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MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2010

Dear member,

Welcome to the January newsletter. I hope you all had a good Xmas and the SAMF committee wish you all a prosperous New Year.

I would like to start with the very sad news of the death of our long serving life member, **DICK PENNY**. Dick was an original founder member of SAMF and was one of the main men on the south coast organising competitions for us and representing SAMF on the NFSA committee. He was a very popular person both in the sea angling world as well as the shooting world where he worked as a game keeper. The number of people who attended his funeral bears testament to this. He will be sorely missed and SAMF offers its condolences to his wife, Christine, family and friends. SAMF has donated to the RNLI, but if anyone wants to send a donation in memory of Dick it can be sent to Mummery Funeral Directors, 29-31 Devonshire Road, Bexhill, TN40 1AH.

Dick is seen pictured below walking his dog.



It is also sad to report that we lost another member in **ALAN GILBERT**. Alan, who had been battling with cancer lost his fight last year, he was a stalwart member who got involved in the federation participating in the Masters and representing us in the Challenge Matches. He was also heavily involved in the England set up with the NFSA. He will be sadly missed.

There is a lot of information contained in this newsletter but the most important bit is that it is subs renewal time again. For those members whose membership runs through from



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last year i.e. new members who joined late in the year to fish the Masters and Life members I will have enclosed a 2010 membership card. Please note this means brand new members and not just those who have lapsed their membership for one year or more. The rest of members will need to send me a cheque for £20 made payable to SAMF and fill in the reply slip at the end of this newsletter. Please don't forget to do this because it costs time and money to send out reminders.

On a serious note, as I highlighted in my report at the AGM, membership has declined once again and we had our lowest ever numbers entered the Masters. If it was not for the dedication of a few members who work on your behalves there would be no Federation. We need to bear in mind that the committee cannot please everyone all the time but we will do our best to be fair to all. To continue we need your support and we have to cut out the in-fighting that goes on and pull together, after all this is the sport we all love.

To try and increase membership I have also sent this newsletter to all past members.

ANGLING TRUST

Enclosed with this newsletter is information and joining form for the Angling Trust (AT). In case you are not aware the AT was formed January 2009 with the merger of the major organisations that until then had represented different aspects of angling seperately. This meant that relatively small voices were heard in consultation with government departments, DEFRA, Environment Agency etc.

The AT will be able to fight as one, representing all, and will have the backing of much greater membership to give clout to its views.

We know that SAMF is a specialist sector, concentrating solely on competitions, and you may say that's all you want to do and are not interested in the "politics of angling" **BUT** - someone needs to protect our interests so let's help these people by supporting them.

After a rather uneasy start, when they took things a little too much for granted, the AT is now working much better, and with several changes in personnel has started to get the results needed. They are not afraid to seek advice and they actively seek people to help them. (I have been co-opted onto an advisory panel)

As the new chairman Mike Heylin says:-

"AT will only make a difference when anglers come on board, get involved and make a difference."

"Anglers want cream today but won't pay for it."

"Whether you like it or not, AT is the only game in town. If it fails angling will be left without any representation at national and international level, will be left with no voice to influence future regulation at any level."

"We can only make changes as we can afford them, which means we need new members, and new people to come forward to volunteer to take on roles at various levels "



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Take a look at the website www.anglingtrust.net and see how much more professional they are than the old organisations.

SAMF encourages all its members to join the Angling Trust.

MASTERS 2009 – SKEGNESS

Merseyside angler Ian Brookes won the 2009 SAMF UK MASTERS on the beaches of Skegness in Lincolnshire 6th & 7th November.

54 qualifying anglers from England and Wales competed for the title and the weather conditions were just right for the matches. Even with the strong breezes the sea conditions were just right and the coloured water helped to produce good catches.

On the first day competitors needed between 26 to 45 fish to come in the top four in their sections. Bob Gascoigne from Cramlington had the best overall catch weighing 22lb 7oz. mainly whiting and flatfish. The two heaviest fish were whiting, the biggest being a fish of 1lb 2oz. for Simon Drayton from Gainsborough.

Day 1 zone winners:-

A zone 1st	Bob Gascoigne	22lb 7oz.
A zone 2 nd	Ben Richards	18lb 1oz.
A zone 3rd	Neville Charlesworth	17lb 15oz
A zone 4th	Damian O'Mara	17lb 4oz
B zone 1 st	Joe Arch	15lb 7oz.
B zone 2 nd	Ian Brookes	14lb 3oz
B zone 3d	Steve Tucker	13lb 8oz
B zone 4 th	Orry Turner	12lb 3oz

All SAMF matches are fished on a catch and return formula; the fish are measured and then immediately returned. A conversion chart then converts the length of each fish to weight. SAMF introduced size limits in their major competitions on cod, whiting, and bass to try and encourage more anglers to fish matches. As a result this reduces the actual number of fish counting to an anglers score but gave every angler the possibility of doing well even on the last cast by catching a large fish.

Day 2 again saw good conditions but once again anglers need double figure bags of fish to score well. Top catch was made by Paul McIntyre from Jarrow 18lb 10oz. The biggest fish, once again was a whiting of 1lb 4oz caught by Andrew Hutchings from Cardiff.

Day 2 zone winners:-

A zone 1st	Paul McIntyre	18lb 10oz
A zone 2nd	Ian Brookes	18lb 3oz
A zone 3rd	Simon Drayton	15lb 10oz
A zone 4th	Gary Hutson	12lb 9oz
B zone 1 st	George Smith	10lb 2oz
B zone 2 nd	Neville Charlesworth	9lb 14oz
B zone 3 rd	Eddie Painter	9lb 10oz



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B zone 4th Michael Emery 8lb 5oz

FINAL POSITIONS:-

1	Ian Brookes	7 pts	
2	Neville Charlesworth	8 pts	
3	George Smith	13 pts	
4	Paul McIntyre	15 pts	
5	Damian O'Mara	17 pts	1213 fish points
6	Orry Turner	17pts	1132 fish points
7	Gary Hutson	19 pts	
8	Simon Drayton	21 pts	1254 fish points
9	Eddie painter	21 pts	1112 fish points
10	Ben Richards	25 pts	1139 fish points
11	Steve Tucker	25pts	984 fish points
12	Bob Gascoigne	29pts	

A pairs competition was run within the match and winners were:-

- 1 Neville Charlesworth (Withernsea) & Simon Drayton (Gainsborough)
- 2 Gary Hutson (Cleethorpes) & George Smith (Grimsby)
- 3 Damian O'Mara (Llanelli) & Steve Tucker (Wirral)

Ian was overall champion with two 2nd places in his zone giving him 7 points. Neville Charlesworth from Withernsea ran him close with a day 1 zone 3rd and a day 2 zone 2nd giving him 9 points.

Only one lady qualified to fish the championship this year, Heather Lindfield from Merseyside.

A total of 1641 fish were caught during the two days, mainly whiting and flatfish with a few coalfish and one bass making up the catches.

Cash prizes down to 12th position overall and section pools down to 4th place in both sections each day giving a total cash prize fund of £3300, plus tackle prizes and trophies. SAMF is grateful to the following tackle companies for donating tackle for prizes: **Julian Shambrook's ANYFISH ANYWHERE, DAIWA & ULTIMA.**

Everyone who attended agreed that once again the event had been successful, and this venue will be used again for major events.

Pictures below of Ian and George Smith who organized the event.



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AGM 2009

As usual the AGM took place during the weekend of the Masters and the following are the bullet points from the meeting:

- I am very pleased to say that John has decided, because of the failure of our proposed integrating with the Angling Trust, that he will stay on as Chairman for at least another year.
- **MASTERS 2010** - We have accepted the proposal made by Hugh Rathbone to host the 2010 finals at Chesil. The event will take place on the weekend of 22nd 23rd and 24th October. Provisional plans are for registration on Friday evening, fishing Saturday & Sunday 1pm until 6pm. Prize presentation soon after.
- There is a lack of qualifiers in some areas, however it does not need the area rep. to organise one, any member can do this and even run it within another competition. If you need any info on running a qualifier please contact me.
- To try and increase numbers entering the Masters I think it is time to introduce a 2 tier entry system. For this year only, as a trial, I am prepared to accept either qualifiers in the normal way, or because of the lack of qualifiers and people to fish them in some areas I will accept entries from anglers who are prepared to pay the full qualifying amount, which is £20. I know that this is against the principal of the Masters whereby you have had to qualify to fish it but times are changing and we have to do something about it. This will be evaluated at the next AGM.

TREASURERS REPORT :-

This year's figures show that SAMFs worth is £6537.42 which is an increase of £229.87 from 2008. However we have to bear in mind that this year we have not had the Forces challenge yet and we had a free year from the NFSAS for the third party public liability



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insurance. If these figures were to be in the accounts this year then we would be showing a deficit. With only 147 members renewing their annual subscription (the rest are life members or joined late last year) it did not give us much of a budget to play with. The steps we have taken in the past has largely done away with the losses we were suffering however it is obvious that our income is only just keeping the federation going, and this despite our running costs, such as postage, printing & stationary, telephone & broadband reducing by £545 this year.

Despite all of this we are still in a relatively strong position, we just need to continue being careful with expenditure. For this reason I propose that SAMF subscriptions remain at £20 for 2010.

• **ELECTION OF OFFICERS :-**

Chairman - John Amery

Vice Chairman - Eddie Painter

Secretary - Andy Steele

Treasurer - Mary Steele

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

South West Scotland – None

North West – Bill Lindfield

North East - Bob Gascoigne

North Wales – Shane Russell

Anglia – Ian Bowell

Sussex – Vacant

Hants & Challenge Match organizer – Darren Phillips

Kent – Mark Rogers & Mick Davies

Essex – Ian Reynolds

South West – Hugh Rathbone

Individual League Organizers – Eddie Painter & Hugh Rathbone

South Wales – Joe Arch

Humberside – Rob Neale

BELGIUM & HOLLAND CHALLENGE MATCH 2010

The 2010 Challenge match will be held 2 - 4 July. The venues will Hurst/Milford shingle bank and Pennington sea wall both are in Lymington Hampshire. Bait will be supplied and will consist of Ragworm and Mackerel. Species of fish likely to be caught on the first match at Hurst will be Bream, Pout, Gurnards, Scad, Garfish and Smoothounds. Day 2 at Pennington will be mostly Bass and Bream but Flounders and Mullet may also be caught. Accommodation and prices will be confirmed as soon as possible.

if you would like to apply for this event please contact either Darren on 01264 395445, mob 07971215876, e-mail – Darren.phillips@ntlworld.com or myself.

MASTERS 2011 – IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ESPECIALLY FOR QUALIFYING HEAT ORGANISERS

In the search for new venues to increase interest and generate more anglers fishing the finals, I have accepted an early bid from Ian Bowell to fish the 2011 Masters at Orford



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Island and Pakefield beaches. This will be in April/May time and because of the short qualifying period I will start accepting qualifiers with immediate effect. Obviously when sending in your results you will need to clearly specify which year the qualifier is for. More details will follow in a future Newsletter.

NATIONAL SEA LEAGUE

The 2009 final was fished by a total of 29 five man teams at Eastbourne over the weekend 21/22 November

Disappointedly the second was lost due to adverse weather conditions, but Saturday saw a very interesting and competitive match, with plenty of whiting, bass and flounder to target.

The match was dominated by the Ipswich based team IMAX Team Porters who managed 3 zone wins, a second and a fourth to give them a total points score of only 9 points.

This put them well clear of another Anglian club, Eagles who came second with 22 points. Local team Zziplex Match Team took third place with 40 points.

More than £ 8000 in prize money and pools was paid out at the event.

Winning team took away over £ 2500, 2nd £ 1550, 3rd £ 1100, 4th £ 920, 5th £ 500.

Top angler of the day was Alan Price of North Wales Ultima who amassed 753 weight points, equivalent to 15lbs 11 oz.

The weather forecast for the Sunday had been bad all week, so in the interest of fairness the organizers put it to team captains that if the met office forecast was to exceed mean wind speeds of 35-40mph and gusts of 45 – 55mph then conditions would be deemed unsafe and the match cancelled. Met forecast for Sunday was mean of 40mph and gusts of 68mph. In the event the forecast proved to be very accurate and anyone who stayed in Eastbourne during the day could see the justification.

Anyone interested in fishing or organizing a league should contact John Amery on tel. 01995 61211, john-samf@ry-isp.co.uk.

NIGEL ROBINSON MEMORIAL MATCH

There wasn't a Nigel Robinson Memorial Match in 2009 and the bank balance now stands at £1924. There has not been any need for the funds in recent years, therefore it has been decided that this will now lie dormant until it is needed. The event can always be started again if needs be.

DAIWA PAIRS

Despite the difficult financial climate, the SAMF 2009 Daiwa Irish Pairs again attracted a significant turnout with 120 anglers competing in this prestigious annual fishing week.

As always the competition was very tough with Eammon Foggerty and Paul Whelan from Dublin taking top honours, with Colin Carey and Darren Bond in second place. A full report and result listings can be downloaded from www.irishpairs.co.uk



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Because of problems with accommodation, HQ etc. this years event has been brought forward one day so that registration will be on Friday 24th September and the first match will be on Saturday 25th September. The prize presentation night will be Thursday 30th September. Again full details are on the website.

INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE.

It has been decided that we want to give this competition another chance. There are a few volunteers already to organise leagues, but we are looking for more. It has not been decided where the final is going to be but possibly Skegness or Kent area in November. If you would like to run a league or incorporate the competition within another league please contact Eddie on 01308 425925 or e-mail – eddiechesilleague@hotmail.com

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

We will be applying to send a team for the 2010 event which was being held in the Algarve, Portugal at the end of April, with the target species being mainly garfish and mullet. As a matter of urgency, anyone wanting to be considered for the team should contact John Amery on tel. 01995 61211, john-samf@ry-isp.co.uk.

Well there you go, a lot of info for you to digest and I am sorry if some of it has been doom and gloom, but rest assured your committee are not going to let things go without a fight. I would just like to finish by thanking you all for your continued support.

Regards

Andy Steele

SAMF Secretary

Footnote – Angling Trust have asked us to organise the Guernsey championships on their behalf, watch this space.

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I enclose my Annual Subscription of £20 for SAMF membership for the year 2010, or £200 to cover life membership. For juniors aged 16 or less the fee is £5. Please make cheques payable to ‘SAMF’

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