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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Where are the fish?

A few big fish have been taken on the Mepp during the recent good water, but I must admit I'm slightly concerned about the lack of fish being taken at night on the fly.

Besides a cracking fish of 14lb 2ozs (pictured below), I've heard of very little else being taken. Sadly, it's the same story across Wales, with all the major rivers, including the River Towy experiencing a bad start to the season. What's wrong? There's various explanations being banded about, but many fingers are being pointed towards the netting at sea. I think it's time for all us local associations to get together to plan a course of action to present to the Environment Agency. Let me know your views on this matter.

Tyn-y-Cerrig walkway

Wooden pallets have been laid over the very wet patch at the bottom of the access field.

A big thank you must go to the Committee members who were involved – it's certainly a job well done.



Committee members hard at work laying wooden pallets at Tyn-y-Cerrig

Walker does it again!



Mark Walker with his best Sewin to date, a cracking hen fish of 14lb 2ozs taken at night on a home tied Black Muddler

Regular night angler, Mark Walker took an absolutely cracking 14lb 2oz Sewin from our Ynys Liety stretch. Rumour has it, a certain Mr. Colin Gabe tied the Black Muddler that caught the specimen! I'm sure Mark is forever in his debt...

Competitions and events

JUNIOR: Due to lack of interest, we postponed the scheduled 3rd June competition. It has now been re-arranged as shown below.

Saturday 5th August

Llys-y-Fran Reservoir, Pembrokeshire. Open to all under the age of 16.

Note: Over 12's require an EA Licence (£3.25 Day). The first 30 names can only be accepted. For further information, please contact Lyn Williams on 01792 892559. All competitors **MUST** register with Lyn, even if they are not travelling by bus.

NIGHT COMP: Friday 7th July on the River Loughor. Meet 9pm McMillan carpark, Glynhir Industrial Estate.

LAMPETER COMP: Saturday 30th September on the River Teifi. Look out for posters.

Pontarddulais Carnival 24th June – look out for our stall.

P.A.A. 60th Anniversary Buffet 19th August, King Hotel, Pontarddulais. For further information, contact Lyn Davies on 01792 884949.

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Out and About

Isle of Lewis – Outer Hebrides



Now this is what I call wild brown trout fishing...

During the first week of May I spent a week on the Isle of Lewis traipsing the moors in search of the wild brown trout.

If like me, you love fishing in wild places, for wild fish, then Lewis is well worth a visit. It's certainly a place to get a away from it all and you will not be disappointed with the fishing.

Do your homework before a visit. With over a thousand named lochs on the Island, you need to be fishing the ones which contain fish and not the ones that are hammered by the locals. Invest in an OS map along with a compass and whenever you meet a local, pull your map out and pester them for advice!

It's tempting to fish the roadside lochs, but common sense tells you that the less accessible lochs provide the best fishing. With this in mind, be prepared to walk a few miles each day and therefore, keep your kit to a minimum.

Traditional wet fly patterns such as the Kate McClaren, Blue Zulu, Bibio and Clan Chief are your best bet, along with a floating line. Never fish in one place for too long. It's essential to 'Cast and walk' to cover as much water as possible. It's always windy on Lewis, so keep your casts simple and 'work' your flies through the waves. Wild brownies love the movement of a team of wet flies.

As ever, local knowledge is crucial – especially for the visiting angler. It's very rare to catch the weather conditions perfect, so you must be flexible. If the lochs aren't fishing, then turn your efforts towards the river – and visa-versa. I was lucky to meet a local fly fishing fanatic who took me under his wing and showed me many of the hot spots on the map.

There's a lifetimes worth of fishing on Lewis and I'm already planning another visit towards the end of the summer where hopefully, I'll sample some Salmon and Sea Trout fishing...

TOP TIP!

for June...

Get to know the river. Pick a nice day and walk the river during the daytime armed with a pair of Polaroid sunglasses to spot fish and discover new lies.