



Angling Club



NEWSLETTER: January 2024 (1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025)

Dear Members

Happy New Year to you all.

During last year, despite difficult times, Coors AC helped to raise over £4,000 for various cancer charities and this takes on extra special significance as tragically we've recently lost some great friends and anglers to this terrible disease. A big thank you goes to all who made donations and those who gave their time freely to help support these very worthwhile charities.

We are extremely pleased to report that we have retained all our waters and the membership fees will again remain the same going forward.

Hopefully this extended run of extremely wet weather will end soon and the river level/conditions will improve before the season ends. Either way, our canal stretch will always be available whatever the weather brings and is becoming the venue of choice for serious canal match anglers. The match winning weights and, more importantly, the back up weights along with the reports highlighted on the website show just how good the canal fishes.

During April the Middle Lake will see planned bank improvement work with at least two platform stages being replaced. Fish stocks, with the help of the EA, are currently being assessed and some mid-week matches will be part of this process prior to restocking, with Tench being one of the species under consideration. All who volunteer for a work party on the lake will be able to take part in a 'free to enter' work party fishing match with some excellent prizes to be won. Further updates on the lake will be provided when we have more information.

We didn't manage to replace all of the original wooded stages on Baileys last year as planned but the remainder will be completed before the new season. The new recycled plastic stages extend out over the river just that bit further giving a feeling of being closer to the action!

During the summer we first noticed Floating Pennywort appearing in the river and we've been on a very steep learning curve ever since. This non-native invasive weed was brought into the country by the aquatic nursery industry as an ornamental pond plant, which predictably has found its way into rivers and canals etc.

[Floating pennywort | Canal & River Trust \(canalrivertrust.org.uk\)](https://canalrivertrust.org.uk)

As you would expect we're on the case and are in discussions with the EA and river users in Burton in a joined up approach to remove/control the Floating Pennywort through Burton. Whilst we are hopeful that we will be successful in finding a solution, Floating Pennywort is extremely prolific and we cannot say where or how it arrived in our stretch of the river other than it floated down possibly when the river levels were high. Regrettably this problem may become something we have to deal with on a regular basis.

This year's river open match dates and canal bookings will be published on our website together with canal match reports. River match reports with photographs and occasionally banter! will be posted on Coors Angling Club Facebook page.

This year's **AGM** will be held on **Sunday, 7 April 2024** at the **Washlands club** at **11.00 am**. There will also be an opportunity to renew memberships and obviously anyone new wishing to join the club will be made most welcome. New membership cards will be available on the day. We would appreciate it if members could please confirm their attendance at the AGM by contacting Graham, **gtoon@aol.com**, no later than 5 April 2024.

Any member who is unable to attend the AGM but has any issues or ideas they wish to raise with the Committee, please feel free to contact us and we'll do our very best to answer.

Coors AC club matches will be held again this year and when the match schedule with dates/venues has been confirmed we will provide further information.

Our membership runs from 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025 and for anyone wishing to join the club before 1 April we will include the remainder of this season plus all of next for the same joining fee. We'll also make a similar offer to canal anglers and providing they include a valid canal card with their membership form we will reduce their membership fee accordingly.

Paying membership fees via a bank transfer is an option that is becoming more popular and if you prefer this method please email **gtoon@aol.com** for the club's bank details. If you are paying by bank transfer we appreciate an additional £2 to cover postage of your membership card.

As we appreciate members renewing their membership promptly, we are again running a special 'free to enter' raffle for everyone who pays their membership fees during April, both existing and new members. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of April 2024. The lucky winner will receive a quality prize and further details will be communicated shortly.

Coors AC have always believed less is best when it comes to rules, relying on members to use their own commonsense and together with a desire to look after nature and wildlife whilst fishing. However, the club has a few rules which need to be followed, please take the time to read and familiarise yourself with our rules which have been updated and can be found on the website before you go fishing.

With the majority of our regular work party volunteers (heroes) scheduled to be busy replacing staging on Baileys and dealing with the Floating Pennywort situation, we are going to be stretched regarding getting the river ready for business for 16 June. Anyone willing to help in any way will be made most welcome and we'll provide more information on work parties in the Spring.

For those wishing to get a good understanding of both the most consistent river pegs and best approach to fishing them, I'd suggest volunteering to join the scales team on the open matches. It's guaranteed to improve your fishing! If you have no experience of using match weighing scales, don't worry you'll be working in pairs with an existing member of the team.

Anyone who is interested in helping the club by becoming a bailiff please contact Tony **tony@vandome1.plus.com**

Finally, remember when you have a great day's fishing with everything going your way, these days are often referred to as red letter days. Unfortunately when absolutely nothing is going right, these days are called something quite different and from experience it's best to blame the weather!!

Tight lines



Dave Harrell Angling