



GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB

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Secretaries Report – Adrian Corrigan

Firstly, I must introduce myself my name is Adrian Corrigan I have been assistant secretary to Paul for over 15 years. Paul has moved on to the membership secretary role as Mick Roberts is stepping down. Without the hard work of both Paul and Mick the club would not be in the position we are today. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mick and Paul for the outstanding job both have done for the club over the numerous years as senior committee members. On behalf of the Club, we would like to thank all our members who have continued to support us by renewing their licenses. It is with your support that we are able to pay all of our leases, maintain our waters, and keep up with our stocking programs. As the Covid -19 restrictions were eased, members returned to fishing club waters and there was a large increase in membership applications; for this reason, for the first time in the club's history, we made a decision to put a limit on the number of members joining the club. The committee will review the membership cap on regular basis with the help of the bailiff team.

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. 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.

Gribbles

Work to locate the leak on the far bank at Gribbles started in March as it became apparent the leak was getting worse and the pond was unfortunately closed. The leak has now been fixed; the pond has filled and is now open to fish. There will be a stocking of various fish this winter.

Llantrithyd Lake

With the great news that the club now owns Llantrithyd, work commenced on the on June 14th and in super quick time everything was ready and reopened on June 30th, thanks to Brian Dickman and Andy Hoare for the fantastic job. Llantrithyd has been fishing very well throughout the summer with good bags of silvers of all types and plenty of nice carp. If you haven't fished Llantrithyd give it a go this winter, the fish still feed well in the colder months. Please adhere to the 5mph speed limit on the track down to the lake (be very careful of livestock) and close all gates immediately you have driven through them.

Bishops Pond

The pond weed in Bishops wasn't removed this summer to allow the fish to spawn and fry to grow on to boost the stocking levels, whilst deterring predators. The pond holds large carp and pike that can be a challenge to most anglers but worth it if you get one.

St-y-Nyll

Another good year for Tench from the top pond, with a few 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.

Pysgodlyn Mawr

Very popular with club members Pysgodlyn continues to fish well in the warmer month's good Carp, Tench and Crucians. If you catch a catfish, it must be removed and the head bailiff informed. During and after Covid, 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 country side council for Wales and the forestry commission will be carrying out work to keep the horse riders to the bridal path and away from the path on the far bank. The lake will be closed for the work and when we receive the dates it will be published on the club web site

Treoes

Our most popular water again this summer fishing well for good Carp, Roach, Bream and Perch, there are a few pegs taped off awaiting repair, the material is on order and will be fitted in due course. The annual 48 hour charity event took place at Treoes on 23rd, 24th and 25th of July and was yet again a fantastic event which raised in excess of £2600 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 and Carols lakes Barry

Both Sue's and Carols lakes continue to produce good bags of fish for members this summer with carp in the 20lb to 25lb range possible from Sue's and the Barbel in Carols have been caught to 7lb. Anyone who has fished either pond will have noticed the reed encroachment problem, but we as a club must be careful with all work carried out as we need to consider the wildlife on the lakes. There will be a big effort this winter to remove some reeds and open up the pegs that were unfishable in the summer.

Rivers

The club now offers some very good river fishing - the River Wye at Monmouth although there are limited number of pegs, it 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 club is working on the possibility of a few more safer pegs on the stretch hopefully for next season. In the meantime, members fishing any River must take extreme care when approaching the water and choosing where to fish. Only fish places that you consider are safe given the conditions at the time. The restocking program for the Rivers Taff and Ely will continue this winter with the stocking of thousands of roach and Barbel into both rivers. If we as a club don't restock our local rivers nobody else will. Our thanks go to NRW for their assistance with the restocking program 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 very successful Pike teach in at Treoes on October 23rd with 3 fish landed on the day, 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 Sully Sports and Social Club, South Rd, Sully, CF64 5SP on 19/05/21 starting at 19.30.

GAC WINTER NEWSLETTER – CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Another summer gone and as we move into the winter, I thought it worth reflecting on what's happened outside of fishing over the past few months. The big change has been in our membership renewal process with the club moving to on line renewals via Clubmate for the 22/23 season (more about Clubmate elsewhere in the newsletter). In addition, we also now have a range of "GAC" clothing available to all members – have a look along the top of the website "Shop" icon and make sure you have something ordered for your Christmas stocking! We have seen a number of changes to our committee too, with long standing membership secretary, Mick Roberts stepping down after years of sterling service, Paul Addecott moving from secretary to take over Mick's role and Adrian Corrigan stepping up to the secretary role. Many thanks Mick for all your work over the years – you can enjoy your summer holidays now, safe in the knowledge that Paul and Clubmate will be handling the applications! Good luck to Paul and Adrian too.

On the fishing front, we had great attendances at the Wye Cup and our recent pike teach in day at Treoes. We've had to postpone the Bryn Hedges cup but hope to hold that in December and it's already fully booked! Loads of work has been carried out on waters, with Brian completing repairs at Gribbles, Andy arranging a big work party effort at Groesfaen and Mike doing a great job trying to get permission to erect more swims on the Hadnock bank of the river Wye.

As always, enjoy your fishing and keep an eye on the website for more updates.

HEAD BAILIFF REPORT- Brian Dickman (Head Bailiff)

As we head into the Winter Months and the Waters are less busy, I will now take this opportunity to carry out maintenance works on a number of our waters. My Bailiff Team have made significant progress in now having Club Bailiffs patrolling our stretches of the River Taff, which to an extent has reduced the number of Poachers on the river Bank. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my team for all their efforts this year and the amount of work that they put in keeping our waters fishable. This brings me on to the work now completed at Gribbles Covert pond to stem the leak that progressively got worse over the past year or two. The work we have done seems to have stopped the water leaking out and now we have

had rain, the level has risen enough for me to allow the water to open. I would like to point out to the rumour mongers who seem to make up stories as they go, NO the Club is not selling Gribbles, NO the Club has not emptied all the fish out of Gribbles, if you want correct information, contact me. As the Club is now moving to electronic Membership, please help my Bailiff Team when they ask for your License, as some will have a Bailiff APP that allows them to read your card from the bar code on your card without the card having to change hands, which in the current climate does make checking Licenses safer for all. Please remember, all my team are volunteers and doing a job that not everyone wants to do, so please be patient, polite and enjoy your fishing.

COACHING REPORT

Due to covid very little coaching was done. This was restricted to the junior matches, therefore very little to report. Looking forward to a full program next year.

DISABLED FISHING REPORT

We were lucky enough to run 6 disabled matches with some good fish being caught the biggest being caught by Craig Nock with a 22.5lb carp. I am looking forward to next year when I am hoping to bring in a new points system.

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS – Andy Hoare

Its been a challenging year for our Junior Section but as always the youngsters have done really well on the organised events we held 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 the section a go.

CONTACTING THE CLUB:

It seems that Club members who wish to contact the Club seem to 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 advertised in this Newsletter or on the Club Web site.

There is a "Contact the Club" portal on the Club web site, where you can raise items for discussion at the Club 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.

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 online meeting.

CLUB WEB SITE

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

POND CLOSURES 2021

St y Nyll Top Pond is closed from 31st March 2022 to 1st June 2022

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 31st March 2021 and resumes 1st October 2021 (Port Talbot Dock and Cardiff Bay excluded). River Pike fishing is permitted 16th June to March 14th in conjunction with the River Fishing Season.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Calendar of events can be viewed on the website and will be emailed to all members who have given us their email addresses. **CONTACTS FOR CLUB EVENTS** are given below in the Club contacts list

FISHING IN DARK HOURS

There still seems to be some confusion around fishing times on Club Waters. Quite simply if you are not a member of the

Clubs Night Fishing Group or are not 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 Water 1 hour before Sunrise and you must be packed up and off the Water by 1 hour after Sunset, not starting to pack up 1 hour after sunset (THIS IS NOR DAWN NOR DUSK). Information on Sunrise & Sunset times are in most Daily Newspapers and on a number of Websites such as <https://sunrise-sunset.org/gb/cardiff>

TREASURERS REPORT – Mike Bishop

A very busy year all round for Club Officials. The work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure the members have the best possible fishing experience is huge and largely goes unnoticed. I have been involved as a Club official for nearly 50 years and take it from me, the current Officers and Committee are extremely active in all areas of running the Club and in my experience are amongst the best we have ever had. The big news from me last year was the completion of the purchase of Llantrithyd lake in May. For many reasons outside of our control, this task took 17 months to bring to fruition. On a personal note, I would thank the previous owners (Mr & Mrs Plant) for all of their assistance in the negotiations and eventual completion of the purchase – their help was invaluable. On another personal note, a huge thank you to Mick Roberts for his work as Membership Secretary that assisted me, as Treasurer, with the Club finances and accounts and made my role easier.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT – Paul Addecott

After more years than we care to remember, Mick Roberts has decided to retire as Club membership Secretary, so obviously everyone at the Club, both Committee and Members would like to than Mick for his many years of dedication to the role. Mick will however still remain on the Club committee, So, after 15 years as Club secretary, I will now take over from Mick as Membership Secretary and Adrian Corrigan has moved to Club secretary.

Members should note that from 8th December for the 22/23 season, we are moving to Electronic Memberships and a great deal of background work has been done to get as many of you who sent in your email addresses set up ready to go. Whether or not members have sent us their email address, everyone will be able to apply for a licence online. Full details on how existing members can apply for their 31/03/23 licence online whether you had informed us of an email address or not was in the newsletter that was posted out to everyone at the end of November. If you apply online you must follow what was said in the newsletter you received, complete every information box on your profile and you have to upload a photo, then pay with a Credit or Debit Card.

For those existing members who do not have internet access, you can still apply via the old postal application form route. An application form (in the Newsletter) has been posted to all individuals who were members for the season to 31/03/22. Please follow the instructions in that newsletter, complete all boxes carefully & enclose a photo & a cheque with the application form.

Please note that all existing members for the 31/03/22 season can apply for (as above) & are guaranteed a 31/03/23 licence as long as they apply before 28/02/22.

Individuals who are not members for the current year to 31/03/22, will be able to apply to join online or by post after 01/03/22. Details of how this will work will be posted on the Club Website and in a newsletter that will be put in the tackle dealers a week or so beforehand.

After 01/03/22 existing members & new members will join on a first come first served basis until our membership is full. So please be mindful and renew in plenty of time.

CLUB CONTACTS

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