

Sewin

Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Time for action...

Nearly every angler I speak to has experienced a bad season on the Loughor. Where are the fish and is it a similar story for the other local clubs fishing the river?

I know the lack of water hasn't helped, but we intend to do some investigations and hopefully 'join forces' with our neighbouring clubs to write a communal letter to the Environmental Agency (EA) airing our concerns. We'll keep you informed throughout future editions of 'Sewin'.

On a more positive note, I've taken some nice brown trout recently from the Loughor. If you fancy trying something different during such low water, I'd recommend that you throw a dry fly upstream. It's great fun and don't be surprised if you hook into the odd fish around the pound mark!



Visiting angler Oliver Burch with his cracking 8lb 7ozs sewin taken on a Black and Silver tube

Well done Oliver!

On July 9th, 12 anglers entered the Annual night fishing competition on the River Loughor.

Conditions were perfect. It was a warm, sticky night with the occasional patch of drizzle. Following a rendezvous at 9pm, the anglers paired off to fish their favourite spots. Come 2am at the weigh-in, visiting angler, Oliver Burch from Gloucester, caught the only fish of the night to win the competition – a cracking cock fish of 8lb 7ozs! Well done that man.

Oliver took the specimen from the 'Tyn-y-Cerrig' stretch on a home tied 1/2" Black and Silver tube using an intermediate line around Midnight. It was Oliver's largest Sea Trout to date and not surprisingly, he has now joined our club!

Poacher's net found

Our Association Bailiff found a discarded poacher's net on the tidal stretches of the River Loughor.

Stripped of Salmon and Sea Trout, the net contained a few decaying Mullet. The Environment Agency (EA) were called and the net was confiscated.

The poachers are believed to be local boys so please keep your ears to the ground. If you do see or hear of anything untoward, please contact the **24hr EA Emergency Hotline** on **0800 807060**.

Competitions and events

The junior competition at Llys-y-Fran Reservoir proved a bit of a disappointment. Only 3 youngsters entered. The results were:

1. Adam Peters – 2lb 3ozs
2. Josh Freeman – 1lb 7ozs
3. Andrew Thomas – 1lb 2ozs

River Teifi Competition – Lampeter September 30th – £5.00 for bus.

First pick-up 8.30am – main bus station, moving onto Dan Twyn Square and the Farmers Arms. Bus leaves the Farmers at 9.00am and also stops at 'The Angel' at Llansawel on the way home. First 25 names accepted. To register, please contact Lyn Williams on 01792 892559.

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Out and About

Loch Shin – Sutherland, Scottish Highlands



Small but perfectly formed – another 3/4 pounder falls to a Blue Zulu on the top dropper

During the 15th and 16th July I photographed the Highland Wild Trout Challenge on Loch Shin, Scotland.

The two day competition was organised by the local Laird Angling Association. Twenty six anglers entered, with over two hundred brown trout 10 inches and over being weighed-in.

The hot weather made for some difficult fishing, but a welcoming Westerly breeze helped the boat fishing throughout the weekend. Shin is over twenty miles long and many anglers motored for over an hour to their favourite fishing spots.

As ever, traditional wet fly tactics worked best, with claret and black palmered flies taking most fish. Shoreline drifts proved most productive, especially where the water changed colour from dark to light indicating some sought of depth change.

Each angler paid £50 to enter. This may seem expensive, but it included the fishing, a boat and engine and a slap-up two course meal after each day!

I must admit, I was very impressed with the overall organisation of the competition. Loch Shin is certainly well worth a visit – it's literally full of hard fighting, wild brown trout. If you require any further information, please contact me, Lyn Davies on 01792 884949.

I've also discovered an interesting Scottish web-site: www.fish-wild.co.uk

Tiddlers 50/50 winners

June: Tree & Gubb – Pontarddulais (no.23)

July: Mrs. D, Morgan – Loughor (no.3)

August: F.L. Ricketts – Llangennech (Kindly donated back to PAA)

Obituary

Honoury Life Member, Hubert Davies of James Street, Pontarddulais has passed away. Our thoughts are with his family. He will be sadly missed.



for July...

Keep an eye on the tides. During such low water, high tides will encourage fish to move up river, so try and concentrate on the lower stretches to find the fresher, more active fish.