

Badges

Lapel Badges -The Club logo has been made into a small royal blue ceramic lapel badge. One can be yours for just £3.00, which includes posting & package.

Car Sticker - We also have a supply of car stickers for £1.50, which includes posting & package.

Please order from Honorary Secretary.

A fly for the River Frome Mayfly Flymph

Hook: Moser Size 10
Thread: Black
Tail: Grey partridge
Body: Light hare's fur
Rib: Thin gold wire
Hackle: Medium Pardo CDC
and brown hen hackle



I saw this tied at the Fly Fair in 2005 and decided then that it would be a great mayfly imitation. A "flymph" is tied to represent the transitional stage between nymph or pupa and adult. My version is more bushy and floats higher than a true flymph should, but during the early hatches of mayfly when the trout are at their pickiest, this pattern worked really well.

To make the body make sure you use a dubbing loop and if you have one use a dubbing block, this will produce a superb translucent body.

Frome, Piddle & West Dorset Fishery's Association

The Association focuses on the preservation, promotion & development of fishing activities within our area. The Association is recognised by many fishermen, riparian owners, by English Nature and the Environment Agency.

If you are not yet a member, please consider subscribing to this most useful local focused lobby group which, by harnessing the resources of local fisherman can speak with a far clearer single voice.

For more details please contact : Secretary—Tony Medley. Cliff Cottage, East Burton Road, Moreton, DT2 8RL. Tel: 01929 462270. *(Tony also has some excellent salmon and trout fishing available on the Lower Frome—give him a call)*

Dorchester Fishing Club

(Founded 1877)



Newsletter



July 2006

We had a very cold start to the season and the low winter rain fall was showing its effect on the river. The cold start also stunted the ranunculus growth, but thankfully most parts of the river are now looking in excellent condition.

The grannom hatch was good, but very little stirred to witness it in the bitterly cold conditions. Whereas the mayfly season started with a complete washout and then some very hot weather to contend with; but from the reports sent in, it appears to have been a very good period with some of the larger fish showing. I hear that the Chairman has caught a monster brown from the Lower Water ☺

John Aplin's grand plans for the Lower Water were finally signed off by all concerned and I'm sure you will have noticed work progressing. The Managing Committee would like to thank Jim Chalmers for his project management skills in the negotiations between all involved parties.

A guest of mine whilst fishing at Whitfield Hatches caught a brown trout that had a long history. He noticed that the fish had a small orange tag marked with 'K11' on its gill cover. I checked with Anton Ibbotson (CEH) and he reported back that the trout was born in 1999 and captured in 2001 and 2002 – has anyone else caught it?

*** New Fishing and River Conditions Blog *** – There is a new feature linked to the Club's web site, which will show current river conditions and fishing reports. I will try & keep this Blog updated as often as possible and all I ask of you and all members is to contribute fishing experiences/fly hatches/photos of good fish caught etc. so we build up a log of the season(s). (Please email them in)

Keepers Corner

The lower water project is well under way, all plans consented, and all owners, tenants, agents, signed up. I must say a huge thank you to all involved so far: English Nature, The Environment Agency, Dorset Wild Life Trust, and of course the DFC Management Committee. Quotes are in the pipe line and we hope to start work at the end of August. I could do with a hand with taking the old fence down so if any of you fancy a day or two of idle fishing/chat on Friday and Saturday, the **4th and 5th of August** are your days; 8am at Bockhampton bridge; leather gloves would be handy.

I cannot go any further without mentioning the weather but last winter was cold, really cold, and the spring came and it got colder and wetter. It's the first time I have ever seen shivering Mayfly!

I had timed my Tarpon trip perfectly, surely it would be warmer on my return? Scott from Kingcombe Aquacare and I headed to the Keys in search of the silver king. We had Tarpon up to 180lbs, lots of Sharks to 250lbs, Permit, Jacks; a non-stop extreme fishing trip. I had my largest (160lb) Tarpon of the trip when we shouldn't have been out due to a Tornado watch!

If any one would like more info on these trips please let me know. Terrible though it sounds, I only cast a fly once on the trip, so I might have to go again one day! OH it was raining on our return; the river was out of sorts so I hadn't missed anything, but within days it all changed, and we were all having the wonderful fishing we had been waiting for.

We are having a river picnic with the Frome, Piddle and West Dorset Fisheries Association on Friday **21st July** on our lower water. It will be a fairly informal stroll with a picnic to end the evening. Please telephone me if you would like to join us, and I just hope the river looks as good as it does now, just like a text book Chalk Stream.

The Cormorants were not in the numbers like last year so scaring tactics were employed, but I did spoil one Mink's Sunday afternoon.

So head to the river folks and make the most of this fine weather.



John E Aplin
River Keeper



Lost & Found - has anyone lost a "Trout Bum" sweatshirt, during May on the upper water, and has anyone seen a large green lid from one of my hatchery boxes, lost in the only flood of last winter?

Cast into the Past

Club Rules 1878

These are extracts taken from the first rules of the Club, many thanks to Oliver Pope who sent in the copy. It's very interesting that these rules contain only a few of today's current rules, while rules from a previous association that fished the same waters in 1845 are very similar indeed. Amazingly if you convert the Membership fee of £5 5s in 1878 into today's value you get £339, which is so close to the current subscription of £310! Day ticket 19s. 6d = £63!

- a. That the Club be called the Dorchester Fishing Club and be limited to Twenty-two Members at £5 5s. each; One Honorary ditto; and twelve privileged ditto, at £1 1s.
- b. A £5 5s. Subscriber is entitled to another Season Ticket on payment of £2 12s. 6d for the use of any friend staying in his house: also to a 5s. Day Ticket for a friend under similar circumstances.
- c. A £5 5s. Subscriber not being a Fisherman himself, may lend his ticket to any one friend, actually staying in his house.
- d. Three Tickets may be issued daily to Officers of the Army or Navy, stationed at Dorchester, Weymouth or Portland; these are to be purchased for 19s. 6d each, at Mr Ling's Bookseller, Dorchester.
- e. Owners or occupiers of land abutting upon the river, have the power of issuing a limited number of tickets, which must be regularly signed and otherwise filed up according to instructions.
- f. Any gentleman becoming a member of the Association after the first season will have to pay an entrance fee of £3 in addition to the Annual Subscription.
- g. No trout retained under twelve inches in length.
- h. No person shall wilfully leave gates open, damage fences, woods, or crops adjoining the river, and anglers are requested not to allow dogs to accompany them.
- i. Fishing with the Artificial Fly *only* will be permitted; wading is allowed.
- j. The Fishing season shall commence on the 1st April and terminate on the 31st August; fishing hours from 6am to 9pm.

Poaching: - If you encounter anyone poaching our waters, please contact the Environment Agency Hotline free phone 0800 80 70 60 and they will send an officer to investigate.

AGM Monday 4th December – Kings Arms Hotel Dorchester

