	D.Bullock	K.Smith	A.Whitmore
Team 8	M.Small	C.Parsonage	R.Parsonage

Teams of Three will take place on Sunday September 7th Bonehill Mill (Dales Pool)

## 2014 DATES & VENUES

April 20th - **THE RIDDINGS** (Grendon) Folly Pool Pat and Louise Memorial Trophy May 18th - **WASSELL GROVE** (Hagley) Match Pool

June 8th - **PACKINGTON** (Meriden) Gearys Pool Lee Wellard Memorial Trophy

June 22nd - **ALVECHURCH** (Barnt Green) Horseshoe The Friendship Trophy

July 6th - WILLOW MARSH (Kidderminster) Sandpipers Birmingham Banter Trophy

July 20th - **COPPICE LANE** (Hammerwich) Becketts Crosby Cup

August 17th - COB HOUSE (Worcester) Laurel & Oak Doubles Competition

September 7th - **BONEHILL MILL** (Fazeley) Dales Pool Teams of Three Competition

September 21st - **ASTWOOD FISHERY** (Bromsgrove) Buddleia Tankard Trophy

October 26th - **FISHERWICK** (Whittington) Match Pool London Taxi Trophy

#### A LOOK BACK AT WASSELL GROVE

Exel Angling first fished the Wassell Grove complex way back in 2005 on very cold and windy day. It was September 17th that 17 members fished the Brook Pool which is furthest away from the Car Park. It would be no good for our present Early draw members walking that far and it was interesting to see Lou Hughes drawing peg 14 which is on the far side.

Ken Hodson (right) Won the match with 11-14 from peg 11 Which was helped When he landed the Only Carp of the day.

It was a strong wind that made fishing very difficult and the highlight of the day for me was seeing Ian Rennie use a pole for the first time. Ian was pegged opposite me and I saw him lift the pole viciously and the fish ended up in the bushes behind him. It was such fun watching Ian and Dave Skinner searching through the bushes trying to find the fish.

We first fished the match pool on July 13th 2008 when Mark Jones scaled 26-6 from peg 43 to win with a pound to spare from Sean Durrant. It turned out to be a good match with five of the 27 taking part weighing in over 20 pounds. Lets hope we have a good match this season.