

**KING'S ARMS
& CHESHUNT
ANGLING SOCIETY**



FOUNDED 1910

OFFICIAL RULES

March 2016

Past & Present Member's Achievements

Dickie Carr

England International

Gary Miller

Section Winner NFA Nationals for Kings Arms

Former Image Van den Eynde Team Member

John Cowan

Individual Winner 1991 NFA Division 2 National – River Severn

Lee Batty

Individual 3rd 1995 NFA Junior National – River Nene

Keith Baker/Len Miller/Ray Nimmo/Toby Sayers/ Les Burton/Ron Paine

Winners LAA Shield 1973

Keith Baker/Len Miller/Ron Paine/Paul Standing

Paul Stockley/Alan Reed

Winners LAA Shield 1976

Keith Baker/Len Miller/Gary Miller/John Cowan

Dave Tarling/Mick Meek

Runners-up LAA Shield 1988

Gerry Harper

Holder of the Bream Record 1971 with a 12lb 12oz fish from the Suffolk Stour

Ray Nimmo

Winner LAA Lee Benevolent 1973

Doug Howell

Section Winner Division 4 National 2001- Basingstoke Canal

Geoff Sams, Doug Howell & Steve Hall

Division 4 National 2001 – Basingstoke Canal

Individually Placed 12th, 13th and 18th overall

Steve Hall

Section Winner Division 4 National 2003 – Bridgewater Canal

Steve Wall

Individual Winner Division 3 National 2006 – Basingstoke Canal

KING'S ARMS & CHESHUNT ANGLING SOCIETY

Affiliated to The Angling Trust, Turnford Consortium,
Fishers Green Consortium & Milton Keynes AA

Club Officers

President	Mr J Norcott
Vice-President	Mr K Baker

Executive Committee

Chairman	Mr D Howell
Vice-Chairman	Mr D Jordan
Secretary	Mr S Parker
Treasurer	Ms S Foster
Membership Secretary	Mr R Glindon
Fisheries Officer	Mr T Jones
Competition Manager	Mr D Jordan
Head Bailiff	Mr S Tomlin
Welfare Officer	Ms Leanne Kehoe
Minutes Secretary	

Committee

Press Officer	Mr A Rozbicki
Health & Safety	Mr S Parker
Junior Manager	Mr D Howell
Trophy/Social Secretary	Ms N Tobias
Web Master	Mr A Foskett
Membership Assistant	Mrs Diane Horler
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Carp Anglers Rep	Mr Dave Deacon

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Club History

The following article was written in 1974 and gives a background to our origins. Author unknown.

Almost any good reference book will tell you that Issac Walton, the first and probably the best known angling personality ever produced died in 1683 aged 85 years.

But if you were to ask a member of The Kings Arms Angling Society, who feature a picture of the Elizabethan Angler on their club badge, how old their Society was they wouldn't be able to answer.

For this is a mystery that Club Historian & Vice President, Mr A. Notman has been unable to unravel despite many years of research all he can say for certain that the club then known as the Kings Arms Otters was in existence a 100 years ago and could possibly date back as much as another 200 years.

You may ask at this point just what old Issac had to do with all this, well strangely enough there is a strong link. One of Mr Notman's lines of enquiry has shown that the clubs first headquarters, the Kings Arms, which stood until demolished to make way for road improvements in the early 60's, was a 16th century fishing Inn on the Lea Bank at Waltham Abbey and Issac Walton had often stayed there on trips to his favourite River Lea in the area.

The old Kings Arms, which will be known to many of the older residents, if for no other reason that its front door which lay some three feet below the level if the road was entered by a flight of steps that formed part of the roadside pavement. The inside was certainly a part of angling history for it still contained bar long lockers to hold the guests rods and tackle as well as outbuilding where until a recent date the Landlord would brew the beer that was sold over the bar.

The Society which until recently was for match fishing only, joined the London Anglers Association in 1953, had a limit of 20 members, but this was lifted in 1960 and it remains to this date one of the few local clubs whose membership was open to any local adult and family who is interested in fishing at a fee below most clubs and has a current membership of 256.

About 7 years ago (1967) the membership took a direct decision to lease its own local waters. At this time the only site available to them was a derelict area at Dark Lane, Cheshunt that had been a Moat and the land of a 16th Century Farmhouse. Over the next few months the members themselves set to work dredging and clearing out the tons of rubbish that had been dumped in the water. They raised the water level and restocked the Fishery.

So impressed were the landlords, the Hertfordshire Education Committee with the results, they had the area classified as a Nature Reserve.

Today, together with its fellow local club the Cheshunt AS, with whom they have recently amalgamated the joint Society control some eight acres of private fishing in three local fisheries.

If any member has any information to add to the above or old photographs please contact the Chairman at our Meetings.

CONSTITUTION OF THE KING'S ARMS & CHESHUNT ANGLING SOCIETY

1. THE NAME OF THE SOCIETY

The Club shall be known as the Kings Arms & Cheshunt Angling Society and will be affiliated to the Angling Trust

2. THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SOCIETY

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

Provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of angling.

To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in the sport of angling.

To manage Club facilities to ensure a safe and practical environment for angling.

To ensure both moral and legal duty of care to all members of the Club.

To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

3. HEADQUARTERS

a) **Cheshunt Royal British Legion Club**, 37 Crossbrook Street, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross EN8 8LR, or any alternative venue as may be determined by the Committee.

(b) There shall be an ordinary meeting of the Society every second Tuesday in each month commencing at 8.00 pm

4. MEMBERSHIP

a) Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons who complete an application form and pay the current annual subscription, irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of angling as a sport. Exceptions are those excluded due to a previous disciplinary process. Completion of the Membership Application Form constitutes an agreement to abide by the Constitution, Codes of Practice, Policies and Rules that the Club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

Full Members

Concessionary - Senior Citizens
- Juniors (under age 17 on application)
- Registered Disabled
- Under 12 years

Life Members

All paid up members shall have full voting rights. Membership fees shall be set annually and agreed by the Executive/Management Committee and ratified at the December Extraordinary General Meeting

(b) Candidates elected or accepted to the Society shall, upon paying the current joining and subscription fee, be on probation for the first twelve months and if it is felt that their behavior is undesirable to the society, the Committee reserve the right to demand the members resignation after due caution.

(c) Each senior member must attend ONE official working party in each year. Any member failing to attend the same, shall be surcharged the sum of £15 or a sum set at the AGM which will be added to the next seasons subscription..

(d) Any member who's subscription is unpaid by the due date (latest 1st June of each year), shall be deemed to have ceased membership and will forfeit all rights and privileges of the society and will pay all debts incurred before what is deemed to be the date of resignation. Only members fully paid up prior to a competition are entitled to score points or win trophies..

(e) Any member losing their membership card will pay the appropriate cost for replacement.

(f) Members who have completed 25 years continuous membership can apply to the Secretary for life membership which will be granted on the discretion of the Committee.

(g) Junior ages are to be in the year from 1st April when they are 12 to 15 years old, when they are 16 on the 1st April they become Seniors even if they are in receipt of a discounted membership fee

5. TRUSTEES AND PROPERTY

(a) Property of the Society (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer) shall be vested in at least two appointed trustees, and no more than three. The Committee shall have the power to remove any trustee from office and fill any vacancy by removal, death or resignation by the committee. The trustees (and/or Committee shall be indemnified against any risk or expense arising from the Society, property or in pursuance of their office. Members and their guests shall use the Society property and facilities at their own risk. No member shall remove any property belonging to the Society without official consent.

6. FINANCE AND INSURANCE

The Society and its property held in trust shall be insured for such amount against such risks as may be determined by the committee in the name of the trustee or Society where appropriate.

All Club monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Club. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the accounts and for submitting a full audited Balance Sheet and Loss & Profit Sheet to the Annual General Meeting. They shall also provide a statement of accounts at each Management Meeting. Cheque's written on behalf of the Club shall have two signatories from amongst the Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or the Chair Person

The Financial year shall be 1st January to 31st December annually.
 The Membership year shall be 1st April to 31st March annually.
 On retiring from office he/she shall hand to the successor of Chair Person all books, papers and monies belonging to the Club.
 Trustees and Auditors shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting

7. MANAGEMENT

The Club shall be managed by an Executive/Management Committee elected by its members at the Annual General Meeting. All officers shall be elected for one year at the AGM with the exception of the Hon. Secretary who shall be elected on the first ordinary meeting in December

The Management Committee shall consist of the following officers:

Chair Person	}	Executive
Vice-Chair Person	}	Executive
Honorary Secretary	}	Executive
Honorary Treasurer	}	Executive
Match Secretary	}	Executive
Fishery Officer	}	Executive
Membership Officer	}	Executive
Head Bailiff	}	Executive
Minutes Secretary	}	Executive
Welfare Officer	}	Executive
Head Coach	}	Committee
Health & Safety Officer	}	Committee
Publicity Officer	}	Committee
Webmaster	}	Committee
Trophy/Social Secretary	}	Committee
Membership Assistant	}	Committee
Fishery Assistant(s)	}	Committee
Carp Anglers Rep	}	Committee

The Management Committee shall have the power to take all actions necessary for the efficient running of the Club to achieve the aims and objectives of the Club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisors to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfill its business

Five members of the Management Committee excluding the Chair shall be deemed to form a quorum.

Each member of the Management Committee shall have a single vote with exception of the Chair or person acting as Chair, who, in the event of a tie, shall cast a vote to maintain status quo.

(b) The Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Executive Committee, (hereafter called The Committee) whenever called to do so by any two members of the Committee, five members of the committee shall form a quorum.

(c) The Executive Committee will control the yearly income and expend the same for the benefit of the Society and have power to constitute any sub-Committees deemed expedient and delegate to the sub-Committee such powers as may be necessary. The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal or amend all such by-laws (not inconsistent with these rules), as may be necessary for effective management and the well being of the society, all by-laws and regulations made by the Committee under this rule shall be binding until repealed or set aside by a resolution of a general meeting of the Society.

(d) The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the object of them to be generous and guiding in their application.

(e) In all matters demanding an immediate decision the Chairman, Hon. Secretary and a minimum of three other Committee members shall be empowered to act in the Society's interest.

(f) The Fishery Officer shall appoint an Assistant Fisheries Officer plus three Fishery Assistants to work with him. Such appointees to be made on a yearly basis and they will be Officers of the Club.

(g) Disciplinary matters will be dealt with by a committee of a minimum of three Executive Officers,

(h) The Match Committee to comprise the following persons, Competition Secretary plus two others. The Committee will meet on a regular basis usually the First Tuesday in each Month.

8. VOTING

At all meetings of the Society shall be by a show of hands unless on any motion a ballot is required. The Chairman shall be a second or casting vote.

9. MEETINGS

The Executive or Management Committee shall meet on such dates as it shall agree.

10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held not later than 1st June in each year to transact the following business.

To receive reports from the executive Officers of the Club.

To receive, and if approved, to adopt the statement of Club Accounts.

To appoint auditors in accordance with the Constitution.

To consider and if approved, sanction any duly made alteration to the Constitution.

Appoint the Management Committee in accordance with the Constitution.
To deal with any special matter which Members bring before the Club.
Any items for the Annual General Meeting must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary in writing at least one month prior to the meeting.

Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all current members of the Club not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

Each member shall have a single vote with a simple majority required to pass a motion. In the event of a tie the Chair Person shall have an additional vote which must be passed in the status quo.

(d) Proposers and seconders shall be present at the AGM to validate their proposals and the candidate where appropriate.

(e) The ordinary meeting shall commence after the AGM is completed (time permitting)

11. EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

An EGM will be held in December to elect/re-elect the Secretary and to ratify Membership Fees for the new season commencing April 1st.

The Management Committee shall have the right to call an Extraordinary General Meeting outside of the Annual General Meeting. Procedures for an EGM are as per an AGM. Members shall call for an Extraordinary Meeting by submitting A letter stating the reason for the Meeting and having been signed by 20 members

12. DISSOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY

The Society shall remain active provided that at least twenty ordinary members belong to it and provided the majority agree. Any property or assets shall be disposed of by the remaining members provided that all outstanding liabilities have been satisfied at the dissolution meeting. Any monies remaining will be shared out among the remaining members of the Society at that date based on years of continuous membership

13. DISCIPLINE & CONTROLS

All complaints regarding the behaviour of Members of the Club in respect of activities detrimental to the Club's Aims and Objectives, contrary to this Constitution, Rules or Policies that the Club has adopted or likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute must be presented in writing to the Club Secretary. The Executive Officers of the Group shall hear complaints within 28 days of a complaint being lodge to consider the complaint. The Executive Officers shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including suspension or expulsion of membership from the Club.

The outcome of the disciplinary hearing shall be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

Both the complainant and the member against whom the complaint was made shall have the right of appeal to the whole Management Committee against the disciplinary hearing decision. The appeal request must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall call a Management Committee Meeting within 1 month of the request for appeal.

A member subject to a disciplinary punishment has a further right to appeal against the sentence imposed by a disciplinary hearing but not the offence. The Complainant and Member against whom the complaint was made shall have the right to represent themselves to the Management Committee and the matter shall be decided by majority vote.

14. GENERAL RULES FOR THE FISHERIES

(a) ADMITTANCE and PARKING. All vehicles to be parked (other than bicycles) in an approved parking area.

(b) Members, day members and guests may only enter by authorised entrances and are requested to keep to the footpaths leading to fisheries banks. Where a gate has been opened to gain admittance to a fishery, then it should be closed again immediately afterwards and where necessary locked.

(c) All members, day members and guests must keep within the boundaries of Society fisheries and all official entrances must be adhered to, members must not wander on private grounds unless they have obtained special permission to do so.

(d) No member, day member or guest is to interfere with any private property, livestock or growing crops on or adjacent to any of the Society's fisheries.

(e) It is an offence to take, attempt to take, kill or in any way interfere with any bird, game or animal life on or adjacent to any of the Society's fisheries.

(f) It is strictly prohibited to camp, light fires, dig the banks for worms or any other purpose or for any member, day member or guest to have on his person, use or carry any **rifle, gun, small arm or gaff** on any Society fishery. The use of Audio and Visual equipment is banned on all Club waters unless used with personal headphones.

(g) All Angling Trust rules shall appertain to fisheries. Particular attention is drawn to the following rules which must be observed on club waters.

No rod is to be left unattended.

Only one rod may be in use at a time, although extra rods may be assembled on the bank. (Except waters where additional rods are allowed, in which case they must not be more than one metre apart.) A marker rod is allowed on Friday Lake in addition to the maximum of three rods. See Fishery Rules for number of rods allowed

Keep nets must not be smaller than the approved minimum of 2 metres long.

- (h) Where Night Fishing is not allowed anglers must be packed and clear of Society fisheries by Dusk
- (i) **No member, day member or guest shall take onto any Society fishery any glass bottles, tins or cans** or leave broken nylon lines, hook lengths or discarded hooks on the banks of the said fisheries. All litter shall be taken away by members or placed in litter bins (where provided).
- (j) All members, day members and guests must have on their person, while fishing Society waters, a valid day permit or membership card and Environment Agency Licence. Membership cards are not transferable and must not be used by unauthorised persons.
- (k) Members, day members and guests must not cause annoyance or offence to any local resident, member of the local public, landlord, private or private or public servant or occupant or owner of any boat all who have the right to be on or use any Society fishery or area surrounding the same. Members, day members and guests must conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times when using club waters.
- (l) No member day or guest may take away or introduce any fish without the express permission of a member of the executive Committee. All fish are to be returned as soon as practically possible, in the best possible condition.
- (m) No member, day member or guest may release to the press or any other institution details regarding fish, fishing or fisheries without the express permission of the Press officer or an executive officer.
- (n) Any pollution, damage to gates, locks, fences, banks, bridges, stiles, notice boards, dams sluices or matters affecting the waters in any way or any of the Society's fisheries must be reported to a member of the executive Committee at once.
- (o) All members are deemed to be Honorary bailiffs whilst on Society fisheries and must assist in the prevention of the breaking of fishery rules and conditions or the performance of any act detrimental to the Society's interests by reporting to a member of the executive committee at once.
- (p) No member, day member or guest shall fish with litter around them, whether their own or that left by other persons.
- (q) A member may bring a guest onto Society water only at the discretion of the Secretary and before doing so must obtain written permission at the club meeting prior to the required date and purchase from him a guest ticket at the appropriate rate. Whilst on the water the member will be fully responsible in every way for his Guest's behavior.
- (r) Coloured maggots can be used but no toxic dyes allowed.
- (s) The use of Audio and Visual equipment is banned on all Club Waters unless used with personal headphones.
- (t) No peanuts to be used as bait or groundbait.
- (u) Bent hook rigs are banned on all waters.

(v) On Club waters, members in pursuit of large fish must carry and use a landing net and unhooking mat of a size appropriate for the safe landing and unhooking of said fish.

(w) Bait Boats are banned on all Club Fisheries

(x) No braided main lines are to be used for fishing on Club waters except for spodding, marker float use and pike fishing. Use for pike fishing is only allowed during the period 1st October to 31st March, with a suitable line strength being used. Use of a braided mainline does not remove the need for using the appropriate wire trace(s) Pike anglers are reminded to exercise due diligence regarding the condition of the last 10 metres of line and remove any line showing signs of wear.”

ANY MEMBER FOUND TO HAVE BROKEN ANY OF THESE RULES, CONDITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THIS BOOK SHALL, IF FOUND GUILTY BY THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, BE LIABLE TO SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION FROM THE SOCIETY

COMPETITION RULES

(1) On club competitions the signal to START and CEASE fishing shall be given by the Match Captain of the Day. The time to cease fishing and the boundaries of the venue are to be decided by the Match Captain at the venue prior to the start of the match.

IF THE MATCH CAPTAIN IS NOT PRESENT, THEN A MEMBER OF THE MATCH COMMITTEE OR GENERAL COMMITTEE WOULD TAKE CHARGE OF THE MATCH IN HIS PLACE.

(2) No member is allowed to fish a venue that has been picked or printed on the venue list for six clear days before the venue is to be fished, except Club Waters.

(3) The 'numbers away' system is to be used, 'Numbers Away' is to be called by the Member with the highest draw number, (under this system, no member may pass the person in front until the leading person has either selected his/her swim, or calls for the following member to pass.)

Where a 'Peg Down' match is arranged, then the member may go to his/her swim/peg in no particular order. (please see rule 8)

(4) Scales are to be taken to the fish.

(5) Scales to be taken by the first and second member away (except for OAP's, disabled and juniors). These members are responsible to weigh in.

(6) Distressed fish are to be verified by the nearest member and weighed in immediately.

(7) Members late for matches must make themselves known to the Match Captain before fishing in the match. Persons turning up late at Meeting Place or Venue will be allowed to enter the Pools.

(8) No member to change his/her peg in a peg down unless prior to the start of the match it is found to be unfishable. **Then only with the Match Captains consent.**

The member shall not be permitted to choose a peg but will be required to draw at random a peg from those remaining unused on the original boundary.

The redraw to take place under the supervision of the Match Captain.

(9) No member is to fish within 14 metres of a fellow member except for the following conditions:-

A: Where permanent pegs/swims are marked on the venue being fished, when members must fish from the pegs marked, which may be less than 14 metres apart.

B: In exceptional circumstances, which must be with the agreement of the Match Captain prior to the start of fishing, where 6 metres is the minimum. The exception to the rule is for Ladies and Juniors who may fish closer than 14 metres, with no restriction on the distance between them and an accompanying adult or partner.

- (10) Where rules governing water being fished allows, more than one rod or pole may be made up, however, the member shall have in use only one rod or pole, one line and a single hook at one time, but may have other rods or poles and tackle assembled in a position, (if possible) behind them, providing that the other tackle is unbaited.
- (11) No spinning, fish livebait or deadbait allowed except for Pike matches which are spinning or deadbait only.
- (12) Each member shall be responsible for ensuring that the correct weight of his or her catch is recorded by the referee or steward.
- (13) No rod and line is to be left unattended in the water.
- (14) Keepnets are only to be used in the swim being fished.
- (15) If members wish to change swims on a roving match, all fish must be returned to water without recorded weight.
- (16) No member will be weighed in before the end of the match, except under exceptional circumstances.
- (17) Every member must fish within one yard of an imaginary line drawn between their peg and the water, on flowing water they will fish from their position in the direction of the flow as far as the next peg, on still water they may fish as far as half the distance between their peg and the peg on either side, where members are drawn on opposite banks the limit of the swim will be midway between each bank, the members will restrict their activities completely to these boundaries.
- (18) Wading will be permitted providing rules appertaining to the fishery allows.
- (19) Assistance may be used to land fish.
- (20) No competitor may have their catch weighed who has litter lying on the banks of their swim.
- (21) All freshwater fish in season are eligible for weighing except Minnows and Sticklebacks. Not eligible are Pike, Game fish and crustaceans.
- (22) Members must not on any account in a match, groundbait the swim or disturb the water other than to position their keepnet, plumb the depth or wet groundbait before the starting signal.
- (23) Members must retain fish in keepnets of not less than 2 metres in length with a diameter of not less than 381mm for circular nets or of a size not less than 381mm by 254mm for rectangular nets, members must if practicable, keep alive all fish caught, which after being weighed must be carefully returned to the water, if for any reason members cannot keep fish alive, the Match Captain shall have the power to weigh in during the course of the match and return the fish to the water.
- (24) Any controversial matter that may arise on club matches shall be reported to the Match Captain, who will refer to the Match committee for adjudication.

(25) On club matches any member observing an infringement of the match rules should report the matter to the Match Captain or the nearest member of the match committee immediately.

The Match Captain or match committee member shall then verify the transgression without delay, and if in doubt refer to the match committee for adjudication by the next meeting, or if a clear breaking of the match rules is confirmed, take the appropriate action.

(26) Whether a venue is fishable or not will be decided by a simple majority vote of those members attending. The Match Captain will not vote unless in the event of a tie when he will have the casting vote.

(27) Any person breaking a club rule is liable to possible expulsion from the Society, and if the offence occurs during a competition is liable for disqualification from the said match or league.

TROPHIES AND CLUB COMPETITIONS

(1) No trophy shall become the sole property of any member. A member who wins it on three consecutive seasons will be provided with a suitable trophy obtained by the Society to commemorate this achievement and be presented to the member at the Society's prize presentation.

(2) All returnable trophies shall be the responsibility of the prize winner for the year and the member will be held fully responsible for its safe undamaged return. In the case of loss or damage to the relevant items the member shall fully reimburse the Society for a replacement.

All trophies to be returned by the first meeting in February of each year in a presentable and clean condition.

(3) Any member leaving the club or not renewing their membership for the forthcoming season to return all Trophies, Keys and club property to the committee, on the day of leaving. All replicas remain the property of the individual winners.

Club Championship

Points for championship to be decided on best 10 results from 15 designated championship matches. Points start at 50 for winner and decrease by one point per place. In view of this points system it's advisable for all members to have their fish recorded at the end of a match whatever they have caught.

Junior Championship

Separate points on all 15 Club Championship Outings. 25 for 1st, 20 for 2nd, 15 for 3rd, 10 for 4th, 5 for 5th then 4, 3, 2, 1. Points also awarded for main Championship as per placing.

Ladies Championship

Points on all 15 Club Championship Outings awarded as per placing in all matches.

Senior Gross Weight Championship

Total Gross weight from all 15 Championship outings.

Junior Gross Weight Championship

Total Gross weight from all 15 Championship outings.

Angler of the Year

Chosen by Competition Committee

Clubman of the Year

Chosen by Executive Committee.

Junior of the Year & Most Promising Junior

Chosen by Junior Manager/Match Committee

Winter Champion

Winner with highest POINTS total for all Championship outings after 1st October

Summer Knockout

Commencing on the first outing in June, drawn by lottery from those present, each round to be fished over one outing. Winner of each round to be decided by weight. Members blanking on any round are automatically eliminated. i.e. No toss of coin if both blank.

Winter Knockout

Commencing on the first outing in October, drawn by lottery from those present, each round to be fished over one outing. Winner of each round to be decided by weight. Members blanking on any round are automatically eliminated. i.e. No toss of coin if both blank.

Vic Hull Memorial

Top Junior on designated match

The Stan Sabbarton Memorial Officers Cup

Winner of a designated Match. Match open to the elected Club Officers and Committee members.

Blackstock Cup, Stephanie Nimmo Cup, Warner Memorial, Joseph Lee Memorial, Fred Clarke Memorial, Pike Match, 24 Hour Carp Match, Carp Pairs Match, Night Hawk Trophy, Ladies Shield & ACA Trophy
Winner of designated Match.

Most Fish Trophy

Highest count of Fish on designated match regardless of weight.

James Egan Pair

Combined weights of pairs drawn by lottery on designated match

Lea Challenge Cup

Winner of designated single match on River Lea/Lea Navigation.

Brookfield Lane Shield

Winner of 24Hour Carp Match on Brookfield Lake..

Junior Shield

Winner of designated Junior Match

Miles Trophy

Winner of designated match on the Upper Ouse

Mary Lee Cup

Best bag on 18 championship matches.

Gary Carter

Best Junior Bag on 18 championship Matches.

Joseph Lee Best Specimen

Best of all specimens caught on club matches open to all members.

Specimen Carp Trophy

Best specimen caught on 24 Hour Carp match.

Chub Cup, Perch Shield, Barbel Cup, Roach Cup, Carp Cup, Bream Cup, Rudd, Pike Cup, Tench Shield, Dace Cup.

Best specimen of each species caught on club matches lasting no longer than 12 hours

Thames Cup

Winner of designated Thames Match. If there is more than one match then the best overall points total wins. If points are equal then highest weight to decide.

Fur & Feather

Winner of Christmas Match.

The Kin Trophy

This Trophy is to promote family ties within our Club. The Match is to be for a parent and child of the same family regardless of age and sex, ie- Father & Son, Daughter or Mother & Son/Daughter, Husband & Wife or members of the same family. The Match is to be fished at a local water on a SUNDAY between 1st June and 31st October. August being omitted due to families taking their holidays.

The following are the basic rules to be applied:

- (a) Both team members are to be of the same family
- (b) Both are to be Club Members
- (c) Junior members under the age of Eleven may fish in the same swim as the parent if desired
- (d) Total Weight of both team members to decide the result.
- (e) Club Membership cards and Rod Licence to be shown at draw
- (f) The Match to start at 10am and finish at 3pm.

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But if you were to ask a member of The Kings Arms Angling Society, who feature a picture of the Elizabethan Angler on their club badge, how old their Society was they wouldn't be able to answer.

For this is a mystery that Club Historian & Vice President, Mr A. Notman has been unable to unravel despite many years of research all he can say for certain that the club then known as the Kings Arms Otters was in existence a 100 years ago and could possibly date back as much as another 200 years.

You may ask at this point just what old Issac had to do with all this, well strangely enough there is a strong link. One of Mr Notman's lines of enquiry has shown that the clubs first headquarters, the Kings Arms, which stood until demolished to make way for road improvements in the early 60's, was a 16th century fishing Inn on the Lea Bank at Waltham Abbey and Issac Walton had often stayed there on trips to his favourite River Lea in the area.

The old Kings Arms, which will be known to many of the older residents, if for no other reason that its front door which lay some three feet below the level if the road was entered by a flight of steps that formed part of the roadside pavement. The inside was certainly a part of angling history for it still contained bar long lockers to hold the guests rods and tackle as well as outbuilding where until a recent date the Landlord would brew the beer that was sold over the bar.

The Society which until recently was for match fishing only, joined the London Anglers Association in 1953, had a limit of 20 members, but this was lifted in 1960 and it remains to this date one of the few local clubs whose membership was open to any local adult and family who is interested in fishing at a fee below most clubs and has a current membership of 256.

About 7 years ago (1967) the membership took a direct decision to lease its own local waters. At this time the only site available to them was a derelict area at Dark Lane, Cheshunt that had been a Moat and the land of a 16th Century Farmhouse. Over the next few months the members themselves set to work dredging and clearing out the tons of rubbish that had been dumped in the water. They raised the water level and restocked the Fishery.

So impressed were the landlords, the Hertfordshire Education Committee with the results, they had the area classified as a Nature Reserve.

Today, together with its fellow local club the Cheshunt AS, with whom they have recently amalgamated the joint Society control some eight acres of private fishing in three local fisheries.

If any member has any information to add to the above or old photographs please contact the Chairman at our Meetings.

Weil's Disease. Members must cover any cuts or abrasions on their exposed skin with a waterproof dressing to reduce the chances of this disease entering the blood stream, which could be present in the water of some of our fisheries.

Weil's disease or "Leptospirosis" is caused by a bacterium which is carried in the urine of infected or domestic or wild animals, particularly rats. We can catch the disease from water contaminated with such urine. This could include ponds, lakes, reservoirs, rivers, streams and canals. It can also be caught from wet banks and vegetation beside rivers, lakes etc., which can become contaminated in the same way. The risk is greater when stagnant or slow moving water is involved, but cases have occurred on swift moving streams. Infection is usually through cuts in the skin and mucous membranes in the mouth, nose and eyes. It can also result from swallowing contaminated water. The risk is greatly increased if you have cuts or abrasions on your skin. Those at greatest risk are people who work alongside sewers, rivers, ditches, ponds etc., or who take part in water based recreation.

The earliest symptoms suggest 'flu e.g. high temperature, general muscle or joint pains. Don't delay telling your doctor if you have these symptoms after being at risk.

If left untreated more serious symptoms develop, such as jaundice, kidney, or heart problems which can have fatal results. As Leptospirosis is a rare disease, it may not be among your doctors first thoughts unless you let him know that you have been in or near water.

Diagnosis is by blood test which can usually be arranged locally