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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Here we go...

As I write, I'm contemplating my first nights fishing on the River Loughor. The recent heavy rains should have encouraged some of the early Sewin into the river. But what kind of season have we ahead of us? As ever, a lot depends on the weather, but surely we are due a good one...

Throughout the 2005 season, I received positive feedback to this newsletter. 'Sewin' allows us, the committee, to communicate officially to it's members. We want to hear from you. Drop me an e-mail or put pen to paper if you have any issues or suggestions you'd like to raise.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our members are happy and successful 2006 season.

Ynys Llety/GCG stile

Following co-operation with the landowner, the above stile has been replaced for the 2006 season.

EA Invasive weed control

The Environment Agency have agreed to add our Tyn-y-Cerrig stretch into their 'Invasive Weed Control Program for 2006'. Spraying will begin immediately in an attempt to keep on top of the Japanese Knotweed that continues to smother the banks. Thanks must go to our Chairman, Eifion Williams for his persistence with dealing with the EA.

Tal-y-Cynllyn railway crossing

By law, being a member of P.A.A. if you use the above crossing, you are expected to inform Network Rail by using the designated telephone. Of course, in addition, you should always remember to close both gates.

Tyn-y-Cerrig car park access

We are in the process of laying wooden pallets over the very wet patch near to the stream at the bottom of the access field.

Tiddlers 50/50

Mrs Debbie Thomas, (No.63), Maes Ty Gwyn was the first winner for 2006!

New carpark

Negotiations are continuing on the Carmarthen side of the River Loughor for a carpark to hold up to three cars.

Competitions

JUNIOR: Saturday 3rd June at 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.

DONALD JONES MEMORIAL:

Saturday 17th June on the River Loughor. Look out for posters.

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.

Rod fishing bye-laws

River Loughor and Teifi (Salmon and Sea Trout season):

20 March to 17 October;

River Loughor and Teifi (Brown Trout season): 3 March to 30 September.

Angling for Salmon before 16 June, must be with an artificial fly or artificial lure; and any Salmon caught before 16 June must be returned with minimum injury and minimum delay.

Remember to always carry your P.A.A permit and EA licence.

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Obituary...

Arthur Williams



Arthur Williams – one of the Pioneers of night fly fishing on the River Loughor

Honoury Life Member, Arthur Williams passed away peacefully on 8th March 2006, aged 90.

Those longer serving members will remember the infamous 'Y Vagwr' boys that were of course Arthur and his brother Ivor Williams.

To me, Arthur was one of the pioneers of night fly fishing for Sea Trout on the River Loughor. I always saw him as the 'Welsh Hugh Falkus'.

Being my great uncle, I have fond memories listening to him relaying fishy stories of years gone by.

Arthur and Ivor would travel to Ynys Llety, two-up on an old BSA motorbike for a nights fishing. They rarely returned without fish. As the story goes, during their 'hay-day' they would have to stop fishing only because they couldn't carry the fish home! Of course, the river was full of fish then... if only.

Arthur was also an expert fly tier. Unaided by a vice, he would tie the neatest of patterns whilst holding the hook in his hand. One of his infamous patterns was known as 'The Badger', (dressing withheld!) which of course utilised the course hair from the animal itself. This fly accounted for hundreds of Sewin during his life time.

Arthur Williams was a much respected angler who will be sadly missed. Our thoughts are with his family. May he rest in peace.

TOP TIP!

for May...

Get out there early. Many of the larger Sewin run during May, so although the fishing may be harder, what you do catch should be big!