

# **CHUB STUDY GROUP CONSTITUTION - 2010 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 A.G.M.

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 A.G.M. decides otherwise

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The annual subscription is due on 1st January each year and shall be reviewed at each A.G.M. 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.

### **A.G.M.**

The A.G.M. 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 A.G.M.

### **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 A.G.M.

Members with the approval of the Get-Together Officer can arrange additional mini get-togethers 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' awarded for the most 4lb+ Chub caught during the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December.*  
(UK only caught fish eligible for the two above awards)

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

*'The Charles Landells Trophy' Awarded for the heaviest Chub caught on the Friday & Saturday of the AGM weekend.*

Eligible fish must have been taken from a water within the catchment area of the A.G.M. 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 a particular water/venue)

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 4lb 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 31<sup>st</sup>. Any photographs sent for inclusion in the Group Albums can be in hard copy, 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 A.G.M.

## **ALL MEMBERS**

All members are expected to contribute each year, either by attendance at a get-together/A.G.M. and/or by writing letters or articles for Chevin.

**As amended A.G.M. 2009.**

**Amended A.G.M. 2010 after the Landells family kindly donated the 'Charles Landells Trophy' to the Group.**