

FISHING TASTER DAYS IN 2010

What are Taster Days ?

Taster Days are set up for those who haven't been fishing before or those who want to learn more about the sport and improve on their current ability. We give you a brief introduction to the fish in the lake, show you some modern tackle and then give you the opportunity to try and catch some fish. (All tackle and bait is provided for the sessions by the Club)

While you're doing that we'll talk about baits and some of the other essential aspects of fishing. We'll also give you a quick introduction to some of the other methods that work on our waters. When the session is finished after about 45 minutes, you'll leave with a basic fishing kit for you to keep and use in the future and you'll also collect a Certificate of Attendance & Achievement.

You'll be able to learn more about coarse fish and the insects and other life forms that they feed on. You'll also find out about some of the newer and non-native creatures that are now in our waters, such as American Signal Crayfish and Chinese Mitten Crabs. You'll be able to take away literature on fishing and related topics. The 2 June sessions will also have on-site support from the Environment Agency and their display tanks.

We're holding Taster Days at our beautiful Broom Lake fishery on the following dates: Saturday May 22nd, Saturday June 19th, Sunday June 20th, Saturday August 14th. The sessions start at 10.15, 11.15, 12.15, 13.45, 14.45 & 15.45. The sessions cost a nominal £2.50 each to help cover our costs. This is a 50% discount on normal fees for such events.

If the applicant is under 16 then we would ask that parents/guardians stay with their children for the duration of the session. We expect the total stay on the site to be about 90 minutes - 2 hours. Note: All SDAA staff will be CRB-checked and will be easily identifiable. Coaches will have nationally-recognised qualifications.

Directions to Broom Lake are shown on the next page.

How to Apply: Fill in the form overleaf:

If you are under 16, please give the phone number & email address for your parent/guardian. Please complete ALL sections, using N/A if you do NOT need to enter information in a section. Please indicate your preferred dates & session start times. We'll try to meet your wishes and will contact you to confirm your exact booking.

APPLICATION FORM 2010

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ POSTCODE: _____

PHONE: _____

If you are under 16, this should be the phone number of your parent or guardian

EMAIL: _____

If you are under 16, this should be the email address of your parent or guardian

MEDICAL: Please tell us about any disabilities and/or medical conditions (including allergies etc / prescribed medication) that we may need to consider while you are attending the Taster Day. This information will be kept securely and is only requested for your welfare on the day.

PREFERRED DATE: May 22nd, June 19th, June 20th, August 14th.

Please circle your 1st & 2nd choices. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

PREFERRED TIME: 10.15: 11.15: 12.15:13.45: 14.45: 15.45

Please indicate your 1st & 2nd choices of times. We'll do our best to accommodate you.

SIGNED: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN NAME: _____

If the applicant is under 16

As this is a new venture for the club, we'd like to build a photo library of our sessions. We'll only do this with your permission and will not use any surnames in any captions.

I do / do not* give permission for my child to be photographed during their attendance at the SDAA Ltd Taster Days. Any photographs taken will be copyright of SDAA Ltd and may be used for future publicity purposes at their discretion.

SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN: _____

If the applicant is under 16

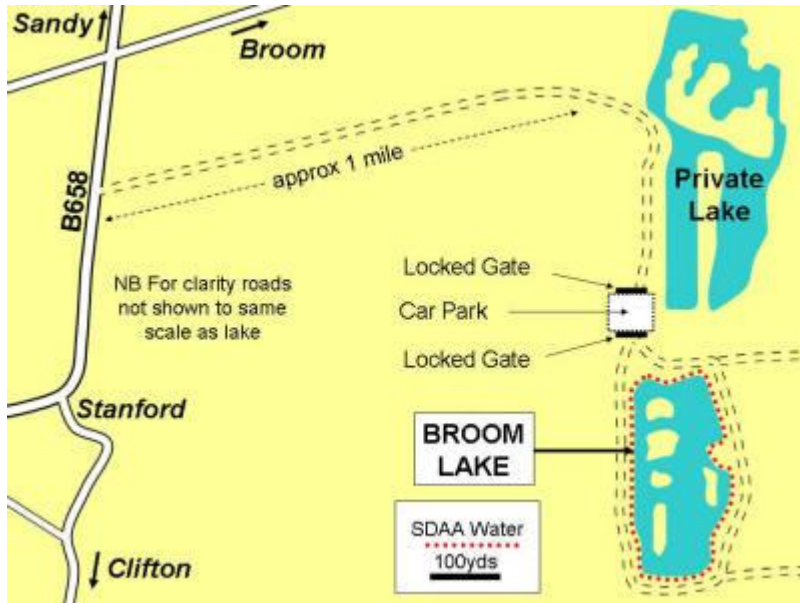
To reserve a place(s), you may call 07767 074064 or email coachingsdaaltd@tiscali.co.uk but we do need this form and payment to confirm your booking(s). Please **detach this half of the form** and send, with a cheque or postal order for £2.50 for each applicant, made payable to SDAA Ltd, to: The Registrar, SDAA Ltd, P O Box 59, Shefford, SG17 5UZ

OUR FUTURE PLANS

Notes to Parents & Guardians:

- Please make sure your child(ren) is/are appropriately clothed for the likely weather on the day.
- If it's sunny, please ensure they have a hat, sunglasses and that you have considered the need for sunscreen.
- Please provide them with food and drink appropriate to their needs.

Map & Directions to Broom Lake



From Shefford direction:

Take the first single track road on the right going north from Stanford on the B658 (Road to Sandy). Drive slowly for approximately 1 mile to the SDAA car park.

From Broom & Biggleswade direction:

Take the first single track road on the left going south from Broom crossroads on the B658 (Shefford to Sandy). Drive slowly for approximately 1 mile to the SDAA car park.

When driving down the single track road, please obey the speed signs and be ready to slow down and allow vehicles to pass safely. Keep an eye out for the abundant wildlife, both the birds & the animals. The last part of the track is a bit bumpy but is fine as long as you drive slowly. Thank you !!

Facilities at the Lake will include a toilet (portaloo) and car parking.

As we increase our coaching capabilities, we hope to move on to offer training and development courses for all our members.

We know that there are many people of all ages who wish to fish and who want to acquire skills which will help them enjoy the sport to their desired level. Changes in society and in work patterns have broken many of the ways in which angling knowledge used to be passed on to the next generation.

We see a need for a structured approach to the development of new anglers and we wish to create a programme that will teach them the basics of coarse fishing and which will help them get a solid start in the sport. We also want to help them acquire more advanced skills and offer them introductions to new branches of the sport. These courses will also aim to help participants see and understand the wider environment in which they are fishing.

We also know from experience that established anglers can sometimes experience a "dip in form" or find that they are not getting the enjoyment from their sport that they used to. They may also wish to try fishing for a new species or to try some new venues and feel that they are not quite sure just where to start.

For these anglers, we want to put together a pool of anglers who are willing to help fellow members acquire these new skills or who can pass on their experience for the benefit of others.

We are also considering the creation of a "Tackle Library" to help those new to the sport and who may have difficulty in buying all the required tackle. This will be a store of 2nd hand equipment from members who no longer use that item and will be loaned in the short term to suitable candidates.

If you are interested in any of these initiatives, please register your interest by:

Calling 07767 074064, or emailing to: coachingsdaaltd@tiscali.co.uk or by post to The Registrar, SDAA Ltd, P O Box 59, Shefford, SG17 5UZ