

PORTSMOUTH ROYAL NAVY & ROYAL MARINES

COARSE ANGLING ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 2016

In the June Newsletter the Committee announced the opportunity to apply for keys for pedestrian access through the Green Gates in the layby on the B2177, and also a trial for the use of 2 rods on Southwick Park Lake. The application forms for both are now available for download from the website and facebook pages, and have been forwarded to members supplying email addresses.

Pedestrian access through the gates on the layby on the B2177 is strictly limited to Life, Service and Associate members, and regular Working Party volunteers. Those wishing to apply for keys may do so by completing the appropriate form and forwarding it with the deposit. The padlocks are high grade with individually serial numbered keys that can only be cut by the manufacturer on instructions from the Committee. Any member obtaining a key is to take care of it, never allow others to use it, and always lock the gates behind him/herself. Any infringement of these requirements will lead to the privilege being removed from that member – there will be no second chances.

From 1 Oct 16 to 31 Mar 17, for a trial period, on payment of an additional £20 membership fee, 2 rods may be used on Pegs 78 to 87 on the north bank and 63 to 77 on the south bank (a slight change to the June Newsletter). This is the area from the boathouse to Pinsley Bridge. Those using 2 rods must comply with all Association rules as modified by the additional rules on the application form. The announcement of this trial has generated an equal measure of support and trepidation for the potential impact of the water. The Committee hopes that all members will give this trial a fair hearing so that at the next AGM it can be properly discussed and either rejected, or (modified and) accepted for future years. Full details are in the June Newsletter.

The Committee has also reviewed the use of Exchange Books and decided that, with immediate effect, they may also be used by Southwick Park Lake Season Ticket Holders. The regulations surrounding Season Ticket Holders are under review and changes are likely to be proposed by the Committee for vote at the next AGM; details will follow nearer the time.

Some surveys have been completed and returned but the response rate is under 10% of the membership. A low response rate is normally a sign that all is well but if you have any suggestions for the Committee then please make use of the opportunity and return your completed survey to the Chairman by 15 Aug 16 so that the findings can be reviewed, and work commissioned, ahead of the next AGM in Jan 17.

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