

# DENBIGH AND CLWYD ANGLING CLUB

SPRING 2008



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Tight lines and best wishes to you all from your new Chairman, Colin Blythin, and all your committee members. We hope that last years much improved run of fish, which may have been a result of the removal of the Irish drift nets, is repeated this year. You may be aware that the Environment Agency is currently formulating the new Salmon Action Plan for the river Clwyd. Please be sure that your Chairman, the Committee and the Federation of Clwyd Angling Clubs is fighting for a meaningful plan that meets the expectations of club members, and that includes fighting to have the end of season fly only rule amended. We will keep you



**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!!**

**JUNIOR COMPETITION:** This years junior completion is to be held on the club lake as usual on 28th June. Any junior angler is welcome to come and join the fun. This is your chance to introduce a youngster to the joys of fishing, you can start them on that journey that has given you so much pleasure over the years. This is the one time during the year when juniors are allowed to spin as well as cast a fly on the club lake. The idea is to introduce new your potential anglers to our sport and to further encourage those that are no 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.

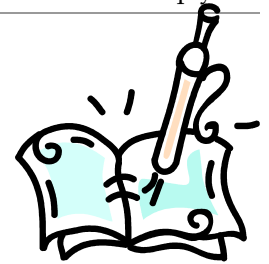


## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PAYING FEES

Please remember that any member who fails to renew their club membership by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008 will be required to pay an extra £10.00 on top of the renewal fee. This is because the club has to pay beat rentals at the start of the season.

If for any reason you do not wish to take out membership this year but do intend to continue with membership in future years, you can pay a "holding fee" If you fail to renew your membership this year bi=ut wish to join next year if you have not told us in advance you may have to pay a joining fee again.

## 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

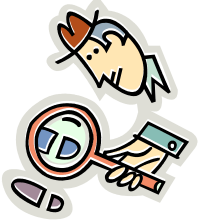
Fly, spin, bait: 1st June – 30th Sept.

Fly only: 1st – 17th October

Please see Environment Agency Wales rules and for full details.

Water conditions and levels: answer-phone service at standard telephone charge. Not premium rate! 01745 342304

**NOTE:** This is your news letter is yours and for you. If you would like to send in an item to include in teh next one – please do. If you would like to see an article on any item of interest to yourself and fellow club members please let me know. Thanks Allan

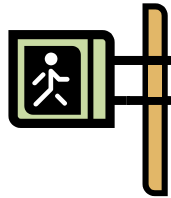


## CLWYD AND CONWY RIVERS TRUST RIVER WATCH SCHEME

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. 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.

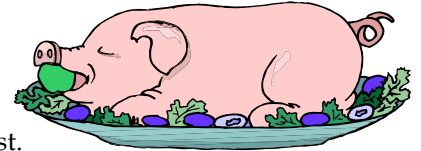
### RIVER WALK:

New member? Come and join the river walk and let some of the old hands show you the river beats and, if you're lucky, some hot spots. Existing members are welcome too, maybe you would like to learn about beats you have yet to fish. Come along – all are welcome. Your club, your waters!



### HOG ROAST

This year you are invited to join a mid season hog roast.



Come and enjoy a fun evening with your fellow anglers, swap tales and see how others are faring. Date – 20th June cost £15.00 each. Company –



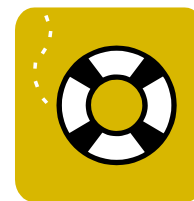
### THIS REALLY IS SERIOUS.

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 2009 season. It is uncertain what their view is of the sea trout stock is 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 the many happy days

**RICHARD WILLIAMS, OUR RECENTLY RETIRED EX CHAIRMAN SEEKS YOUR HELP.** Richard may have retired as our chairman but he is still fighting for the best interests of our club and all the members. Richard is seeking old photographs of the river Clwyd dating back to the 1950's. He wants to be able to show the Environment Agency what the river used to look like. Long weed beds that flowered all summer and held food for the fish population. If you can help please contact Richard himself or Allan your general secretary and we can make arrangements to copy the photographs. Many thanks in advance.



### FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.

We enjoy what can at times be a lonely sport. Out on the river at all times of the day or night and in all sorts of conditions. 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 they ordinance survey maps or may not be known to the emergency services so the following map grid references will be useful for letting people know where you are should 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.