

The Linton Angling Society

Founded 1946 - Members A.C.A. & K.F.C.A.

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REMINDER TO ALL JUNIOR ANGLERS for 2004/5 season

Dear juniors

Just to remind you all of the Rules, please obey them, it's in everyone's interest to do so.

In the 2002/3 season we had to expel 2 juniors for bad behavior & rule breaking, this season our bailiffs reported that there were a small number of complaints; some of you are still taking liberties, namely, night fishing without an adult member being present & deliberately casting across other anglers lines, (Manor Farm)

Don't! You know who you are, we catch you again, and you're out!

We have decided not to run the normal Junior league matches in 2004-05, this is mainly due to the very low number of junior entrants for last years competitions; with a total of 87 members in the junior section we would have thought there would have been a better response. Obviously not the type of event you want!

Therefore we are going to try different type of event.

This summer we are going to run four "Junior Fishing Days". These will be run on a much more informal basis, more of a fun family fishing event. The main features of these will be:

- All Junior members are welcome (this also includes their brothers, sisters or friends)
- Events will be fully supervised.
- Tackle & bait available on request for any juniors who want to try their hand at angling.
- Possibility of a BBQ (depends on interest & numbers)
- Society Trophies for the heaviest bag, best specimen etc.
- Parents are also welcome to teach, supervise & fish as well.
- The venue will be closed to other anglers, no problem with getting a swim!

The dates are on the new membership cards. If you're interested, have any ideas or want to help, just give **Malcolm** or **Andrew** a ring.

- **Toke Farm Reservoir.** The following rule applies: **NO JUNIORS*** of **ANY AGE** will be allowed to fish **UNLESS** they are **ACCOMPANIED & SUPERVISED** by an **ADULT**, who will be held responsible for the junior's behavior. (*Does NOT apply to members OVER 17 years of age)
- **All Juniors UNDER** the age of **14 years** are **not** allowed to fish **any** L.A.S. waters **UNLESS** they are **accompanied & supervised** by an **ADULT**.
- **All juniors** between the ages of **14 years & 17 years** **MAY** fish alone **DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY (excluding Toke Farm Reservoir)** but their parents / guardians will be held responsible for their behavior.
- **NIGHT FISHING: NO JUNIORS* WILL BE ALLOWED TO NIGHT FISH UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED & SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.** (*Does NOT apply to members OVER 17 years of age)
- Combination Locks are on all venues Gates. These must remain **CLOSED & LOCKED** at **ALL** times. There will be a new number from 1st April 2004. **THIS IS ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP/FIXTURERS CARD.**
- **NO** junior **UNDER** the age of **17** may purchase Guest Permits.

NOTES TO PATENTS / GUARDIANS:

The Linton Angling Society is intent that children, young people & vulnerable adults will find angling a safe environment in which to have fun, learn & develop, & will seek to ensure this by adopting, using & promoting the **JAGB Child Protection Policy Guidelines**. Therefore in keeping with current legislation you are hereby advised of the Society's own qualified **Child Protection Officer (C.P.O.)**

Any problems, accidents or incidents involving a junior member whilst on any of Linton's waters **MUST** be reported **immediately** to our **Child Protection Officer - KEVIN JENNER** on **01622- 741054**.

The **Linton Angling Society** wishes to point out that all our Reservoirs are very deep & dangerous. **We would remind you of the declaration that you signed when you joined your Junior, the safety of your child is YOUR responsibility**, the L.A.S. will not be held responsible for any mishap to any juniors whilst they are on any property that is owned, leased or controlled by this Society.

Please help us to help your children, bad & unruly behavior & leaving litter nearly cost us the fishing rights on a venue in the past, so please advise your children accordingly.

Yours sincerely

Chris Knowler (Hon.Secretary)

For & on behalf of L.A.S. Committee.

1st April 2004