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Dear member

The date for the Annual General Meeting has been changed, the new date is:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**, at the Cliffs Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool. The meeting will start at 8pm. This will also be the last time that members will have the chance to renew their memberships at the reduced rate so we will be doing memberships from 7.15pm.

### **The Annual Presentation of Trophies will take place after the AGM**

**Anyone who has still got Trophies or Cups must have them back to me as soon as possible; they can also be left at Blackpool Angling Centre on Church Street**

**Anyone who misses the AGM, will have until the 1<sup>st</sup> March 07 to renew their membership, after this date you will have to pay the rejoining fee of £10**

The Committee have put forward a rule change for the Freshwater points as follows:

*There are to be 3 equal sections in all freshwater matches, with the points going to each section, starting at 15 down to 1, each section will also have its own Steward, who will be responsible for weighing in, and the pools paid out in each section only, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>*

If anyone has any other rule changes that they want to put forward, they must be to the Secretary, proposed and seconded, no later than the 11<sup>th</sup> February

With regards to a minimum of 48hrs notice given to cancel off any matches you are booked onto, we appreciate that "Emergencies" do happen, and to this end, if you find that you have to cancel off any match, within the 48hrs notice period and have a very good reason for doing so, illness, accident etc, then the Committee will deal with this on its merit, as long as this doesn't become routine, but please make sure that you contact either Colin or myself directly

As most of you will already know, Stan Twiname resigned as Freshwater Captain, as a result of this, the Executive Committee asked Colin Goodwin to take over running the matches, which Colin agreed to, however, we also need a new Freshwater Committee; if you want to be considered for a place on the Committee, please make this known to myself prior to the meeting, you must have been a fully paid up member for a minimum of 12 months, ideally you will also fish most of the matches and be prepared to help run the matches and help resolve any disputes that should then occur

Freshwater match list have been available from the December Meeting and the matches are being booked up, anyone who has a match list they want submitted, need to get them back to me as soon as possible, with your £10 deposit, you will get a receipt for your deposit that you will need to keep till the end of the year. I will be dealing with the freshwater matches until the AGM, after then, Colin will hopefully take over

With all the changes that are happening at Copthorne this year, we have not renewed the half price fishing Monday – Friday, so you will probably be charged full price now when fishing there, but you can still fish at both Highfield Fisheries and Hambleton Fisheries at a reduced peg fee Monday – Friday

For those that fish the Freshwater matches, we have some sponsorship from Danny McGuire (Team Mosella), further information will be made available at the matches

The Pond Management team have been very busy at weekends improving the ponds at Puddlehouse, and a fantastic job they have done there too. The walkway all around the pond is very nearly finished, they will need some help from members who are prepared to get stuck in with a bit of fetching and carrying etc, so if you can spend a bit of time over the weekends please let me know and I can pass your details on to the Management Team, any help at all will certainly be appreciated

Will all members please take ALL your litter home with you, I am getting continued complaints from members who keep picking up other peoples litter, you took it with you, so take it away with you please. Included in this litter are empty bags of groundbait, will everyone please take note that **NO GROUNDBAIT IS TO BE USED ON ANY OF THE SOCIETIES WATERS**, also we do not allow cans or tins to be taken to the ponds either. The ban on keepnets at Thistleton No 1 pond will continue this year, but you may use keepnets on the other ponds, except on the dates: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> – MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, **BOTH DATES INCLUSIVE**, where there is a complete keepnet ban on ALL the Societies waters. Any fish over 3lb must not be kept in keepnets, they are to be returned straight away. Action will be taken on any member breaking any of these rules, up to and including expulsion from the Society

Noah's Ark are soon to have a refit in the shop, and there are many items with a big sale price and many items to clear, and remember you get 10% discount too, as long as you show your membership card

Members also get 10% discount at Blackpool Angling Centre, again, you must show your membership card, with both shops, there are no further discount on bait etc

If anyone is looking for storage of a caravan etc, Toad Hall Farm Fishery are offering members yearly storage at a special price of £130, for more details contact:  
Toad Hall Farm, 01995 679665

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