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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Lyn Davies – Editor

Preparing for the season ahead...

If like me, you've been busy tying flies over the past few months, you'll be keen to wet a line on the river. Early season river fishing can be difficult, but with some common sense, you'll still outwit those resident browns. Any welcome sunshine will bring on the hatches, so keep an eye out for the early season fly life. Generally, though, the fish tend to be less active, hugging the bottom, feeding on shrimp, snails and other bottom dwelling crustaceans – so use those weighted flies to get down to them.

As you'll notice, I've started a new 'Top tips' section. Aimed at beginners, it's been included following feedback from our recent AGM meeting. I hope the seasonal tips will prove valuable for you beginners and make your days fishing that bit more enjoyable.

Don't wait until the early summer, why not go for a walk this month and try and catch a few of those early season browns – you'll be surprised with the results you'll get. Go on, wrap up and get out there! Tightlines...

Out and about...

Llys-y-Fran opening day



Another rainbow in the boat for Peter

On March 1st, I joined Welsh fly fishing International and full time water bailiff, Peter Thurnall for a day afloat at Llys-y-Fran reservoir, Pembrokeshire.

With over 100 anglers out on opening day we saw many anglers bag up before the cold wind put a damper on things late in the afternoon.

The bank anglers did particularly well as the fresh stockies acclimatised to their new homes in the shallower water.

Sinking lines were the order of the day, and Peter bagged up using his DI-7 and various coloured boobies from the popular 'large arm' side of the lake.

With an average size fish of 2lb, Llys-y-Fran again proved itself to be one of the top stillwater's in Wales. A good day was had by all.



Upper reaches of the River Usk near Trecastle

No to Usk stretch

The Committee recently caught wind of a stretch for rent on the River Usk, near Trecastle. GCG Angling Association have given up the fishing and the 700 yard (single bank) stretch is available for £300 per annum. Being a keen trout fisherman, I couldn't leave this opportunity slip, so myself and our Chairman jumped in the car armed with a few maps to check out the stretch. Unfortunately, we were bitterly disappointed to discover quite a featureless stretch of river, with a serious lack of deep water and holding pools. The stretch seemed 'lifeless' so we decided on behalf of the Committee to give it a miss – the £300 could be put to better use!

Tyn-y-Cerrig car park

Work is soon to begin on the new carpark at Tyn-y-Cerrig Farm. Eifion Williams (Club Chairman) has successfully negotiated a safe and convenient parking area for this popular fishing spot. It's a privilege and licence given to our association, which **must be** respected. Car parking guidelines will be submitted to you shortly – **please adhere to them. We will be implementing a 'no nonsense' policy.** Well done Eifion.

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Tiddlers 50/50

Please support the Tiddlers 50/50 Club. With six one-monthly draws, open to club members, family and friends, you have a great chance of winning that £50. Please try and obtain as many names as possible. Note: Lost forms can be obtained from Barry at the Tackle Broker, Pontarddulais.

Ynys-Letty/GCG Stile

Thankfully, renegotiations have taken place and the Ynys-Letty top boundary stile will be open this season.

Fishing Competition

A Junior fishing competition will be held at Llys-y-Fran Reservoir, Pembrokeshire on Saturday April 2. Bank fishing only. Look out for the posters.

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for March...

Get to know your river. Walk your favourite spots during the early season while the river foulage is at it's lowest. Underwater snags, riverbed profiles and walkways will all be more clearly visible for future reference.