

DENBIGH AND CLWYD ANGLING CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2007

FAREWELL TO THE 2007 SEASON



Your Chairman and committee hope you all had a good season and enjoyed your fishing. The reports we have had back so far suggest that the higher than usual water levels throughout the season did little to help the success of our sea trout enthusiasts who enjoy the night fishing. However the water did bring fish into the river in numbers and some members have done exceedingly well for both salmon and sea trout. The lake seems to have "bedded in" now and reports suggest that it too has fished well. So all in all a good year. Unfortunately we have another farewell to announce at the AGM: the retirement our longstanding and hardworking Chairman Richard Williams who has served the committee and members of the club so very well for so many years for which we thank him. He will be missed but, we hope, available for consultation. We hope he enjoys his "retirement" as club Chairman, but look forward to his continued contributions to the Committee's work in future.

CATCH RETURN



Will you please make sure that your Environment Agency catch returns are filled in accurately. The details you provide are used to calculate the fish stock for the river. If you deliberately understate your return then the Agency may deduce that there are insufficient fish in the river to sustain the future development of the stock and further reduce or limit our fishing. Understating the numbers of fish taken **will not encourage the Agency to stock the river.** Understating returns can only harm our fishing so please be accurate

This years AGM is to be held at the Brookhouse Mill 7:30 p.m. on Friday 9th November 2007 and you are all cordially invited to attend.

The A.G.M.

This is the meeting at which your committee and officers are elected and at which matters are often raised that members wish the committee to investigate over the coming year.



It will be recommended that the following fees apply from next year.

Joining: £80.00, Annual: £100.00, Juniors: £25.00, Concessionary: £60.00, Family : £125.00

If you have any issues or concerns you wish to raise, please let me know at least 7 days before the meeting so that we have the opportunity to gather sufficient information to provide a detailed response at the meeting.

We all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Oh, yes, and you will have the opportunity to have a little something to eat as well and the chance to have a chat with those fishing friends you perhaps only see on the river. What have you to lose? Please come along

The Clwyd and Conwy Rivers Trust.



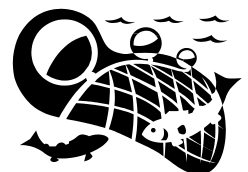
You may have heard about the formation of the new Conwy and Clwyd Rivers Trust. This has been formed and supported by a number of organizations and is intended to watch over and protect the two river systems and their respective environments.

As more information becomes available about the Trust it will be passed on to you. However there's one aspect of the Trusts work with which you can assist and for which we are keen to gather supporters.

There is to be a River Watch scheme made up of a number of volunteers who will be asked to regularly walk the river to keep an eye out for suspicious activity, signs of poaching and or poachers etc. These volunteers will not be expected to tackle the poachers, in fact they are strongly urged not to do so. They are asked to report any suspicious activity to the Environment Agency to enable them to build up an intelligence lead data base so that they can target areas at risk. It is intended that the Environment Agency Wales will provide proper training for the volunteers. Will members who either live near to or regularly walk the river please give serious thought to taking positive action to protect our rivers by volunteering to join this group. Volunteers need not be club members so if you have a family member, friend or neighbour that you know regularly walks or lives near to the river please ask them if they would like to help.

Allan Cuthbert our general secretary has volunteered to act as coordinator of the River Watchers and will keep you informed of developments as the initiative progresses.

Please offer your support if you possibly can. This is our chance to actually make a difference and help to protect our fishery.





PHOTO'S

WANTED If you have photographs of fish taken from club waters or indeed

pictures of points of interest, then please send them to the general secretary – address as per membership book, or email them to DCACsec@fsmail.net. With your OK to include them on the club web site or in a club Record Book. .

RAINBOWS



Members are reminded that **all rainbow trout taken from the rivers must be killed.** Will you also please show the numbers of rain-

bows caught on your club catch return and from where they were taken so that the committee can assess the potential “problem” these fish represent.

HAVE YOU ANY IDEAS FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE

NEWSLETTERS?



Would you like to see any particular points of interest included in your newsletter?

What about recommended or favorite flies?

Perhaps you have a news item or even an amusing anecdote that you wish to pass on.

What about complaints or some of your ideas for future club development?

SYD BADLAND OUR PRESIDENT



Many of you will know that Syd, who has worked tirelessly for the club for many years, had been ill. Just a note to let you know that he is

much improved, up and about. And to Syd: We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeking you back working with us on the Committee.

Signed: Richard and the Committee



RIVER MAINTENANCE

The river banks need to be properly maintained to allow reasonable access. For many years this work has been car-

ried out by a few dedicated members who have done their best. Unfortunately nature is against the continuation of this method. The dedicated few are growing older and the trees are growing faster – or so it seems. We are now forced to make a determined effort to win back access to the river in many places, so it is a case of working parties to do the work or we employ contractors, and as contractors cost money fees would have to be increased. Your assistance with this work may save that increase.

If you are willing and able to help working parties will meet as follows:

14th October meet 10 am Glan y Wern to show members the work required; fix stiles

11th November Stiles again

9th December 10 am Greenbank, meet at the top car park

13th January 2008; Ditto

Many hands make light work, so please try to help.

A group will also be required to carry out maintenance work at the lake. If you wish to help there please let us know. More details later

THE FEDERATION OF CLWYD ANGLING CLUBS

This group, made up of representatives of the Clwyd and Elwy clubs, meets regularly to address issues that our club alone can not. They take up issues which will benefit from the pressure the combined “weight” of all the Clwyd and Elwy clubs can bring. Current issue being addressed are:

1. Enforcement and protecting our fish.
2. The “unfair” restrictions placed on the Clwyd and Elwy at the end of the season – fly only and a shortened season.
3. Avian predation.
4. Clearance of Himalayan Balsam
5. Mink eradication.
6. Negotiations with the Environment Agency Wales over the last two weeks of the season with the fly only restriction . The Federation has been trying and continues to try hard to persuade the Agency to lift the restrictions. It continues to try!



CONTACTS, INFORMATION AND GENERAL INTEREST

You can either write to the general secretary at

25 Ceg y Ffordd, Prestatyn, LL19 7YD

Or email DCACsec@fsmail.net

Oh, and don't forget the club web site:

www.denbighandclwyd.ac.co.uk

You can also check river conditions during the season on 01745 342304. Out of season this number will be used to advise working parties of water/weather conditions.

Some Sea Trout Forums:

<http://seatroutfishing.proboards34.com/>

<http://seatrou.proboards21.com/index.cgi>

Some Salmon Forums:

<http://www.thebigfish.proboards91.com/>

<http://salmosalar.proboards80.com/index.cgi?>

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Finally your Chairman and your committee members would like to wish you all a happy Christmas and healthy and prosperous New Year.