

# Welcome to the Derbyshire County Angling Club Handbook.

We hope you enjoy your Membership and we wish you good fishing at Club waters.

## IMPORTANT NOTES FOR MEMBERS.

- 1. This is a sporting Club**, which offers good fishing facilities for a reasonable annual subscription. Members are expected to be 'sporting' and to interpret the Rules Governing Conduct and Fishing Practices accordingly. The Club does not operate commercial fisheries but carries out stocking programmes using only the best quality trout, of good size, each year. Records show that good catches are consistent. The rule governing the taking of trout provides that Members **may take ONE BRACE of takeable fish PER DAY with a total overall limit of THREE BRACE per week** from all trout waters. It is not intended that Members should take this limit too frequently.
- 2. The Club's rules**, as printed in this handbook, must be read and observed by every Member. Alleged ignorance of the rules will not be accepted by the management committee in connection with any infringement.
- 3. In the interests of the sport** and in order to maintain the health, quality and condition of fish returned to the water, Members are asked to consider using **barbless hooks**.
- 4. Warning – Overhead Power Lines.** Anglers are warned that it is extremely dangerous to fish under, or in close proximity to, overhead electricity cables.
- 5. Disputes, Arguments and Confrontations.** Members, Guests and Club Bailiffs should not engage in disputes, arguments or confrontations on any issues at Club Sites. Disputes over Club rules or fishing practices, or their interpretation, or about other related or relevant matters should be referred to the General Secretary, in writing, as and when they arise and without prolonged argument, dispute or confrontation at Club waters.
- 6. Club Bailiffs' Powers.** If Club Bailiffs order Members or guests to cease fishing and leave the site, they must do so. The Club Bailiff should report details of any incidents immediately, by telephone, to one of the Club Secretaries so that appropriate action can be taken.

It is extremely important for Members to report immediately, by telephone, any incidents of pollution or fish mortality as soon as they are observed. Speed is absolutely essential so that steps can be taken to save the fish, identify the cause and trace the source of the problem.

All incidents should be reported without delay. The Environment Agency freephone pollution hotline telephone number to ring either day or night is **0800 80 70 60**. The Club Secretaries should be informed at the same time. This number is also on the back of your Club Membership Card.

### Notes for the Guidance of Members

Be courteous and helpful to owners, agents, tenant farmers, Club Bailiffs, Members and other authorised users.

Leave no litter. Light no fires.

Use only the proper approach routes. Close and fasten all gates on arrival and departure.

Notify farmers immediately of any injured, sick or ailing livestock, or livestock straying on to the highway.

Do not trespass on private land.

Return fish quickly and carefully.

Observe Club rules and Environment Agency regulations and bye-laws.

Park off the highway wherever possible and lock your car doors.

Inform the Club Secretaries IMMEDIATELY by telephone of any suspected case of pollution or acts of malicious damage at any of the Club's sites.

**Remember these facilities are for your pleasure and enjoyment, so please respect and help to preserve them.**

## CLUB RULES General Series

**1. Club Title.** The Club shall be called '**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY ANGLING CLUB**'.

### **2. Membership.**

(a) Applicants for Membership must indicate their willingness to adhere to the Club's sporting philosophy. No one shall be eligible for Membership unless he or she has attained the age of 16 years.

(b) **All New Members** shall join the Club as Extra Mural Members. Extra Mural Members enjoy full Membership rights except for voting rights at Annual Meetings of Ordinary Members and Special Meetings of Ordinary Members.

(c) **Ordinary Members.** Members may apply to become Ordinary Members, with full voting rights, after ten years of continuous full Membership. Applications should be made to the General Secretary. It is expected that applicants for Ordinary Membership would have an acceptable disciplinary record and be willing to support the Club.

(d) **Life Member** - to be any person elected to life Membership of the Club by the Management Committee. Non-Members elected to life Membership shall not pay the entrance fee or annual subscription. Existing Members elected to life Membership shall cease to pay the annual subscription. Life Members shall remain Life Members at the discretion of the Management Committee. **All** Life Members shall be Ordinary Life Members and shall be subject to the same rules and entitled to the same privileges as any other Ordinary Member.

### **3. Club Management.**

(a) The Club may have an Honorary President and Vice-President. The Club shall be governed by a Management Committee consisting of the Chairman, General Secretary, Fisheries Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Bookings Officer (Scotland), Catch Returns & Statistics Officer, Competitions Organiser, Game Fisheries Representative and Coarse Fisheries Representative. The occupants of other posts as shall be determined by the Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members or Special Meeting of Ordinary Members.

(b) A Committee Member will be elected as Vice-Chairman by the Committee at their first meeting after the Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members.

(c) The Management Committee shall be elected by and from the Ordinary Members at the Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members. The General Secretary, Fisheries Secretary and Treasurer shall each be elected for a term of three years.

(d) Nominations from Ordinary Members for election to serve on the Management Committee must be submitted in advance of the Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members to the General Secretary on or before a date set by the General Secretary. Ordinary Members will be informed of that date in the summons and agenda of the meeting. Persons so nominated should be present at the meeting.

(e) Powers and Duties of the Management Committee. This governing body shall supervise and control all affairs of the Club and can make rules for good government. The Committee may co-opt persons whose knowledge, experience or special interests could benefit the Club, but such persons will not have voting rights at Committee meetings.

(f) Trustees. The Trustees of the Club are responsible as the 'legal owners' of the Club for holding the land and property on behalf of the Club and its members. Trustees are elected by the Ordinary Members. Trustees are to hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the Ordinary Members.

The Officers of the Club shall not be liable (otherwise than as members) for any loss suffered by the Club as a result of the discharge of their respective duties on its behalf (except where such loss results from their wilful neglect or default) and they shall be entitled to an indemnity out of the assets of the Club for all expenses and other liabilities incurred by them in the discharge of their respective duties.

### **4. Meetings.**

(a) The Management Committee shall meet whenever called upon to do so by the Chairman. Four elected Members shall form a Quorum.

(b) The Annual Meeting of the Management Committee shall be held during September.

(c) The Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members shall be held during October. Notice of this meeting is to be sent out one month before the date of the meeting.

(d) A General Meeting shall be held before the end of the calendar year. Notice of this meeting is to be served by the General Secretary not less than fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

(e) **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of Ordinary Members shall be called by the General Secretary on a requisition to be signed by 50% of the Ordinary Members of the Club. A special meeting of Ordinary Members may also be called by the Management Committee. The notice convening the meeting shall be sent out by the General Secretary within seven days of the receipt by him of the requisition. This notice will state the object of the meeting. No other business shall be transacted at the meeting.

**Voting at the Annual Meeting of Ordinary Members and Special Meetings of Ordinary Members.** The privilege to vote at these meetings to be restricted to Ordinary Members only and 30 Ordinary Members shall form a Quorum.

## 5. Subscriptions (Subject to annual review).

- (a) **Members** shall pay an entrance fee plus a subscription on enrolment, but for subsequent years of continued Membership shall pay only the annual subscription fee in the amount fixed by the Club.
- (b) **Payment of Subscriptions.** The full annual subscription and entrance fee shall be paid immediately on joining the Club and subsequent subscriptions should be paid **not later than the 1st. March** each year. **An additional charge may be added to the annual subscription fee for late payments, received after 1st March.**

## 6. Finances.

The funds of the Club shall be kept at the H.S.B.C. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following - Chairman, General Secretary, Fisheries Secretary, Treasurer.

## 7. Club Activities.

In addition to paying their entry fee and annual subscription, Members of the Club may be required to attend at least one working party organised by the Club each year if called upon to do so. Members who are unable to attend a working party to which they have been invited to **must** inform the Fisheries Secretary. They will then be invited to attend another working party. Members who fail to attend one working party in the year, if requested to do so, may have their Membership terminated by the Management Committee at the end of that year, and no rebate of entry or subscription payment will be made. Attendance by Members at the restocking of Club waters qualifies as attendance at working parties.

The following may apply for exemption from working parties if they wish to do so:

- i. Members who are old age pensioners, or who suffer permanent ill health or physical disability;
- ii. Members who, by virtue of their efforts in other directions, bring significant benefits to the Club;
- iii. Members who have special skills who offer their services to the Club free of charge in connection with any work of a specialised nature;

Members who qualify for inclusion in the exempted categories outlined above will be asked to inform the Club in an annual pro-forma of the reason for their exemption, so that they are not asked to attend working parties.

## 8. Rod Booking and Catch Return System.

Full details of where rod limits apply, and how the numbers of rods are controlled, are in **APPENDICES 5 & 6.**

## 9. Guest Tickets. For details of how and where to use guest tickets, see **APPENDIX 4.**

- (i) Six guest tickets are allocated to each Member per season. Each ticket is valid for one guest, at one water, on one day. Members may take one guest to fish club waters on any one day. At Ogston Reservoir, more than one guest may be taken, up to the maximum of six, provided that a guest ticket is completed for each of those guests. **A guest ticket must be completed when taking a guest to any Club water, including the Club's coarse fisheries other than the Lower Derwent (Borrowash to Sawley), the Chesterfield Canal and the River Idle.** A guest ticket must be used if taking a guest **night fishing** on the **Lower Derwent.**
- (ii) Guest tickets must be completed in ink BEFORE guests start to fish. Guest tickets completed in pencil will not be valid. Guest tickets are not transferable and no Member is allowed more than a maximum of six guest tickets in any year. Members will be responsible for their guest's conduct, behaviour and compliance with Club rules.
- (iii) **Any fish retained by the guest shall be deemed to have been caught by the Member and will be counted against the Member's catch.**
- (iv) Members may take a child who is not their own child or grandchild provided that a letter from the child's parent or guardian is sent to the General Secretary giving permission and a passport photograph is sent to the General Secretary so that a Club identity card can be issued for that child. The Member may only take one child at a time to fish.
- (v) Guest tickets must not be used by a Member to take anyone under 16, who is not their child or grandchild, to fish any Club water.
- (vi) Guest tickets are to be used only by the member whose club number is printed on them. They are not transferrable.

## 10. Members' Children/Grandchildren

- (a) Members' children/grandchildren under 16 years of age shall be permitted to accompany the Member fish the Club's trout and coarse fishing waters without payment, subject to the following conditions:-
- (i) Only one child may accompany the Member at any one time.
  - (ii) The child **MUST** be accompanied by the Member **AT ALL TIMES** when fishing or visiting Club waters and under no circumstances will a Member's child/grandchild be allowed to fish or visit Club waters unless accompanied by the Member.
  - (iii) The Member shall be responsible for the child's conduct and safety and no liability will be accepted by the Club or the owners or lessors in the event of any accident or injury involving a Member's child/grandchild while fishing or visiting Club waters.
  - (iv) Any fish retained by a Member's child/grandchild shall be deemed to have been caught by the Member and will be counted against the Member's catch.
  - (v) In the case of waters where limits have been applied on the number of rods permitted to fish those waters, or certain bank areas, Members' children/grandchildren may fish even if those limits are exceeded.
  - (vi) Members may apply to the Club General Secretary for a Special Child's disc to enable their child/grandchild to accompany them and fish at those Club waters where a disc system controls attendances.
- (b) On attaining the age of 16 years the children/grandchildren of any Club Member shall be eligible for Membership and may exercise either of the following options:-
- 1. Enrol immediately as full Members on payment of the entrance fee and annual subscription in the total amount applicable at that time.
  - 2. Pay the entrance fee on an instalment basis and be permitted to accompany the parent/grandparent Member and fish Club waters subject to the following conditions -
    - (i) That an instalment of the entrance fee shall be paid to the Club annually for each child/grandchild for each of four years, until he or she has attained the age of 20 years.
    - (ii) That in the event of the entrance fee having been increased the payment to be made in the fourth year, for each qualifying child/grandchild, shall be the balance of the entrance fee applicable at that time.
    - (iii) That in addition to the balance of the entrance fee remaining to be paid in the fourth year a Member's child/grandchild shall also pay the full annual subscription for that year, and will then become a Member of the Club.
    - (iv) That for the period during which instalments of the entrance fee are being paid by Members' children/grandchildren, the conditions relating to Members' children/grandchildren under 16 years of age as outlined above shall apply.
    - (v) Annual instalments under this arrangement shall be paid by not later than 1st March each year and no refund, either of the whole or of any part of the instalments, shall be allowed by the Club at any time or for any reason.

NB: Rule 10 does **not** apply to the children/grandchildren of Members' relatives or any other child.

### **11. Disciplinary Action.**

Complaints concerning infringements of the Club's rules or of the conditions governing conduct and fishing shall be reported to the Club Management Committee which may decide to take the matter further. In this case, the member will be asked either to appear in person before the Committee to explain the circumstances or to send a letter of explanation for consideration.

After hearing the complaint and the evidence presented, the Committee shall adjudicate on the matter and, after arriving at a majority decision, shall communicate that decision to the member.

The Committee shall have the power to caution, to request a donation from, or to discipline members by suspending their membership for such period as is considered appropriate or by expelling them from membership with or without refund of payment. The Committee's decision shall be final.

### **12. Vehicle Windscreen Parking Permits.**

Each year the Club issues a vehicle windscreen parking permit to all Members. **This must be displayed in the Member's vehicle when visiting Club waters.** A replacement or additional permit can be obtained on application to the General Secretary enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

### **13. Liability.**

No liability will be accepted by the owners, or by the Club, for any accident or injury caused or sustained by Members, their children or guests when visiting or fishing any sites where the Club hold an interest in the property or in the fishery. Members, their children or guests who enter such property, or who visit or fish any waters administered by the Club, do so entirely at their own risk. No liability will be accepted by the owners, or by the Club, for damage to, or loss of, any property brought by Members, their children or guests to fishing any sites administered by the Club.

### **14. Membership.**

The Club Management Committee shall have the right to refuse any applications for Club Membership, or the renewal of existing Memberships, and need give no reason for such decisions.

## Rules Governing Conduct and Fishing Practices

**1. Opening and Closing Dates for Fishing** are listed on the reverse of the appropriate map.

**2. Anyone fishing club waters in England and Wales** requires an appropriate E.A. Rod Licence.

**3. The Environment Agency Regulations and Bye-laws** and regulations in force for the time being must be observed. The dates when fish may be killed and taken are listed below.

- (i) Brown Trout may be taken from March 18<sup>th</sup> till October 7<sup>th</sup> inclusive.
- (ii) Rainbow Trout in rivers may be taken from March 18<sup>th</sup> till October 7<sup>th</sup> inclusive.
- (iii) Rainbow Trout in lakes may be taken at any time when the fishery is open.
- (iv) Grayling may be taken from June 16<sup>th</sup> till March 14<sup>th</sup> inclusive.
- (v) Migratory fish have different seasons. See appropriate map page

**4. Measurement of takeable fish.** The measurement of all takeable fish shall be from tip of snout to the end of the tail. The minimum takeable size of trout at all club waters is 12 inches except on the River Manifold and the River Dove at Wolfscote Dale and Crowdecote where it is 10 inches. The minimum takeable size for grayling at all club waters is 9 inches.

**5. Permitted Daily Hours for Fishing.** A list of permitted daily hours of fishing for trout at Club waters is printed in **APPENDIX 1.**

**Night Fishing (for coarse fish)** is permitted only on the River Derwent at Borrowash, Wilne Pool, the River Trent at Willington and Willington Coarse Lake (Martyn's Lake). The maximum number of consecutive nights a Member may stay for is two. Where there is a checking station, Members must sign in on each day they are at the water or, at Willington, leave their club numbered disc on a hook in the coarse fishing checking station .

**6. Methods of Fly Fishing.** For methods of fly fishing at Club waters see Appendix 2. A measuring scale to enable Members to check the size of artificial flies permitted at Club waters is on the back of each Club membership card.

**7. Live Bait.** With the exception of natural winged flies or nymphs for use in fly-fishing no natural bait of any description, *whether alive or dead*, may be taken onto any Club water where fishing is restricted to fly-fishing only or, in the case of Club waters where fishing is restricted to fly-fishing only during any part of the fishing season, to those waters during the periods that fly-fishing only is permitted.

*The Club does not encourage the use of live baiting. It does however acknowledge that some Members may wish to use this method of fishing for pike. Members may only use live bait caught at the water where it is to be used. This complies with Environment Agency bylaws and helps to prevent the spread of fish disease. **Live baiting for pike is only allowed at Willington Coarse (Martyn's) Lake; Wilne Pool; River Derwent – Borrowash to Sawley; River Idle; River Trent – Willington; River Trent – Doctors Surgery at Willington; River Trent at Coneygre.***

**8. Coarse Fishing Baits** are permitted at Club waters where coarse fishing is allowed. In waters where trout are also stocked (e.g. Willersley), members must play, handle and return any trout caught carefully.

**9. Spinning** with natural bait or artificial lure is only allowed at coarse fishing only waters and, subject to special rules detailed in the appropriate map pages, at Coneygre Farm Lake, Widgeon Lake and at Willington Island (trout) Lake.

**10. Sunday fishing** is allowed on all Club waters except the River South Esk.

**11. Equipment.** When trout fishing, Members may use only one rod at a time. When coarse fishing, Members may fish with not more than two rods at a time except when carp fishing at Willington when three are permitted provided they are all used for carp or pike. (Two E.A. Licences are required for three rods).

**12. Fishing Areas.** When a Member is fishing, another Member must not approach and fish so close to that Member as to interfere unreasonably with his or her fishing without permission. Reserving fishing places is not allowed. If you go for lunch, even just to the car or fishing hut, please take your tackle with you.

**13. Keepnets** must **not** be used for trout. Keepnets must **not** be used for grayling except in official matches. Coarse fish may be retained in large keepnets conforming to Environment Agency bylaws.

**14. Access to Club Waters.** Waters must be approached by the recognised paths and gates must be properly closed and fastened both on arrival and departure. Members are issued with a Yale type key and a padlock key with which to open the gates and checking stations at certain Club waters. Members who lose their keys may obtain replacements on application to the General Secretary or Fisheries Secretary enclosing a reply paid envelope and a cheque (see January Newsletters for the current fee) made payable to Derbyshire County Angling Club.

**15. Activities not connected with Fishing.** Members must not engage in any activities which are not directly connected with fishing when visiting any sites where the Club hold an interest in the fishing rights without first obtaining the permission of the Club. The digging out of banks to form fishing places or steps down to the water's edge should not be undertaken and Members must not interfere in any way whatsoever with any shuttle, sluice gate or other adjustable or fixed installation at any Club water.

**16. Members' Obligation.** In order to preserve Club waters and respect the various leases, Members are expected to report any irregularities whether committed by another Member, guest or trespasser to the Club Secretaries.

**17 Litter and Fires.** Under no circumstances must any type of litter be left nor must any fires be lit at any sites where the Club holds an interest in the fishing rights.

**18. Membership Cards must be carried.** Members are not allowed to fish at any Club water unless they carry their Membership card with them.

**19. Production of Membership Cards, Season Tickets or Special Permits.** Membership cards, season tickets or special permits authorising the holders to fish certain Club waters must be produced by the holders at the request of any Member on production of his/her own Membership card, or at the request of any Club Bailiff on production of his/her authority. No excuses will be entertained for refusing to comply with this requirement. A replacement Membership card can be obtained by sending a cheque, made payable to Derbyshire County Angling Club (see January Newsletters for the current fee) and a reply paid envelope to the General Secretary. **Lost Guest Tickets cannot be replaced.**

**20. Personal Membership Discs.** Every Member is issued with a personal Membership disc for use when fishing at Club waters where rod limits are regulated by a checking station. The procedure relating to the use of these discs is explained in **APPENDIX 5** and must be strictly observed. If you lose your personal Membership disc a replacement **must** be obtained by sending a cheque, made payable to Derbyshire County Angling Club, (see January Newsletters for the current fee) and a reply paid envelope to the General Secretary.

**21. Dogs** are not permitted at any Club waters unless by prior written authorisation by the General Secretary.

**22. Conduct.** Members and their guests will be expected to observe a good standard of conduct at all Club waters, and show proper consideration towards other Members, their guests or authorised users. Under no circumstances will the Club entertain rowdy, abusive, offensive or obstructive behaviour whether towards another Member, guest, authorised user or Club Bailiff. Members and their guests must co-operate fully with the Club's Bailiffs when approached by them.

**23. Complaints and Allegations.** All complaints and allegations, whether concerning a Member or Members or any matter of Club business or policy, must be submitted **in writing** to the General Secretary.

**24. Daily and Weekly Take Limit.** **The limit of takeable fish will be the same at all Club waters. Members may take no more than one brace of takeable fish per day from any Club water, with a total weekly limit of no more than three brace from all Club waters.** This is in keeping with our status as a sporting club. A week shall be deemed to run from Sunday to Saturday, both days inclusive. This rule does not apply to our fisheries in Scotland, Carsington, Foremark or Ladybower.

**25. Unauthorised Angling** Members should carefully note boundaries and access points marked on the map pages.

**26. Club Bailiffs' Power of Suspension.**

Club Bailiffs may confiscate any permit or guest ticket where the holder has infringed any of the rules or conditions governing access and fishing at any Club water, and require the person concerned to leave the site and not fish at any Club water until the infringement has been considered by the Club Management Committee.

**27. Wading** is permitted subject to the following rules.

(i) On some waters wading is specifically banned e.g. Ogston Reservoir. See the notes on the reverse of the maps.

(ii) At Wolfscote Dale Members may only wade across the river to reach and fish from the opposite bank, but must be particularly careful not to damage the weirs.

(iii) In still waters, where wading is allowed, it is restricted to **Knee level** and no higher. See on the reverse of the map pages for details. **At Sutton Lake and Tilm Lake wading is restricted to one metre from the bank.**

(iv) Members wade entirely at their own risk, and no liability will be accepted by the Club for any accident, injury or loss sustained by Members when wading.

## GAME FISHING TROPHIES

**1. The H. B. Baxter Memorial Trophy.** This valuable solid silver Rose Bowl is for the heaviest brown or rainbow trout caught by a Member at Club waters during the trout fishing season. It is used for the official presentation only at the Club Assembly. The winner, whose name will be engraved on the plinth of the rose bowl, will receive a miniature trophy for permanent retention.

**2. The Thomas McGinn Memorial Cup.** This cup is presented at the Club Assembly to the Member who catches the second heaviest trout at Club waters during the trout fishing season.

**3. Claims.** All claims for the above trophies, supported by two witnesses who need not be Members of the Club but whose names and addresses must be supplied, should be submitted to the Fisheries Secretary in writing by 15th October. In the event of a tie or a dispute arising, the matter will be referred to the Club Management Committee whose decision shall be final.

## COARSE FISHING MATCHES, TROPHIES AND RULES.

**1. Match Fishing.** The Club Management Committee shall determine the rules and conduct for these events and take such action as is deemed to be necessary in connection therewith, including the authorisation of expenditure, and with the power to vary the rules and conduct for the event as may from time to time be necessary. The ruling of the Committee in all matters referred to it for consideration shall be final.

**2. Dates and Venues.** All Members will be notified of the date, time, venue and other arrangements to be made in connection with each event in a Club Newsletter or Diary.

### **3. Annual Fur and Feather Match.**

The Club holds an Annual Fur and Feather Coarse Fishing Match. Details of the Fur and Feather Match including the venue, date and time, entry and sweepstake fees, etc., are notified to all Members in a Club Newsletter. Prizes awarded in this event consist of seasonal fare purchased out of entry fees received and donations of cash or prizes contributed by Members. The winner of this event will be presented with the 'G. N. Bright Memorial Cup' and the runner-up will receive the 'M. Lascelles Rose Bowl'

### **4. Annual Match Cups.**

The Club holds an Annual Match. The following cups will be presented and the winners of those cups may retain them for one year only:-

1<sup>st</sup>. Prize - The D. G. Gilman Cup . 2<sup>nd</sup>. Prize - The John F. Hall Cup. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Prize - The Derwent Cup.

4<sup>th</sup>. Prize – The R.S. Presley Shield. **The Osprey Shield** will be awarded to the competitor who weighs-in the heaviest individual qualifying fish at the end of the contest.

### **6. Christmas Match.**

The Club holds an Annual Christmas Match. The Alan Salisbury Memorial Trophy is awarded to the winner of the December (Christmas) match held on the River Derwent at Willersley Castle.

**7. Optional Pools** will be held on the day of the each contest before the match commences, and the pools payout will take place at the end of the match.

**8. The presentations of the cups, shields and prizes** will be made at the Club Assembly. Winning competitors will be expected to attend the meeting to receive their awards or nominate a Member who will be attending to receive them on their behalf.

**The holders of the cups and shields** may retain them for one year only. They must agree to return them in a clean and undamaged condition in time for presentation to the winning competitors of the following year's event and to indemnify the Club against loss of, or damage to, the cups and shields whilst in their possession.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

1. Competitions are open to Ordinary, Extramural and Life Members of the Club and to their children or grandchildren under the age of 16 but over the age of 12. Members children or grandchildren will draw before the parent or grandparent who will occupy and fish the adjacent upstream peg). Members' guests and Lower Derwent Members may also enter Club matches.
2. Entrance fees to be fixed annually by the Committee.
3. The mode of fishing shall be confined to fishing with one rod and every competitor shall bait his or her own hook, strike and land his or her own fish. (More than one rod may be set up but only one may be used at any one time.)
4. Allotted pegs shall be numbered and staked prior to the match. Each competitor on receiving his number shall proceed to the corresponding peg number which shall be considered his fishing ground.
5. Any Member of the Committee may search any competitor's tackle before the start of the match.
6. Any angler wishing to leave his peg must get permission from his neighbour.
7. The time of commencement of fishing will be given by signal and competitors must not on any account groundbait or bait the swim, but may plumb the depth and put keep nets in the water before the starting signal. Fish Finders may not be used on a water where a match is to be held for up to one hour before the match starts.
8. Any competitor arriving late shall report to the nearest official.
9. Every precaution must be taken to keep fish alive and returned to the water as carefully as possible after weighing.
10. At the signal to cease fishing every competitor must do so.
11. Any suspicious fish shall not be weighed in.
12. Any bait normally used for coarse fishing is permitted except live dead or artificial fish and spinning baits or lures.
13. All fish shall count for weighing, except trout.
14. **Any dispute arising during the competition** must be referred to the match organiser who shall exercise discretion in such matters and if necessary refer them to the Committee for a decision. If an important dispute arises regarding the conduct of a competitor, or competitors, or the issue of prizes, the match organiser may withhold payments or the awarding of prizes pending an opportunity for the Committee to consider the complaint. Disputes or complaints cannot be entertained after prizes and monies have been distributed. The ruling of the Committee in all matters referred to it for a decision shall be final. The match organiser shall also have the power to disqualify any competitor who misconducts himself or contravenes these rules during the contest.