

Jersey Freshwater Angling Association

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2010 SEASON

Membership & Water Bailiffs

Membership at the end of 2010 totalled some 257 members comprising 104 trout and 153 coarse members.

Whilst 2009 saw the introduction of authorised Water Bailiff Cards approved by Jersey Water used by the Committee to successfully challenge non club members there was evidence of some limited poaching on our trout and coarse waters and Committee actions minimised its impact.

Strategy-Current Success and Future Strategy

A successful 2010 for many in the Association, however, difficult fishing conditions provided a challenging 2010 for our trout members. In addition the recently announced decision regarding the emptying of Val de la Mare will provide some short term challenges and the Committee will be considering a range of options to enhance and support the trout members going forward. An update from the new Committee will be issued in due course.

Grand Vaux Reservoir

Following a request from Jersey Water , Grand Vaux in 2010 became a coarse fishery. Whilst the carp fishing was very good the Rudd fishing was exceptional with large numbers of Perch and Gudgeon also showing.

Equality

The Chairman has in 2010 been working closely with a Jersey organisation to provide angling to less able individuals at St Catherine's Reservoir with staff training , membership and tackle provided in support of our aim..

Catch and Release-Trout

Many members for some time had been requesting the option for catch and release on our trout waters and this was introduced in 2009 subject to ongoing review.

It is envisaged this will continue for 2011.

Specimen & Record Fish

A fair number of fish have been recorded this year, Carl Waye caught 3 super fish, a Perch of 3lb 4oz and a 1lb 10oz Roach both from Dannemarche and a 7lb 6oz Bream out of the Horseshoe. Grands Vaux provided a number of good sized Carp throughout the year comprising three records, the Mirror record was broken early in the season by Graham Carver at 26lb 8oz, only to be broken again by Danny Wadsworth this time weighing in at 26lb 12oz. The latter followed this up with a new fish for our record books, a terrific Grass Carp of 9lb 6oz.

Match Fishing & World Championships

The match scene has continued to attract many members with a very successful 2010 (See Match Fishing Report).Some members also are members of CIFFA representing the Channel Islands at the World Championships.

Website

The website became live in early 2010 and full recognition and thanks is given to the work of Carl Waye in creating and managing this site.

The site <http://thejfaa.com/> provides extensive information and updates on all aspects of our Association and members are recommended to view, in particular, the picture galleries and offer some of their own memorable pictures for all to share.

Rule Book

Significant effort was expended in this area and an amended Rule Book was issued early in 2010 to reflect changes in such things as interpretation, best fish practices, changes in waters, fisheries management and catch and release. There were a number of instances where members had not read the amended rules and found themselves in breach of the rules.

Please ensure you read adhere and support the application of these rules

Angling Trust & Fish Legal

The Clubs relationship with Angling Trust has continued to grow with ten members attending the south west regional's in June and the work that they are doing in the UK particularly on the legal side is commendable and helpful to the JFAA.

Full details of these can be found on <http://anglingtrust.net/> and individual membership is available.

St Ouens Pond & National Trust

Discussions are continuing with the National Trust over the replacement of the access and staging and associated lease..This may result in the staging being re-located to another part of the pond. A further update will be provided as and when agreement is reached.

50th Anniversary

2010 was a very special year for the Club with - its 50th Year and David Walters, our President/Chairman along with others worked extremely hard on making it a great year to remember with a Gala Dinner, Coarse and Game Competitions and a Commemorative stamp issue amongst many others initiatives. This positive momentum will need to be maintained by the new Committee.

Away Trips

Club members gave their views at the last AGM in support of a members trip away .This happened in September 2010 and a small number of members visited lakes and rivers around the Southampton area and had an exceptional time over three days with 14 species of fish caught comprising barbel to just on 8lb , pike to double figures ,trout over 7lb with plenty of carp from the Stillwater's and grayling ,roach ,dace and chub from the Rivers.

A similar trip is planned for 2011.

Bob McGinnigle Secretary