

CHUB STUDY GROUP

CONSTITUTION - 2009 Edition

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. The capture and study of large Chub by means of the pooling of ideas, facilitated by the publication of a Group magazine.
2. Participation in either group or personal study schemes whereby all information is circulated to the members of the Group.

RULES

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to those who can satisfy the Secretary as to their competence in the capture of large chub & suitability to be a member.

All prospective new members must write an introductory letter to the secretary and this letter will be published in Chevin if the secretary is willing to recommend membership. If any member is unhappy about a possible new member then he/she must write to the secretary within 28 days of the publication of Chevin with reasonable substantiated evidence. The secretary will then make an informed decision and that decision shall be final. A £5 joining fee applies to all new and re joining members.

The President and Vice Presidents shall only be created by a majority vote at an AGM.

Members under 18 must have a parent or guardian in the Group who will be personally responsible for the junior member. Junior members will be charged a 50% subscription.

COMMITTEE

This shall comprise the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Records Officer, Magazine Editor, Get together organiser, plus whomever else the committee should co-opt. In recent years the Group has had the services of a 'Group Historian'; this position to be ex-officio until such time that the AGM decides otherwise

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription is due on 1st January each year and shall be reviewed at each AGM. All subscriptions should be sent to the Treasurer and must be received by 31st January. Members renewing subscriptions after this date will be liable to an additional £5.00 rejoining fee. Any member who is not able to pay their subscription by 31st January should discuss the matter with the Treasurer in advance, who has discretion regarding delayed payment.

Members of the committee are not liable to subscriptions and may reclaim expenses incurred (above the subscription fee) from the Treasurer. This was extended to include the Group Historian at the 2008 A.G.M. This is discretionary and to be ratified at each A.G.M.

AGM

The AGM will be held in conjunction with one of the get-togethers. Should no get-together be organised in any one year, the Secretary shall make other arrangements for the AGM.

MAGAZINES

The Group magazine "Chevin" will be issued free to members quarterly each year or at such intervals as decided at the A.G.M.

GET-TOGETHERS

Weekend get-togethers (two per year) will be held at venues selected at the AGM and will be organised by the Group. Once voting on venue selection has started, no other venues shall be accepted.

If a venue has to be changed, it will be the second choice, as voted for at the AGM.

Additional mini get-togethers can be arranged by members with the approval of the Get-Together Officer and this should be publicised in Chevin/ the Group web site.

AWARDS

The following awards are made each calendar year to members:

'Fish of the Year Shield' for the heaviest Chub caught.

'The Chairman's Shield' for the most 4lb+ Chub caught.

(UK only caught fish eligible for the above awards)

'The Peter Stone Plate' awarded by the President for the most meritorious achievement.

'AGM Tankard' for the heaviest Chub caught on the Friday & Saturday of the AGM weekend.

Eligible fish for the AGM Tankard must have been taken from a water within the catchment area of the AGM venue river/s

'Coarse Angling Today Trophy' awarded for the best catch of the year. To be selected by committee from a list provided by the Records Officer. (Not necessarily the heaviest or largest number of fish but to be adjusted to be of merit for particular water)

All fish entered for the annual awards must be reported to the Records Officer by 31st January. A photo and the length and girth measurements of the Fish of the Year may be required before acceptance by the committee.

GROUP HISTORY

A group history in loose-leaf format is produced and kept updated by the Group Historian. It is available for sale to members at the price of £5 plus P&P. Also available on C.D. from 2008

BIG CHUB

All Chub of 4.1b and over should be reported regularly in writing or e-mail to the Records Officer. All members are encouraged to make at least one annual report to the Records Officer (even if a nil return) by January 31st. Any photographs sent for inclusion in the Group Albums can be in hard copy or jpeg or other internet media files together with as much information as possible of the individual file/fish. If sending via the internet a single file/e-mail for each fish if necessary. If in doubt contact the Records Officer.

ARTICLES ETC

All articles, letters, etc. for "Chevin" should be sent to the Magazine Editor.

AFFILIATIONS

The Group may affiliate to such other bodies as may be agreed at the AGM.

ALL MEMBERS

All members are expected to make some contribution each year, either by attendance at a get-together/AGM and/or by writing letters or articles for Chevin.

As amended A.G.M. 2009