

MEMBERS NIGHT EDITION

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Your committee are currently trying to negotiate **an extension to the fishing season for salmon on the Clwyd and Elwy**. We believe that we have demonstrated that in normal years salmon in our rivers run late into the autumn. As a consequence the end of the season on the 17th of October gives a false LOW impression of the number of salmon running the rivers. This is exacerbated by the fly only rule from the end of September. Negotiations with the EA are going well and we are reasonably confident that we will obtain some relaxation shortly. It would help our case significantly if we can show that salmon tend to be caught late in the season and on the lower beats. We are therefore requesting that all members catching salmon should record the date of capture and the beat map number. This is NOT an attempt by the committee to identify hot spots to further their fishing success but a genuine attempt to improve the knowledge of salmon run times and aid our negotiations with the EA. Please help us to help you and your fishing!



MEMBERS NIGHT 2009

Brookhouse Mill Denbigh Friday 6th March - start 7:30

Hot pot supper; Angling DVD's; Fly tying demonstration; Neil Dalrymple sketching; Bring and Buy tackle sale; Raffle; Great company; Pay your fees and collect your membership card; bring a friend to join: what more could you want? **WELCOME AND TIGHT LINES FOR**

DIARY NOTES



Trout season

3rd March – 30th September

Salmon season

Fly and spin: 23th March - 15th June

Fly, spin, bait: 16th June – 30th Sept

Fly only: 1st Octoberr – 17th October

Sea Trout season

Fly and spin: 20th March – 31st May

Fly, spin, bait: 1st June – 30th Sept.

Fly only: 1st – 17th October

Please see Environment Agency Wales rules and for full details.

Water conditions and levels: answer phone service. Not premium rate!
01745 342304

This newsletter has been sponsored by:

Foxon's Tackle

St. Asaph.

The only place to go for tackle and advice on how the river is fishing.

Whatever your angling requirements, Arthur and his staff are always willing and able to help



RIVER MAINTENANCE. Please come and help maintain your fishery. The river needs to be kept in order, stiles maintained, access's made safe, trees and bushes trimmed back. There is plenty to do and we need your help. It need not be hard work, there are plenty of light jobs and, as they say "Many

hands make light work!" The maintenance team are out on every second Sunday of the month or more often if need be. The fishing will not maintain itself! Please make yourself known as a willing participant by calling Allan, your secretary, or any other committee member. If we do not work on the beats they may become difficult to fish. **PLEASE, PLEASE, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO LOOK AFTER YOUR FISHING!! Call 01745 342304 Friday prior to meeting for details**

JUNIOR COMPETITION: This years junior completion is to be held on the club lake as on 20th June. Any junior angler is welcome to come and join the fun. Your chance to introduce a youngster to the joys of fishing. This is the one day of the year when juniors are allowed to spin as well as cast a fly on the club lake. The idea is to introduce young potential anglers to our sport and to encourage those on the way to becoming anglers. Lack of tackle need not be a problem – tackle will be available on the day. Come and have a good day. The competition starts at 10am and finishes at 1pm so all juniors welcome!



ACCESS GATE AT LLANNERCH BRIDGE FOR THOSE WHO REQUIRE IT IS BY WAY OF A COMBINATION LOCK. PLEASE CONTACT COLIN BLYTHIN, OUR CHAIR, FOR DETAILS 01745 591281

CLWYD AND CONWY RIVERS TRUST RIVER WATCH SCHEME



If you see poaching or suspect poaching, please call 0800 80 70 60 and report what you have seen or suspect to the Environment Agency. This 0800 80 70 60 number has, in the past, lost all credibility with anglers. However it is critical that we all make use of it. The system has been revised and calling the number will make a difference. PLEASE ADD THIS NUMBER TO YOUR MOBILE PHONE DIRECTORY 0800 80 70 60 and call it as soon as you see suspicious activity. Provide as much detail as you can, descriptions of criminals, type and make of car, colour, registration number etc. **and please ask for an incident number.** Do this out of sight of the criminals, but do it as soon as possible. The following day or hours later is of little use. Thank you.

CATCH RETURNS FOR 2007 SEASON

Brown Trout	673 Caught	458 Returned
Rainbow Trout	619 Caught	171 Returned
Sea Trout	388 Caught	246 Returned
Salmon	44 Caught	19 Returned

Last year will we hope turn out to be the best for many years.

THIS REALLY IS SERIOUS.

Many of you are still not completing your catch returns accurately. As a consequence the Environment Agency are saying that our river is not producing sufficient salmon for future stocks to be viable and as a consequence they **may be introducing compulsory catch and release** of all salmon for the 2010 season. It is uncertain what their view is of the sea trout stock but they may do the same with sea trout! This could really threaten the future of our club. The Environment Agency know that many anglers understate their catch, and we know because club returns are compared with Agency returns. **IF YOU DO NOT ACCURATELY COMPLETE YOUR CATCH RETURN AND SEND IT INTO THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY OUR FISHING IS AT RISK!!!!!!**

The Federation and club are making a serious stand to prevent compulsory catch and release being imposed. If you fail to complete your return accurately they will be wasting their time. It is that serious.

It may help if you start a fishing diary and keep a note of what you caught and where. I started doing so over thirty years ago and get much pleasure from looking back over my records and remembering those happy days



IMPORTANT NOTICE

REGARDING PAYING FEES

Good news: The fees remain as last year.

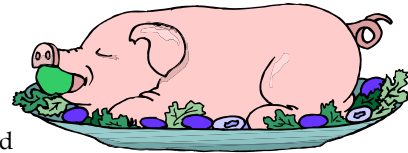
Please remember that any member who fails to renew their club membership by the 31st March 2009 will be required to pay an extra £10.00 on top of the renewal fee. If for any reason you do not wish to take out membership this year but do intend to continue with membership in future, you can pay a "holding fee" of £10, payable to the treasurer with **completed catch return**. Please cheques only to.

Colin Almond, Broadacres, Brookhouse Road, Denbigh, LL16 4RQ

It is a condition of rejoining that you include the completed Catch Return. Many thanks and tight lines for the 2009 season

HOG ROAST

This year you are invited to join a mid sea-son hog roast. Come and enjoy a fun evening with your fellow anglers, swap tales and see how others are faring. Brookhouse Mill, Date – 20th June cost £15.00 each. Company – priceless!!!!!! Call Allan 01745 857627 to book your place and send him your cheque to reserve your place. Last year was great – not to be missed.



FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.

CUT OUT AND ADD TO MEMBERSHIP BOOK

We are often out on the river at all times of the day or night. Please take some sensible precautions. Take a mobile phone, let somebody know where you are and when you are likely to be back. Our maps show features and landmarks that may not be on the ordnance survey maps or may not be known to the emergency services so the following map references (MR) will be useful for letting people know where you are if you need assistance. Mark them on your membership book maps.

Map 1	Pont Llannerch.	MR 059719.
Map 2	Pont y Cambwll	MR 071709.
Map 3	Pont Ruffydd	MR 080697
Map 4	Pont Ashpool	MR 082687
Map 5	Pont Glan y Wern	MR 091658
Junction Pool		MR 090650
Pont Clwyd		MR 099642
Map 6	Pont Drefachan	MR 095634
Map 7	Pont Perfa	MR 105632
Pont Llanychan		MR 114619
Pont Telpyn		MR 120609
Map 8	Sewage Works	MR 122592
Map 9	Tunnel Bridge	MR 122575
Corwen Road Bridge		MR 124571
Pont Eyarth		MR 127553
Map 10	Pont y Ddol	MR 986726
Foot Bridge		MR 993727
Map 11	Pandy Cottage	MR 118716
Map 12	Club Lake	MR 010574.

POLITE REMINDER: Please remember our good manners code:

Close gates, do not pool hog, be polite and cheerful to all, it costs nothing and makes for a better day. Those that were rude to one of our locals last year could well have cost us a beat. We are visitors to the riverside – please respect it and others on it. Thank you.