

The Linton Angling Society

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YOUR URGENT ATTENTION!

NEW RULE & DIRECTIVE CHANGES THAT APPLY TO ALL MEMBERS.

Dear Member

It's come to our notice that some members are fishing for Carp with floaters in the actual reed beds themselves & when hooked are bullying them out on strong lines & hook links, this isn't doing the fish any good at all, causing damage to their mouths & scales. Bailiffs report they have had to release three tethered fish already.

We appreciate that a hooked fish will run for cover or go for snags & are sometimes lost in the lilies & reeds', however deliberately fishing in them is something else! The various warnings issued to some members by our bailiffs have been ignored.

Therefore, at the committee meeting on 10th August 2004 it was decided to issue & implement a new Directive, this will take affect immediately:-

Directive 26. "No fishing directly amongst or within the actual confines of the reed & lily pad areas, this applies to all Linton waters."

Also take note of the revised Rules that apply to **ALL Junior Members**.

These were issued in May of this year. They are:-

- 1.) **NO JUNIORS* WILL BE ALLOWED TO NIGHT FISH UNLESS THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED AT ALL TIMES BY A FULL ADULT MEMBER. (i.e. Full card holding senior member over 20 years old)**
- 2.) JUNIOR "B" MEMBERS (i.e. **over 17 & under 20**) ARE ALLOWED TO NIGHT FISH, HOWEVER, THEY WILL **NOT** BE ALLOWED TO TAKE OR BE RESPONSIBLE FOR "A" OR "C" JUNIORS (i.e. ***those under 17 years old**)
- 3.) NO JUNIOR MEMBER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASE GUEST PERMITS OR TAKE GUESTS.
- 4.) NO JUNIORS WILL BE ALLOWED ON ANY OF LINTON'S WATERS UNLESS THEY ARE A CARD HOLDING MEMBER of the Linton Angling Society.
(THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR NON MEMBER FRIENDS & MATES WITH YOU!)
- 5.) NO CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARDS WITH YOU? NO FISHING! NO ARGUMENTS!

These rules we brought in because of serious incidents that occurred in April of this year, also they are to comply with certain legal requirements.

The farmer/landowner of the water involved wanted to BAN all juniors from night fishing.

We were able to persuade him otherwise with the above agreed rule changes. Any further problems & WE will ban ALL juniors from night fishing!

We would ask that parents / guardians help us in implementing this; our main concern is for the safety of all our members & being able to retain our waters.

We will rigorously enforce these new rule/directive amendments, we now have a number of additional bailiffs, they have been instructed to stamp out any rule breaking!

As a Society we want to encourage angling, it's very difficult when the small mindless minority spoil it for the rest of us. Our rules & directives are to protect "Our fish, fisheries & fishermen"

Chris Knowler (*Hon. Secretary*)

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

11th August 2004

P.S. Reluctantly we have just (August) had to ban another junior for deliberately disregarding the above rules.