

Spring/Summer 2016 Newsletter

Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd

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2016 AGM will be held on Thursday 19th May @
The National Sports Centre for Wales, Sophia
Gardens, Cardiff. 7.15pm start.

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What's been happening?

Water, water, everywhere and not a River to fish I think is the catchphrase for the past months. What a winter we have had in respect to rain, which for River Anglers has put paid to most fishing trips planned.

Our still waters have obviously been busy throughout the Winter Months with the Rivers being repeatedly out of bounds. Reports from the Bailiff Team have been on the most part very good, with Both Barry ponds being at the top of the report list month in and month out. Bags of 40lb + have been commonplace. The introduction of additional barbel into Carols pond has already become apparent, with many being landed. Gribbles Covert Pond as usual has produced good mixed bags which included Tench and Crucians throughout the winter, due mainly to the mild weather.

Pyscodlin Mawr pond slowed down as the temperatures dropped, but still produced the odd good bag to those who put the time in on this water.

Groes Faen (Bishops) Pond has had a stock of

mixed silvers and Tench, which now will be hungry come the warmer temperatures. This water fished very well in the warmer months of 2015, which we are sure will repeat itself this year.

We very much hope that as soon as we get a good dry spell of weather, Llantrythid will get the new Car Park and access road completed and opened up to everyone. This water holds some very large Bream and Tench, along with plenty of Carp. Treoes has been busy with many winter anglers targeting the large Perch this water now offers, with some members catching some nice 2lb plus fish on a regular basis.

We hope that all our members enjoy the warmer months and the excellent fishing the Club has to offer.

48 Hour Charity Event

This Years 48 Hour Charity event will take place on Treoes Pond on the weekend of Friday 1st July to Sunday 3rd July 2016
If you would like to take part, please either email the

Club Secretary:
secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk or call 07804 097857

If anyone has any Raffle prizes they would like to donate, then please by all means either leave them with the Bailiff Team at

Treoes or contact one of the Club Officials.

Members who attended last years event have been given first option to places.

- **2016 Pond Closures**
- St Y Nyll top Pond 31st March to June 1st

Llantrythid will close on an as needs basis to complete the upgrade works. This will be advised on notice boards and web site

All other still waters will remain open

Head Bailiff's Report- Brian Dickman (Head Bailiff)

**MEMBERS of the Clubs
Night Fishing group must
Ensure that they call
Colin Farnham on
07813 001869 or Brian
Dickman on 07510 223621
to book on to their chosen
Venue as long as possible
before night fishing.**

As is now customary, I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank my team for all their efforts over the past 6 months, which is appreciated by me as much as the Club.

I have spent quite a lot of time, along with some of my Team and a few volunteers preparing Llantrythid lake for the proposed upgrades, which are now just waiting for some dry weather to allow us to complete the work. The Club will be investing in some young trees and shrubs to re plant

around the pond, which in the future will make the pond a delight to fish.

We now also have a number of bird nesting boxes (around 25 for different birds ranging from Robins to Owls to Bats) put up around our waters, which I hope you will enjoy. These were purchased from a legacy left to the Club by William (Bill) Harris, a long time member of the Club who sadly passed away in 2014.

As members, you have the right to check licenses of anyone fishing on Club

waters. If you find anyone on our waters who does not have a license, just advise them that they are on a Private fishery and should leave. If they don't, just go back to your peg and call me, I will deal with it by mobilizing one of my Team or attending myself. My number is on your Club License. Finally, I would just like to ask you to take your litter home with you and keep our waters clean and tidy.

Disabled Angling Group – Any enquiries regarding Disabled Group Competitions, could you please contact Amanda Joseph on 07837 130351

Fishing Times on Club Waters:

There has been a little confusion as to fishing times on our waters. Following a meeting with the Club Committee and Club Bailiff Team representatives, the agreed timings on Club waters are as follows:

Non Night Group Members – You are entitled to **arrive** on your chosen venue 1 hour prior to sunrise, but you must be packed away and be **off** the water by 1 hour after sunset.

Night Group Members – You are entitled to fish on still waters where night fishing is permitted (Treoes, Llantrythid, Groes Faen (Bishops) Pond, Pyscodlin Mawr, Barry Ponds) for a maximum of 60 hours. Please ensure that if you fish Barry ponds overnight, that you let the main gate security lodge at Dow Corning know you will be on the water during the night.

Junior and Ladies Competitions – Andy Hoare

This year's Junior and Ladies Competitions will be organized by Andy Hoare, who can be contacted on 07543 216986. All Junior Competitions will run from 1pm to 4 pm, sign in at midday on the day of the Competition. Please call Andy to book places.

23 rd April – Gribbles Covert	9 th July – Gribbles Covert	10 th September Treoes
21 st May – Sues Pond	25 th July – Treoes	10 th December - Treoes
4 th June – Carols Pond	13 th August – Llantrythid	

Albert Smith will be along, but due to ill health will not be arranging the Competitions. We all wish Albert a speedy recovery.

Disabled Angling and Club Coaching. Amanda Joseph

Here we are again into a new year and how the time is flying by. We have had such a wet winter, I for one can't wait to get out on the bank and hopefully land a few in this coming year.

We are busy preparing for this years competitions which are spread thorough out the calendar and the list of dates can be found on the notice board at Treoes with the first being in April, the dates can also be found on the events list attached with this newsletter.

I hope the weather will be kind to us this year, but if not I'm sure it will not dampen the enthusiasm and banter we have become accustomed to over the years, however there will be a note of sadness though this year, as in

January we saw the very sad passing of one of our most prominent and much loved member Gerald Lee, Gerald will be greatly missed by us all, I will miss his competitive banter with Richie Philips which always left us not just smiling but laughing our socks off. Gerald's son and grandsons Ryan, Shane and Kyle would come along to help Gerald to set up, and would usually get roped into helping others which they always did without fail and for which I am grateful and to which is a credit to Gerald. I know I can speak for us all when I send our deepest condolences to Gerald's family, he was a great man.

Now wearing my other hat we already have coaching sessions

booked for this year which is great to know that there are local groups interested in joining our club and joining in a pastime that we all enjoy.

The coaching calendar is also filling up and this year sees the first coaching course for assistant coaches.

Lastly I would just like to thank all those who help by supporting the disabled matches last year and going into this year, without whom the events would not be able to run. Thanks to all the coaching team for all their hard work.

I look forward to seeing you on the bank this year.

Tight lines

Amanda Joseph

24 Hour Carp Competitions

The 24 Hour Carp Competitions have been running for 6 years now, but unfortunately numbers have dwindled slightly over the past year or two, which is a shame, as these Competitions give members the chance to fish overnight on Club waters. There will be 5 Competitions organized in 2016, two of which this year

will take place on Llantrythid. The Competitions will be:

Sat 30th April (The Kid Marmite Shield Competition), Treoes Pond

Saturday 28th May Llantrythid (subject to the car park and access road being complete)

Saturday 6th August Sues Pond

Saturday 17th September

Llantrythid

Saturday 15th October Carols Pond

The format for all Competitions is Carp only and individual weights.

The 24 hour Comps are organized by Kevin Hunt, booking places, ring **Kevin** on **07971 252142**. (After 6pm please).

These Competitions are open to all Club members, Senior and Junior.

Please ensure you renew your license for 2016/17 season as the current license 2015/16 expires 31st March 2016. Application form attached to this newsletter
This is also when your NRW Rod License requires renewal.

Junior Competitions, contact Andy Hoare: 07543 216986

Club Officials 2016/17

Club Chairman	Mr Richard Turner	chairman@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk
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Members please note that there is a keep net ban between March 14th 2016 and June 16th 2016.

Pike Fishing: Please note that Pike Fishing is allowed annually from 1st October to March 14th.

Still waters Net Dip. The Committee has received complaints that members are not using the net dips when entering and leaving the Pond. Please ensure you dip your nets at the beginning and end of each visit.

Under no circumstances are guests permitted to visit or fish any Club Water without prior consent. Such consent will be considered on a case by case basis in certain circumstances only

Treasurers Report – Mike Bishop (Hon Treasurer)

In order to maintain a feeling of suspense and to encourage you all to come to our AGM, I will not mention anything about our finances except to say that we did enjoy an increase in membership in the year and (as usual) we spent the vast majority of your membership subs on maintaining & improving our angling facilities. More at the AGM .

One of my jobs over the past few months has been to catalogue the Club documents that I have. As you all know, the Club was founded in 1904 and I have found that we still have complete committee minutes, AGM notices, secretaries reports to the AGM & accounts covering the years 1925 to 1933, 1944 to 1973 and 1980 onwards. Also there are documents, trophies and other items of some historical note. I found the exercise quite fascinating, particularly reading the immaculate hand written minutes of the 1930's, 40's & 50's. To give you a flavour of the content :-

- We have copies of the Annual Dinner and Ladies Evening thro the 1920's & 1930's. These were very formal events attended by the great & good of South Wales of the time. The menus contained items such as Royal Turtle Soup, Orange Soufflé, Petits-Fours, Supreme of Halibut au Chablis, Praline Ice Bombe & Sweet Bread Patties. I think I will go down the pub tonight and ask for something that seemed to be a regular final course on the menus, some "Little Fancies" - I will let you know how I get on!
- The AGM notices were very formal documents starting with - "I beg to inform you that the 23rd Annual General meeting"
- In 1925 the Club had 477 members with the Seniors each paying 5/-. The total members income was £86 0/6 (the last two figures are shillings and pence - I remember them!!!). There was an expenditure line for "Cleaning of the Cups". The Club at 31 December 1925 held £38 9/6 at the bank.
- At the 1926 AGM the meeting was closed with the words " Mr Smith proposed that a very hearty and real good vote of thanks be accorded the Chairman for presiding over the meeting. This was heartily supported and enthusiastically carried. At this stage Mr Harry Salmon gave a few of his Scottish Yarns which were greatly appreciated." Not too dissimilar to current days AGM then!!
- For those who remember Warren Mill pond, the first mention of obtaining permission to fish was recorded in the minutes of the 1st July 1932 meeting.
- We still have very many quite remarkable documents and reading even short extracts from the documents gave me a real sense of the history of the Club and the tradition that we, the current custodians of that heritage, must strive to carry on into the future.

I am currently endeavoring to ensure that these documents are properly cared for and kept in safe storage with access being available not only to Club members but general members of the public as well. Such is their historical importance. More news on this in the next Newsletter.