

York & District Amalgamation of Anglers.

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ENVIRONMENT AGENCY MATCH RETURN CARDS. Unfortunately, due to a miscalculation, we did not reach the 'magic figure' to trigger any of the 'bonus' payments last year. However, keep the efforts going for 2015 and we may see full bonuses awarded for this year.

The Agency have also requested that I try and persuade clubs to fish more matches on river venues as the required information regarding these waters has been rather sparse of late. Matches fished on "Commercial" waters also count towards the total. If you fish these waters then further match return cards can be supplied for completion. Over to you, club secretaries. Many thanks.

An observation was made at the monthly meeting of the Committee that clubs who do not submit all their cards are, in effect, depriving the junior anglers of funds, which are normally used for providing additional tackle for the parent clubs use when training youngsters.

For your information, the Environment Agency contributes £1 per card submitted, after which there is a sliding scale from 90% upwards of 'bonus' payments depending on the total amount of cards returned to the Agency.

PORTABLE RADIOS. Members are reminded of "Code of behaviour" No, 8 "The use of portable radios and personal stereos is prohibited except with the use of personal headphones". A member whilst fishing was subjected to the commentary of the recent Hull v Arsenal football match - not a pleasant sound when you are trying to get a bit of peace and quiet to enjoy the countryside and catch a few fish!!!

Please respect your fellow anglers and their need, and no doubt your own, not to be subjected to an intrusion of privacy by the loud playing of this type of equipment.

LITTER. Some of the Committee have been out and about again.....Pocklington Canal Head clear of litter and water in good condition, Kexby has a good access and several items of builders materials were tidied up, however, Sutton Car Park again subject to an amount of non angling litter, mainly disinfectant hand-wipes, these and the rest of the rubbish being cleared. Sadly, it would seem that there has been little input from the locals, following our permission for them to enter the site for tidying purposes.

LAYBOURNE LAKES. Following the reminder about the closure of Marley Pool (only Marley, Brown's and Potter's remaining open) from 1st May to 30th September on Mondays only, requests have been made as to whether there were matches on the water on Bank Holiday Monday. The decision to close that pool on Mondays means just that, including Bank Holidays. The next date that Marley pool will be open to fishing on a Monday will be 5th October. It should also be noted that no matches are allowed on the complex on the first weekend of each month, to give the pleasure anglers a one in four chance of fishing it.

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