

CAMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

District of South Cambridgeshire

Leisure & Amenities Committee Meeting
23rd June 2015

5. Sports Clubs

Reports have been received from the following clubs (attached):

Cambourne Bowls Club
Cambs Chargers Volleyball Club
Cambourne Fishing Club

Cambourne Rovers have raised the issue of the current condition of then metal goal in respect of painting and missing hooks.

Cambourne Bowls Club

The Bowls Club had an enjoyable 'roll-up' on 1st May with the PC office and ground staff. It was particularly beneficial to engage with the ground staff who work hard to maintain our bowls facility. This event was well attended but sadly numbers have dropped for our regular Monday and Thursday sessions. We are not sure why- we are trying to find out!

It was just as well that we did not attempt to enter a Bowls League this year – we just don't have enough regular players.

We continue to 'soldier-on' and hopefully attract some more players so that we can enter a league next year.

We all realise that the bowls facility is much under-utilised and we are attempting to encourage Parishioners to play during the week and weekends using our newly devised membership scheme. Only about seven or eight members so far but it is a step in the right direction.

Best regards

Robin Bailey Bowls Sec.



Cambs Chargers is a registered club with 'Volleyball England', and is involved in the promotion of the sport of volleyball in Cambourne. Since its inception, the club membership has increased gradually.

The club had organised its annual tournament in on October 4th 2014, which was attended by local teams and also teams from Liverpool, Coventry and Birmingham. It was well attended and supported by the local volleyball enthusiasts.

The club currently practices on Sunday afternoon (3.45-5.30pm, subject to court availability), in Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre. In order to encourage the participation in the sport of Volleyball, two taster sessions were arranged in the months of January and March 2015, in Cambourne Fitness and Sports Centre. The sessions had been advertised in the Cambourne newsletter and also displayed on the Parish council notice boards. These taster sessions were open to the general public on a complimentary basis.

A trained volleyball coach was at hand to train new starters on the basic skills of volleyball and how to warm up. The sessions were well attended by members from Cambourne and the adjoining village. Due to the positive response we have received we would be looking to arrange follow up sessions.

We are encouraged by the responses we have received to the club so far, while we are still in our infancy as a club and face financial challenges with regards to court hire fees. The club is committed to promoting a healthy life style through the sport of volleyball and give our local community to experience and develop their skills in this unique sport.

We would like to thank the Parish Council for their support and guidance and hope for the same in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Christy Varghese

(for Cambs Chargers)

Cambourne Fishing Club:

Cambourne Fishing Club continues to go from strength to strength; membership has been very consistent over the last couple of years. Membership currently stands at 103, just short of the whole of last year's total by 13 which is good news and may be our best year yet. Our Adult Membership also allows children under 13 to fish for free.

We hold two events each year in conjunction with National Fishing Month to introduce new people of all ages and sexes to the wonderful sport of angling with Licenced Level 2 & 1 coaches. We just had our first event of the year on Sunday 14th June at Lake Ewart, where we held three sessions each being 90 minutes long. During the session the participants are given an introduction to health & safety, an outline of the fishing tackle being used, plumbing up, types of bait being used as well as the type of fish we hope to catch.

It is then hands on and the participants are helped as needed to enjoy their fishing session with all of them catching at least one fish. They are also given a chance to try casting to hoops which have been placed in the water with the highest score winning a trophy. A raffle completes the day's activities which is very popular.

On completion of the fishing session all the participants are given a goody bag with a drink in as well as a National Fishing Month Certificate, sticker, booklet of fishing and a dvd on fishing.

Lake Ewart has a very good stock of fish now, something for all types of anglers, with Mirror/Common Carp, Golden Rudd, Crucian Carp, Roach, Perch, Chubb, Barbel and Bream.

There are yearly trophies up for grabs, Best Carp of The Year by an Adult and Junior as well as for The Best Bream of the Season.

We are able to offer fishing as a fun group activity to groups that may be interested from around the area.

Here are just a few of the comments received from the participants at the Open Day.

I caught 5 fish, it was fun! I loved it! Thanks for a great morning of fishing. Very educational for the children. Great to see them outside enjoying themselves.

I had an amazing day, nice people to fish with and brilliant coaches, Thank you.

A fantastic mornings fishing, I think my two boys caught more fish than I ever did. Well organised and informative.

I had a good day and won a trophy for casting.

Great fun today for all the family (3 kids & Mum & Dad), Great coaches too, Thank you

Thank You

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