

# GLAMORGAN ANGLERS Club 2022 Newsletter

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## **SECRETARY'S REPORT – Adrian Corrigan**

As another busy season comes to an end, the fishing on offer on Gac waters is going from strength to strength with river and still water fishing of the best quality. I would like to thank all members who attended this year's AGM and for re-electing the committee for a further 12 months. The past season was a first for GAC with the launch of the Clubmate online license system, which, overall, has been a big success. I would like to thank Mr. Mike Bishop and Mr. Paul Addecott for setting up and running the Clubmate system it's been fantastic work by Mike and Paul to get it to run as smooth as it has.

### **Gribbles**

Not good news, Gribbles will remain closed for the foreseeable future and most of the fish have been relocated to other GAC waters with NRW permission, we are currently assessing the viability of Gribbles as a fishery due to lack of water during the now much drier summer months as the stream that feeds the pond has completely dried up for the last few summers. We will keep you updated as to progress.

### **Llantrythid**

Now that the club own Llantrythid, the facilities on site have been upgraded this year with a new car park, bailiff hut and coaching area. The fishing at Llantrythid is getting better and better as the seasons go by, if you haven't been down give it a try, the carp run to a good size and the silver fish fishing is very good with big roach, Rudd, Crucians, Bream and Tench plentiful with the odd surprise thrown in of Chub, Ide and Perch.

### **Work parties**

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank all of the members who turned up at club work parties this summer. The work done by club members is invaluable to the club and we will be holding more in the spring, come along you might enjoy it, getting into the ponds in a dry suit as an angler it is very interesting to feel the bottom of the pond and know what you are fishing on to. And we usually have bacon rolls to warm you up after.

All club members can rake and prepare swims prior to fishing if you want to cut any reeds or trees and bushes you must contact the head bailiff before you start.

### **Bishops Pond**

Bishops has now had a large amount of work done by club members to open up lots of swims for the pike season and beyond. Bishops remains a quiet water, I think due in some part its reputation of being a hard water to fish, I can assure you the fish are in there waiting to be caught. The good size pike do come out in the winter months and the carp are a challenge but can be netted with perseverance, give it a go it's a beautiful pond.

### **St-y-Nyll Top Pond**

Another good year for Tench from the top pond, with plenty of very good fish coming to the net for members. The ever present weed can be a problem at St-y-Nyll, but a quick rake before you set up and the Tench will be fizzing in your swim as you plumb the depth. Now we are in to the pike season the top pond holds a good head of fish for the predator anglers amongst us.

### **Pysgodlyn Mawr**

Very popular with club members Pysgodlyn continues to fish well in the warmer months good Carp, Tench and Crucians. If you catch a catfish it must be removed and the head bailiff informed. Pysgodlyn has become very popular with dog walkers and horse riders, please be tolerant of the dog walkers and other members of the public. The work carried out at Pysgodlyn by the NRW was beyond the control of the club, the work was to encourage the growth of a plant called Pillwort (*Pilularia globulifera*) which in turn encourages the dragonfly life. We are talking to the NRW about the changes made and hopefully a gate to stop horse riders approaching the water's edge.

### **Treoes**

Remained a very popular water, this summer, fishing well for good Carp, Roach, Bream and Perch, This season the peg upgrades to the new composite material has continued at Treoes, a big thank you to Head bailiff Brian Dickman for all his hard work organizing and installing all the new pegs not just at Treose but across most of the clubs still waters. The annual 48 hour charity event took place on 24rd, 25th and 26th of July and was yet again a fantastic event which raised in excess of £4000 for Y-Bont. A big thank you to Paul Addecott and Richard Turner for organizing the event and everyone who helped on the weekend or donated prizes for the raffle. Next year's event will be open to members soon.

### **Sue's and Carols Lakes Barry**

Both Sue's and Carols continued to produce good bags of fish for members this summer, with carp in the 20lb to 30lb range possible from Sue's and the Barbel in Carols pond have been caught to 9lb. Anyone who has fished either pond will have noticed the reed encroachment problem, we now have agreement with Dow on reed removal from both ponds, There will be a big effort in January/February to selectively remove the encroaching reeds and open up the pegs that were unfishable this summer, This will involve machinery and will mean closing the ponds during the work.

### **Rivers**

The club has some very good river fishing, the river Wye at Monmouth, locations for new pegs have been identified and subject to Monmouth CC & NRW approval, work should start on these new pegs as soon as possible. The Monmouth stretch produces some top quality Barbel, chub and pike when the conditions are right. A big thank you to Anto Roberts and the other Wye bailiffs they do a fine job for the club. The restocking program for the Taff and Ely will continue this winter with the stocking of thousands of roach into both rivers. If we as a club don't restock our local rivers nobody else will, with the help of the NRW we get a good proportion of your rod license fee back to the club from the NRW in grants for fish and bankside work, the river restocking program will continue for the foreseeable future.

### **Pike Fishing**

The club now offers some of the best Pike fishing in Wales if not the whole UK, with St-Y-Nyll, Sue's and Treoes all holding good fish, you also have access to Port Talbot dock and Cardiff bay where Pike to huge sizes lurk and big river Pike in the Wye, Taff and Ely. Club Pike Guru Chairman Richard Turner held another two very successful Pike teach in's at Treoes, a big thank you to all involved. As we start the Pike fishing season all members must carry the correct equipment when fishing for Pike and please read your club rules before you fish.

### **AGM:**

The AGM will be held at The National Sports Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff on Thursday 18 May at 7pm.

### **GAC NEWSLETTER – CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE**

Well, what a summer it's been with record low river levels affecting the Wye, the well-publicised problems with Gribbles and excessive weed growth on almost all our waters. Despite this, our teams of volunteers, including lots of new work party volunteers (Thanks to all of you) have done a great job in keeping our waters as fishable as possible and judging from the catch records, members have enjoyed some great fishing, which is what your committee strive to provide. We have continued with our programme of improving stocks in the Taff and Ely and in an effort to make GAC membership as widely available as possible have opened up our Taff season tickets to include both the Ely and the designated angling areas in Cardiff Bay (Just be careful where and when you're fishing to avoid fishing the actual rivers out of season!) Pysgodlyn Mawr reopened to angling and has provided some fantastic bags of the usual carp, grass carp and particularly crucians - We are actively working to improve the "Improvements" made by the parties managing Pysgodlyn, so please bear with us on this one! Hopefully, you will all continue to enjoy fishing through the winter, we have increasingly good pike fishing at Treoes and Part Talbot docks and don't forget our annual New Year's Eve competition in aid of good causes. Finally, well done to Anto Roberts for showing us all how to catch River Wye barbel during the annual Wye Cup – a worthy winner! Tight lines to everyone and fingers crossed you all have Christmas fishing presents

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

Well, where has this year gone, it only seems a short while ago I was putting my report together for the end of 2021. Obviously as always, I would firstly like to thank my team of Bailiffs, who have worked hard this year looking after our many waters. We have had a couple of instances of poaching reported, which my team have dealt with whenever possible.

I have received quite a few questions in regards to the work that NRW did at Pyscodlin Mawr earlier this year. Unfortunately, we were not consulted about the work and so the bank side renovations were done solely by NRW. We have since met with NRW to discuss the issues caused, but I do not think any changes will be made in the near future. However, we did get the ok to open up some more pegs around the banks, which a work party was organised late spring and was very successful. Thanks to all the members and bailiffs who turned up to help, it was as always appreciated. I do hope to do some work on both Barry ponds in January/February to try and sort out some of the reeds encroaching on the pegs. We have had the go ahead from Dow to get some plant machinery on site to try and dig out the rhizomes around the pegs to stop the reeds growing into and around the platforms. I will update you via Clubmate and the Club web site when this work will be taking place. You are no doubt aware of the issues we have with Gribbles Covert Pond, which have been ongoing for quite a while. In a nutshell, due to the very hot and dry conditions over the summer, the

stream that feeds the pond dried up in early spring and since then no water has been getting into the pond. We did get a borehole dug to allow us to tap into the water table below ground, but this is not enough to fill the pond back up. So, all I can advise at this time is that Gribbles Covert Pond will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We did move the fish out of the pond to other Club still waters. I will also be working at Treoes Pond this Autumn, clearing some vegetation from around the islands and generally tidying up the banks.

As with the past few years, our commitment to restocking the river Taff and Ely with silver fish will continue with 18,000 Roach being split between the Taff and Ely rivers which are due delivery February 2023. Finally, it leaves me to thank all our members for your support and hope to meet some of you on the banks this coming season.

#### **COACHING REPORT - Ian Lewis**

Coaching this year has been very limited due to schools not being allowed to do activities on field trips. We have done one session with Llanedryn junior school which was a great success all the children catching fish. They will return next year.

#### **DISABLED ANGLING – Ian Lewis**

Disabled comps have been successful this year with more waters being used We have used Treoes, Llantrithid Sue's and Carol's ponds. The overall result is 1st Jenny Collins 243points 2nd Paul Watts 169.8 points 3rd Frank Foster 154.2 points. Heaviest silver fish Frank Foster 4lb 4oz Bream. Llantrithd. Heaviest fish Delme Edwards Sue's pond

#### **JUNIOR COMPETITIONS – Andy Hoare**

Its been a challenging year for our Junior Section but as always the youngsters have done really well on the events we hold for them. There have been some really good catches and all the youngsters have enjoyed themselves. I want to say a big thanks to the Parents and Coaches who have supported the section, as without Juniors coming through the Club, we would have no future members. We have plenty of Junior days next year again and as always we have prizes to ensure every Junior goes home with a smile and something to show for their efforts. If any Member would like to bring their Juniors to our events, please get in contact as we will welcome all youngsters who want to give fishing a go.

#### **CONTACTING THE CLUB:**

It seems that some Club members who wish to contact the Club prefer to use Facebook. This is not the correct procedure for officially contacting either the Committee or Club Officials, as there are only a small percentage of members that use the Facebook page. Please use the following contact methods:

- Use the individual Club officials email address as detailed below in this Newsletter or on the Club Web site. The general email address is [glamorgananglersclub@clubmate.co.uk](mailto:glamorgananglersclub@clubmate.co.uk)
- There is a "Contact the Club" portal on the Club web site, where you can raise items for discussion at the following months Committee meeting.
- If there is a telephone contact number for the Club Official advertised, please by all means give them a call, but be mindful that Club Officials do work and try and call in the evenings.
- Write to the club via the Club Secretary or for License issues the Membership Secretary. Both addresses are; Glamorgan Anglers Club, PO Box 220, Barry CF63 9FZ.
- If you feel you would like to discuss your issue or question in person, contact the Club Secretary, who can in some circumstances arrange for you to attend the next available Committee Meeting or set up an on line meeting.

#### **CLUB WEB SITE**

The Club would like to thank Julian Johnson for his ongoing work on the Web site.

#### **POND CLOSURES 2023**

St y Nyll Top Pond is closed from 1 April 2023 to 31 May 2023, both dates inclusive.

#### **PIKE FISHING**

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. Please ensure you have the correct size Landing Net.

Club still water Pike fishing ends 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 and resumes 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 (Port Talbot Dock and Cardiff Bay excluded). River Pike fishing is permitted 16<sup>th</sup> June to March 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the River Fishing Season.

#### **FISHING IN DARK HOURS**

There seems to still be a little bit of 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 fish in dark hours. The Club rule is that you are permitted to be on the waters 1 hour prior to Sunrise (**no sooner**), **but you must be packed up and off the water by 1 hour after Sunset**. This does not mean start packing up 1 hour after Sunset. Full details on the timings of Sunrise and Sunset (note – this is **NOT** Dawn & Dusk we mean Sunrise & Sunset) are in most daily newspapers or on a number of websites such as <https://sunrise-sunset.org/gb/cardiff>

#### **TREASURERS REPORT – Mike Bishop**

A good year for income and this meant we were able to spend more!! One of our objectives in the coming years will be to build up our “New Waters” fund which was significantly depleted with our purchase of LLantrithyd last year. Ever since I became Treasurer in 1975, this Fund has been a key part of our financial strategy (splitting out cash from our normal annual expenditure and over a period of time build up a Reserve Fund for such purchases) and has enabled us to build and buy Treoes, Gribbles, LLantrithyd and the River Wye at Monmouth. We never know when an opportunity will arise to purchase a Water so, it is crucial that we have cash allocated to the “New Waters” Fund to enable us to make the purchase. This Fund has also been used over the years to make significant improvements to our waters. As usual full details of our financial position will be in my Treasurers Report at the AGM.

#### **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT – Paul Addecott**

First and foremost, the Club would like to thank you for supporting the Club by remaining as valued Members. As you are aware last December, we moved our License renewals over to Clubmate, to allow Members to renew or start a new membership on line and enable electronic payments, which had been requested by the Membership at previous AGM’s. Overall, the first year of electronic renewals has gone very well, with only a few minor issues to sort out, so hopefully this coming season we hope that these issues have been resolved. You can of course renew the old way by post, but please note that the Club now has a PO Box Address for all Club correspondence. **Glamorgan Anglers Club, PO Box Number 220, Barry CF63 9FZ**. When writing to this address, you DO NEED TO PUT A STAMP on the envelope, it is NOT freepost.

I would please ask any Juniors that are moving up to senior license, please if you have not done already, update your photo on Clubmate. If at all possible, please use Clubmate to renew your Licenses and if you do not have an email address to log into the portal, then by all means let us have a relative’s email address, who can print off our regular email updates for you, I can change your profile quite simply, but I need the information.

For our Taff only Licence holders, the Club now offers both access to the Clubs stretch of the River Ely and the designated angling places in Cardiff Bay as part of the Taff only License, which for River anglers is excellent value for money. Finally, unfortunately we have had to increase the cost of Membership slightly, which we were reluctant to do, but as with everything around us, our costs have increased, which includes additional costs for using Clubmate.

I hope you re-join us this coming season, as your License does offer excellent value for the amount of quality fishing available to you. Please see the rejoining instructions on the last 3 pages of this newsletter. The cost of the various licences are clearly shown in these 3 pages, and also includes a postal application form.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR MEMBERS JOINING THE CLUB:-**

Please note that as a result of the Club deciding to go online with our members database and with the likelihood that there will be a limit to the number of members able to join, from 1/12/22 to 28/2/23, only members with an existing 22/23 membership can re-join, after 1/3/23 New members and existing members can join on a first come first served basis until the membership limit is reached. Existing members, to avoid disappointment, please join in the 1 December to 28 February period.

#### **CLUB CONTACTS**

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Night Group Booking –	Brian Dickman – As per head Bailiff.
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Website Administrator	Julian Johnson - <a href="mailto:admin@glamorgananglersclub.co.uk">admin@glamorgananglersclub.co.uk</a>

**CLUB EVENTS DATES**

Date	Event	Contact	Venue
Sat 28 01 23	Bryn Hedges Pike Cup leg 1	Richard Turner - 07398 364044	Port Talbot Dock
Sat 11 03 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Llantrythid
Sat 25 03 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Treoes
Thur 06 04 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Treoes
Sat 15 04 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Llantrythid
Sat 22 04 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Sues Pond
Thur 04 05 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Carols Pond
Sat 06 05 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Treoes
Sat 20 05 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Llantrythid
Thur 25 05 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Llantrythid
Sat 10 06 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Sues Pond
Thur 15 06 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Sues Pond
Sat 17 06 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Carols Pond
Fri 23 06 23	48 Hour Charity Event	Paul Addecott - 07804 097857	Treoes
Sat 08 07 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Llantrythid
Thur 13 07 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Treoes
Sat 22 07 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Carols Pond
Sat 05 08 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Llantrythid
Thur 10 08 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Carols Pond
Sat 12 08 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Llantrythid
Sat 19 08 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Carols Pond
Sat 02 09 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Treoes
Thur 14 09 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Llantrythid
Sat 16 09 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Treoes
Sun 24 09 23	Wye Cup	Richard Turner - 07398 364044	Wye Monmouth
Sat 07 10 23	Junior Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Llantrythid
Thur 12 10 23	Disabled Comp	Ian Lewis - 07824 430683	Treoes
Sat 14 10 23	24 Hour Carp Comp	Neil Angove - 07534 266441	Sues Pond
Sat 18 11 23	Bryn Hedges Pike Cup leg 2	Richard Turner - 07398 364044	Port Talbot Dock
Sat 16 12 23	Junior Santa Comp	Andy Hoare - 07543 216986	Treoes