

# GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB

## Autumn/Winter 2020-21 Newsletter

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### **SPECIAL NOTICE 2021/2022 Season Licence**

The Club has recognised the effect on all our Members of the COVID-19 Situation and the Government Restrictions that have impacted many if not all Members at some time over the past few months.

With this in mind, the Committee have taken the unprecedented decision to modestly reduce all Licences costs for the 2021/22 Season. This however is a one-off gesture and the 2022/23 Licence fee will go back to the normal pricing structure the Club uses. The new fees are all shown on the membership application form at the back of this newsletter & these fees include the reduction for all applicants as follows:

Coarse or Game for Seniors & Husband & Wife – All Reduced by £5.00 for the 21/22 season

Coarse or Game for Juniors & OAP/Disabled – All Reduced by £3.00 for the 21/22 season.

Whilst we would have liked to have reduced the membership fees by more, the Club does have outgoings that will not reduce and in addition we have very significant future capital expenditure plans, both of these mean that the Club has an ongoing need for funding, which restricts our ability to reduce membership fees any further.

### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARIES REPORT – Mick Roberts**

**Keys** - Key security is necessary for the protection and security of the lakes and your peace of mind when fishing there.

With so many people involved in the issue of keys and the recording of such, mistakes do occur and I have to sort it out – it is a real pain in the \*\*\*\*. Your help and cooperation with the following would be much appreciated.

1. Check your key number – does it coincide with the one on your permit?
2. If not let me know ASAP or you will not be able to exchange it, when we change the keys in the future. You will also not be able to get any refund on it and if it is lost/found it will not be able to be returned to you.
3. If you lose your key you can purchase a new one from the tackle shops but let them know **and me** [they should ask you] what has happened to the old one. If we recover it you will get a refund on it if your record is correct.
4. The following keys 802 and 811 were issued by Garry Evans shop and 1018 was issued by Ewenny Anglers but, in each case no proper note was made – if you have one of these, please let me know. Name/ID No/Key Number.

### **New style Application form. WHY?**

Last year there were many incorrect application forms received, all led to unnecessary extra work for me and a delay for those members in receiving their licence. About 12 applicants who sent in their application in an A4 envelope with an ordinary stamp so incurring a £1.50 penalty which the club has to pay for recovery of the letter before it can be processed, twice I had to go to the Royal Mail depot on one application as even they get it wrong. About 6 applied on an out of date form and had to be contacted for the difference in membership fee. 25 or so new members forgot to include the Joining Fee and had to be contacted over this before their application was processed. 60 plus members did not include a Stamped addressed envelope for the return of their permit. Over 35 members did not include a SAE big enough for the maps etc. (I had to get C5 envelopes, cut up and stick on the old one – more unnecessary work). 1 did not send payment, 3 sent unsigned cheques. On the form itself, some had no telephone number, others had the wrong number, changes of address were not notified, the list is almost endless – and I have to sort it out so that you can go fishing. In all, probably 15% or so applications had some sort of error that would have led to extra work & delays.

It is obvious that a lot of applicants do not carefully read the form, some claim not to know that the abbreviation SAE stands for stamped addressed envelope. So, this year I have incorporated a checklist into the application form. Hopefully this will help you to get it right which means less work for me and less delay for you. **PLEASE READ THE CHECKLIST & COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM VERY CAREFULLY.**

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who did it properly and even more so if you did it early.

Anyone wishing to join for next year (21/22) please note that they can apply from 1/12/20 and for new members that licence will run from 1/12/20 to 31/3/22. The new application form for 21/22 is at the end of this newsletter and will be on the Club website late November. I have had a lot of personal and family problems this year which, plus Covid, has been quite depressing. On the positive side there has been a record membership even though that involves more work for me, it is good to see anglers enjoying the facilities we offer. I am even beginning to look like Victor Meldrew. Let's hope we all have a really good season next year and can put the misery of Covid, Lockdowns, the Economy, Brexit etc. behind us and enjoy a good British summer and some really nice fishing – with hopefully some good company.

## **CLUB WATERS REVIEW**

**Llantrythid** is fast becoming an excellent venue with the chance of a good mixed bag on most days. There are some decent size fish to be caught and after the excellent work that Brian and his Team have done on the water to kerb the leaks that were affecting the water levels, Members can enjoy this water which also has easy access to most pegs. But please remember the 6 cars limit in the car park.

**St Y Nyll top pond** has as usual been quite hard fishing during the Summer months, although Members who regularly fish this venue did find some good size Tench. It is hoped that the Pike Fishing on this water will provide good winter sport.

**Pyscodlin Mawr Pond** as the colder weather starts, this water will slow down a bit, but you can still catch the Bream and Tench on warmer days. The Carp do feed all year round, so well worth a go if you are targeting the larger fish.

**Gribbles Covert Pond.** Due to not only the hot weather this Summer, but also a number of leaks, this venue did suffer for the main part of the spring and summer. We are working on a major scheme of improvement on this water – see later in this newsletter.

**Treoes Pond.** Good summer fishing provided Members with excellent sport, good size Carp as always were the main target, but also excellent silver fishing and the odd good size Perch made fishing this venue a pleasure. Pike Fishing during the winter months will also provide some good sport.

**Barry Ponds** are again providing excellent sport. Sues Pond holds predominantly Carp up to around 20lbs, with the average being within the 5 to 10lbs range. Most baits and methods work on this pond. There are some large Bream that do get caught from time to time and an abundance of small silvers which suit the younger members. Winter Pike fishing is also a good prospect on this pond.

Carols Pond provides excellent mixed fishing, with the still water Barbel growing on well and a good head of mid-range Carp. A few Chub have also been reported with one fish close to 6lbs.

**Groes Faen (Bishops Pond).** Hopefully with more members fishing this venue at the moment and more bait going in the fishing may improve on this venue. Winter Pike Fishing will dominate.

**Cardiff Bay.** Good fishing reported by members who give this venue a go. Large Pike reported in recent years along with Perch up to 3lbs on lures. The Bay also includes the Lower Taff from James St

## **SPECIAL NOTICE - Barry Ponds:**

If you are fishing Carols Pond and use the Dow Car Park, please ensure you put a note in your windscreen with a contact number (Mobile Phone and that you are fishing on Carols Pond). This is requested by Dow as part of their Security Procedures.

Also, please take extra care when fishing floating baits on Barry ponds. You must in all circumstances avoid the Wildfowl on the Pond. If any wild fowl take an interest in your baits, you must immediately reel in and wait until they move off your swim or stop fishing off the top (other methods are equally productive). The Ponds form part of a larger Nature Reserve that needs to be respected and we wish to maintain our good working relationship with the individuals at Dow.

## **SPECIAL NOTICE – Gribbles Covert Pond**

The Committee have discussed in detail what needs to be done to Gribbles Covert pond to improve the venue for Members and prevent future low water closures. Taking into consideration that the Club owns this water, the decision has been made to invest a large amount of Club Funds to remove the fish, drain the pond, de-silt the bed, rectify the leaks and improve the dam and overflow. The Club has hired a specialist company to initially provide a geo-survey of the pond and dam to locate the leaks and identify any other issues with the banks and the dam. Other search reports involving detailed area information are due shortly. Armed with all of this information we will be able to plan how to proceed with this important project. Once work starts, the pond will close for about 12 months. We as a Committee hope you agree with this decision. Further details will be published on the Clubs Web Site and in the Spring Newsletter.

## **SECRETARIES REPORT - Paul Addecott**

As we hopefully look forward to a less disruptive 2021 it goes without saying that none of us have previously experienced the turmoil of 2020. Luckily after a lot of hard work by Angling Cymru and the Clubs that work with the Welsh Angling body, we were able to get local fishing permitted after the March Lockdown was imposed. This was a relief to many of us as it did give a small amount of respite from the Welsh Government restrictions.

The Clubs Committee has still been working hard in the background on many angling related matters, which I would like to thank them all for their perseverance in ensuring the Club continues to function as near normal as is possible. Having Committee meetings on WebEx isn't what we are used to, but it is at the moment the only way we can conduct meetings and run the Club.

As we continue to work with the everchanging COVID-19 restrictions and rulings, many members have reported some excellent fishing to be had on what were their local waters during the local lockdown regimes. The River Taff has provided excellent stick float fishing for Cardiff members targeting Grayling on the Radyr and Llandaff North Stretches, Pike from Cardiff Bay and Lower Ely and Taff Rivers to members who persevere on these venues, Treoes has offered our Bridgend members good all round fishing, Bishops Pond has not seen so many Anglers and it will be interesting to see how the venue fishes through the Winter.

Look for details on the Club website as to how future Welsh Government restrictions affect our fishing.

You will see that for the coming season only, to try and compensate every Member for the restricted fishing over the past months, we have modestly reduced the cost of Membership. It was an interesting conversation with Mike Bishop, our Club Treasurer, but we as a Committee all agreed that the fairest and easiest way that we could support all our members and make next year's licence applications uncomplicated, was to offer every Membership category a set discount.

Let's hope that things improve and we can get back to visiting our favourite venues and not be governed by restricted travel or closed waters. I hope you all stay safe and thank you so much for your continued support for the Club.

### **HEAD BAILIFF REPORT- Brian Dickman (Head Bailiff)**

My Team as always are out and about whenever possible and try to keep an eye on all our waters, so firstly thanks guys for your time and assistance. The COVID situation has made it difficult for my Team getting around the waters, but luckily, I have Bailiffs in all our County areas and they are looking after their local waters. I would like to thank our Membership for their help in making this task as easy as possible for my team.

As we move into the Winter Months, I hope to get some work done on the waters where pegs need renewing or tidying up work around the bank side, but obviously this is COVID dependent.

There have been a number of queries in regards to Pike fishing and Lure Fishing/Fly Fishing on our waters, which have been discussed by the clubs Committee and are published on the new licences. A notice detailing the rules is the next item in this Newsletter.

### **PIKE FISHING ON CLUB WATERS**

Pike fishing on Club Still Waters is permitted from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

Still Waters where Pike fishing is permitted between the above dates are: St Y Nyll Top Pond, Bishops Pond – Groes Faen, Sues Pond – Barry & Treoes. In Cardiff Bay & Port Talbot Dock, pike fishing is allowed all Year Round. River Pike fishing is permitted 16<sup>th</sup> June to March 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the River Course Fishing Season.

Please ensure you have the correct unhooking forceps and always use an unhooking mat. Only Blast Frozen Baits are permitted. No Live Baits. No Pike Gags or Gaffs.

### **LURE FISHING ON CLUB WATERS RULE**

The Club rules in regards to Lure Fishing on our waters are as follows:

- No Lure Fishing of any kind on Treoes Pond. (Including Drop Shotting and Fly fishing)
- Wire Traces must be used for all types of lure Fishing which includes Drop Shotting.
- Fly Fishing for Pike is only permitted on Cardiff Bay, Port Talbot Dock and the River Wye at Monmouth.

### **CLUB MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS**

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions and Social Distancing, most of our Club events have been cancelled this year.

### **KEEPNETS**

Keepnets are not permitted on any Club Still Water with the exception of Club organised Competitions, most of which have trialled a points system in order not to use keepnets.

### **WATERS CLOSURES 2021**

St Y Nyll Top pond will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 and re open June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021.

### **JUNIOR COMPETITIONS**

The Junior Competition have had to be Cancelled due to the current restrictions

### **DISABLED GROUP COMPETITIONS – Ian Lewis (Disabled Group Co-ordinator and Head Coach)**

All Disabled Group Competitions were cancelled due to the current Covid restrictions which also meant that our coaching scheme has been severely curtailed and was mainly done with some of the junior section of the Club. We had a good response for the pike fishing day, it was nice to see so many of the juniors turn up for this. Unfortunately, no one told the

pike to turn up. Could Members of the coaching team please let me know if they need to renew their First Aid or Safeguarding Certificates, I would also like to know when their coaching licence is due for renewal.

## **24 HOUR CARP COMPETITIONS AND ANNUAL CLUB CHARITY 48HOUR EVENT**

Predictably these events had to be cancelled due to current restrictions.

## **FISHING IN DARK HOURS**

For whatever reason, there seems to still be confusion around fishing times on Club waters. Quite simply, if you are not a member of the Clubs Night Fishing Group or are part of an official Club Competition or event, then you are not permitted to be on the Club Waters or to fish until one hour before Dawn and you must be off the water by one hour after Sunset (**this means that you must be packed up and off the water by 1 hour after Sunset and not start packing up 1 hour after sunset**) Please observe this rule otherwise we will need to start stronger enforcement. The hours of Dawn & Sunset are all readily available online or in newspapers.

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT – Richard Turner**

Oh dear, so much for our summer's fishing. Hopefully, you've been able to find venues to fish during the various lockdowns we've had and have used your fishing as a respite from constant doom and gloom news and furlough. Cheer up though, there's still Brexit to come and no doubt there'll be a reason why our maggots, pellets, dead baits and ground bait will cost more!

Seriously, we've had a number of positive developments with our lease on Port Talbot proving very successful, a lease renewal on Pyscodlyn Mawr and the Rivers Taff & Ely plus some progress on obtaining permission to make fishing places on the Wye at Monmouth safer. Reports indicate the standard of fishing on our waters has remained high and the restrictions have given us the opportunity to fish waters we haven't previously tried.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank you for your support this year – our membership numbers have been really positive and for this reason and as a thank you, we have agreed to have a one season only reduction in membership fees for next season – more details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please continue to enjoy your fishing, thank you for complying with the travel and access restrictions and stay safe  
Tight lines to all for 2021

## **TREASURERS REPORT – Mike Bishop**

What an extraordinary 2020 year it has been, and it's not over yet! I have very much missed my regular fishing on Club waters and meeting up with you all. But it is pleasing to report that there should be good news for the Club on the horizon. I know I said that in the last newsletter, but events completely outside of our control have delayed our ability to make announcements. Suffice to say that a very considerable amount of work and effort by a number of Club Officers has gone into a couple of projects that as long as they (eventually) come to fruition will be very much welcomed by our membership. I am sure that a number of our past treasurers in our 116-year history (does anyone remember a time 46 or so years ago when I was not Treasurer?) will be looking over my shoulder at the decision, for the first time ever, to reduce our membership subscriptions! I know it is only a modest reduction but we do have to try to balance our future finance requirements with some degree of fairness to our membership. Our rents and expenditure on Waters continues unaffected by Covid and the spend that is already committed and awaiting a (successful) conclusion is significant. Hopefully better news awaits us. I would fully endorse the comments made by our Chairman in thanking you all for joining this Club, it is your money over the years that enables us provide the fishing that we do. THANK YOU.

Those of you who regularly attended past AGMS (2019 & prior) will, I am sure recognise the highlight of the meetings was my Treasurers Report (well I think it was!). The 2020 AGM obviously was unable to take place and therefore I was not able to give an outline of our finances or give members who attended a copy of our accounts. In the circumstances if any member wishes to receive a copy of our accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020, please email me at [treasurer@glamorgananglersclub.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@glamorgananglersclub.co.uk). Please in the email provide me with your licence number and the name and address on your licence, and I will email you a copy.

For all the contributions the Officers & Committee make to run the Club, by far the largest contribution in time & effort has to be by our Membership Secretary, Mick Roberts. You would have read his comments earlier in this newsletter as to how, when you apply for membership, you can help him. Mick, literally devotes very many many weeks throughout the year to ensure you get your licences as quickly as possible, so please do take extra care with your application form and help him. On behalf of everyone involved with the Club, a big thank you to Mick for the devotion he shows to what is an unpaid & generally unloved role.

I do hope that 2021 enables us to get back to some normality and I very much look forward to catching up with members on our waters.

**CLUB EVENTS CALENDAR 2021**

Due to the uncertainties of the current Covid situation, the Club is not in a position to arrange & publish any event details for 2021. Please keep looking on the Club website for further updates of what might yet be planned for 2021. Further news in the Spring/Summer 2021 newsletter.

**CLUB CONTACTS**

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**Application Form Page 1 of 3 (Juniors) or Page 1 of 2 (for all other members)****GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB Ltd.**

Permit application for 21/22 season from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 ONLY!! Use this form for new permits from 1 December 2020 (Do not apply before this) and valid upon receipt, from date of issue.

**[Invalid for 2022-2023 season see new form available from 1/12/2021]**

Surname..... Initials ..... Title .....

Address .....

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Post code ..... Tel. No. .... Date of Birth if under 16 .....

If you are already a member please write the ID number that is on your current licence .....

**All our licences now have a photograph printed on them. So, PASSPORT PHOTO NEEDED [if not already sent & on your existing licence]**

**NO PHOTO – NO PERMIT. Allow 21 days for processing. Do not send poor quality family snapshots!!**

**CHECK LIST. (ALL MEMBERS). READ, CHECK and TICK.** Incorrect and/or Incomplete Applications will be delayed or in some circumstances possibly returned.

<b>DO NOT SEND</b> applications by <b>registered post</b> – It is not always possible to be called to the door to sign for them – and if they are not signed for, they will be returned to you wasting time & money.	<b>X</b>
<b>DO NOT SEND</b> applications in <b>envelopes bigger than C5</b> [see below] unless these have extra stamps - 2 x 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> class etc. These will not be delivered, have to be collected, and incur a surcharge of £1.50. I WILL NOT BOTHER WITH THEM – WASTE OF TIME/MONEY.	<b>X</b>
CHECK DATES at top of form are these correct date for your application [do not use old forms]	
Have you filled in all details above Name, Address, phone number etc.?	
Renewing members, have you included your ID number above?	
If not previously sent, please include a Passport type ID photo. NEW MEMBERS must include one.	
<b>NEW MEMBERS</b> add/include JOINING FEE of £10.	
Have you included the CORRECT FEE – please double check	
Have you made out the cheque/postal order to GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB LTD? (must include LTD)	
Have you signed the cheque?	
Have you dated the cheque?	
Have you included a <b>STAMPED, ADDRESSED, ENVELOPE</b> for the return of permit etc	
Is this envelope the right size? <b>ENVELOPES see note below***.</b>	
Have you signed the acceptance note on the reverse page?	
JUNIOR MEMBERS have you read and signed the responsibility/behaviour document available separately or on the website – and include the return slip with your application??	

CHECKED & COMPLETED? SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS & THE CHEQUE AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFO REQUIRED TO: -

**GAC, Mr M. ROBERTS, 4 HEOL DON, WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF. CF14 2AU**

**(If you hand deliver, please do not ring the door bell, just push thro letterbox – no personal callers)**

**STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE [SAE] for return of permits/maps etc \*\*\***

Ordinary letter size envelope with 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp is OK for renewal/return of permit.

**NEW MEMBERS/MAP REQUEST** need to send a **C5 SAE** [big enough to take this sheet folded in half] an ordinary 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp will be OK.

DO NOT USE ENVELOPES BIGGER than C5 they need a more expensive stamp or they will incur a surcharge of £1.50.

**Application Form Page 2 of 3 (Juniors) or Page 2 of 2 (for all other members)**

**FEES, TYPE of PERMIT, ACCEPTANCE of CONDITIONS TO SIGN**

**READ CAREFULLY and FILL IN where necessary.**

Members should note that they are responsible for their personal safety on waters and should have their own **Personal Accident Insurance**. By accepting a permit, members agree to abide by all club rules and are deemed to indemnify Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd and their Landlords against all costs, claims, actions, liabilities and demands incurred by their actions. Members are reminded that fisheries can be hazardous places.

**All applicants must sign** to acknowledge that they accept these conditions.

**READ THE ABOVE and SIGN** - .....

We cannot issue a licence without a signature above.

Read the table below to work out the type of permit you want/need and the fees.

You can pay by **cheque/postal order** made out to **GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB LTD.**

If you don't have a bank account you could pay a trusted friend to make out a cheque for you or send Postal Orders.

Cash is sent at your own risk.

TYPE OF LICENCE and FEES in £'s.	COARSE	GAME	Enter
<b>FULL COARSE</b>	SENIOR	£67.00	£124
*Husband and Wife only [3rods max if both fishing].	HUSB/WIFE see*adjacent	£90.00	N/A
<b>FULL GAME [Includes full coarse]</b>	JUNIOR [Under 16] see**	£30.00	£56
	OAP/DISABLED see***	£49.00	£83
<b>NEW MEMBERS ONLY ADD JOIN FEE</b>		£10.00	£10.00
<b>NB</b> [**Juniors do not need a join fee]			
<b>NEW MAP OF WATERS. [C5 SAE] - Note Charge [free to new members]</b>		£5.00	
<b>Total Cheque/postal order etc. for permit etc. =</b>			
<p><b>Newsletters</b> - Are posted to current members in November and March. They are also available on our website.                      If <u>you want a newsletter emailed</u> please print your email address below - Clearly: -                      .....                      IF YOU DO NOT require a newsletter please tick here: - .....</p>			
<p>NFG is currently £45 for accepted members. [Full at the moment but you can put your name on a waiting list].</p>			

**\*\*Junior members & parents** must sign/return the responsibility/behaviour document available separately and on website.

**\*\*\*ALL OAP/DISABLED applications** enclose proof of entitlement eg Copy of official document with name & address [Not a car disabled badge] – Physical disability must now be proved, drawing incapacity benefit is not proof of disability. Please supply proof that you are receiving **DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE or are over 65 for OAP.**

**Permits** returned ASAP. BUT **please apply early** and allow up to 21 days for turnaround – It may be a rush, or I may be ill or away.

A child **aged under 12 [1 rod only]** does not need a club permit provided an adult member [over 18] accompanies them.

**Maps** - see above. **Keys** for Club waters [Cost £10 each] available to members from Garry Evans Fishing tackle and Ewenny Anglers, [Bring permit - Shop hours only].

Only if a new member lives more than 40miles away from one of the Angling shops above can keys be sent by post. If so, please send cost of key with application if wanted.

Visit our website at - [www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk](http://www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk) for the latest club news and information.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ANGLING CLUB; WE ARE A NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION WHICH REINVESTS YOUR EXCESS SUBS INTO THE FUTURE OF ANGLING IN SOUTH WALES.

[Records are held on computer but they are not connected to the net, or a phone line].

Application Form Page 3 of 3 (Juniors)

To all Parents/Junior members - Thank you for applying to join Glamorgan Anglers Club.

Would you and the prospective junior member. Please read the following document then sign and return the stub. Failure to do so will mean that the application will be refused.

Due to problems in the past, Glamorgan Anglers Club wish to draw the following to your attention.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility.

Unaccompanied Junior members [under 16] are the responsibility of their parents/guardians.

It is expected that Juniors fishing our waters will be adequately provided with food, drink, suitable clothing, tackle, bait etc.

Juniors should have mobile phones in order to contact their parents/guardians in case of emergency.

Juniors must be made aware of the dangers of open waters [drowning etc.] and the limits of access to St y Nyll and Barry, Cadoxton Lakes [see club rules].

It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to ensure that Junior members are aware of club rules [see permit/website].

All Juniors must be told that they must behave in a sensible and mature manner when fishing our waters.

Behaviour.

Angling is a quiet and individualistic sport which many people take up to relieve stress they should not have to tolerate misbehaviour from Junior members. The great majority of our junior members are well-behaved, pleasant and polite people. However, we have had some instances of bad behaviour as noted below: -

- Causing damage to banks, trees, property.
- Disturbing wildlife.
- Being noisy, shouting.
- Throwing stones.
- Abusive/foul language.
- Wandering around and disturbing other anglers.
- Refusal to present documents.
- Disobeying the instructions of bailiffs.
- Not respecting other anglers or members of the public.
- Leaving litter.

It has also been noted that groups of juniors often behave very poorly in comparison to individuals.

Also, some parents think that it is acceptable for their children to misbehave and are even abusive to club

officials/members who enforce the club rules or standards of behaviour. **Such responses will result in an immediate ban for the member concerned. Incidents of bad behaviour will be reported and will result in disciplinary procedure. This may involve the parents/guardians of the individual concerned. In severe incidents the offending may be banned from the club and its affiliate clubs for life. [No refund will be given]. The committee's decision is, in all cases, final.**

As far as is possible the Club tries to provide a pleasant and safe environment for our members to enjoy a peaceful days fishing. We hope that all club members will respect this privilege and do nothing to upset the enjoyment of fellow members.

Return the stub below to: **GAC Mr M. Roberts, 4, Heol Don, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2AU**

..... Cut or Tear carefully here .....

**I have read the document above and I agree that my son/daughter should behave in a responsible mature manner when fishing Glamorgan Club Waters. I also absolve the club of any responsibility for my son/daughter when left unaccompanied. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of my son/daughter if they are left unaccompanied.**

Signed ..... Parent or Guardian of .....

I agree to abide by the club rules and behave in a sensible and mature manner. I will respect other members and obey the instructions of bailiffs.

Signed..... Junior applicant. .... Date