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CAMBRIDGE REGION UPDATE BY DICK CULPIN

Well another season has come to an end and by all accounts it was a good one for most of the regulars from the Cambridge Region. There were a number of highlights including first twenties for young Nathan Wade-Gledhill and not so young Paul Conway. As usual Mark Phillips got among the big girls and all credit goes to him for the way he has battled against serious illness. Well done Mark, we all look forward to seeing you out and about in the new season.

Andy Blazey eclipsed his personal best with a monster Pike of 36.08 lbs from Blithfield Reservoir – well done Andy! Denis Moules again managed some great fish from the River Cam including a belter of 24.15 lbs. Great stuff Denis! Yours truly managed a personal best Cormorant in December and I eventually took a “20” on the last day of the traditional season.

Our meetings have gone really well with some great talks from “named” anglers and our local members alike. My thanks go to everyone who entertained us. Next season our meetings will continue at Bottisham British Legion, the details of these are shown overleaf and also on the website.

THE MARIE CURIE PREDATOR CUP 2003

As has been the case for the previous two years, the PAC in Cambridge will be supporting this event which will take place on Sunday 30 November 2003. The match will be for pike and zander only, and will be marshalled by Cambridge PAC members to ensure that all fish caught are treated with care and returned in good condition. The match will be fished on the Ely Beet section of the River Great Ouse at Ely with fishing from 9.00am to 3.00pm. The draw will take place at the Ely Beet Club from 7.00pm onwards.

The Marie Curie Predator Cup will be awarded to the angler with the highest aggregate weight but there will also be prizes for the largest individual pike and zander caught. As in previous years, there will be an optional pool so cash prizes will be available. It is likely that there will be prizes by way of tackle, wine, etc, for the first five places in the overall event. There will also be a raffle in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Trust Funds which has always been well supported in the past.

Last years event was something of a disaster because of the horrendous weather conditions that caused the match to be called off early, but hopefully this year we will have a full days fishing and will be able to raise some money for what we all know is a very good cause. The usual rules will apply, which include no live baiting and the retention of pike or zander in pike tubes or sacks for short periods only pending weighing. The cost is £15.00 per adult with concessionary prices available for juniors and old age pensioners.

Full details can be obtained via the Marie Curie Trust in Cambridge on 01223 416405 and by e-mail at mel.ford@mariecurie.org.uk

I look forward to seeing you in September at our meetings and lastly my thanks to you all for your support in 2002/03.

Cheers – Dick.

CAMBRIDGE REGION ITINERARY OF MEETINGS FOR 2003/04

As in recent years our meetings will continue to be held at the Bottisham British Legion, Downing Close, Bottisham on the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 8pm. The only exception to this is our January 2004 meeting which will be held on the 14th January.

3 September 2003

We will be entertained by experienced predator anglers Eric Edwards and Gary Knowles; Eric being well known for catching the biggest ever brace of UK Pike!

1 October 2003

We will have a visit from angling journalist Mark Williams.

5 November 2003

Various members of the new PAC's Committee will be visiting us in Cambridge for what I am sure will be an interesting and informative night.

3 December 2003

Well-known big pike catcher Jason Davis will visit us with a talk and slide show.

14 January 2004

Cambridge Region members will provide the entertainment - details to be advised!

4 February 2004

The incredibly successful James 'The Doc' Gardner will talk about reservoir pike fishing from boats

3 March 2004

Ralph Hughes will be giving a talk on fishing for the amazing Alligator Gar!

7 April 2004

We conclude our meetings with a talk and slide show by local pike anglers Mark Phillips and Andy Pegram, who will tell us all about their seasons predator fishing, warts and all apparently!

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