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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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Rain, rain and more rain...

Well, we wanted rain and we've certainly had it! It's been the ideal season to date for those who fish the Mepp and worm, with our rivers experiencing many good spates – introducing fish into the system.

As a result, we've seen some great catches (see below) and let's hope that August and September are going to be even better. On another positive note, I've been surprised at the size of the Brown Trout I've taken of late from the Loughor. At night and during the daytime, I've taken fish to 3/4lb – a clear sign of a healthy river. Please let me know if you take any nice browns – I'd love to know how and where you caught them. Finally, I'd like to thank the Committee members who took 5 days of their own time to become qualified 'Invasive Weed Control Sprayer's' – next season, there won't be a weed in sight on the Loughor! Tightlines!

Fish catches to date

Salmon

John Williams – 8½lb,
Lampeter (worm), 22nd June;
John Williams – 10lb 7ozs,
Lampeter (worm), 27th June;
Wyn Jones – 8lb 4ozs,
Erw Fach (spin), 29th June;
David Jones – 12lb 7ozs,
Lampeter (worm), 8th July.

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Adrian Thomas – 6lb 14ozs,
G.C.G waters (fly), 23rd May;
Adrian Thomas – 7lb 6ozs,
G.C.G waters (fly), 3rd June;
Adrian Thomas – 6lb 8ozs,
G.C.G waters (fly), 19th June;
Martin Thomas – 7lb 7ozs,
Tyn-y-Cerrig (spin), 29th June;
Gary Lewis – 6lb 11ozs,
Tal-y-Cynllwyn (worm), 1st July;
Carl Antoniazzi – 8lb 11ozs,
Tal-y-Cynllwyn (spin), 4th July;
Adrian Thomas – 9lb 6ozs,
G.C.G waters (fly), 8th July.

Parking discs

Members are reminded to display their parking discs whilst parking at Tyn-y-Cerrig.

It is one of the conditions that the land owner, Mr. Edward Harries made when granting the Association a secure parking area. It would be beneficial to members to use their parking disc at all car park areas that the Association control.

Well done Adrian!

Committee member Adrian Thomas has experienced a particularly successful season to date.

Having taken 5 fish over 6lb, including two over 9lb, Adrian really has 'wiped the floor' with his fellow fishing buddies! It just goes to show that you 'reep what you sow'... Adrian's put the time in and is certainly seeing results. Well done that man. PS. What fly are you using again?!

Fully qualified sprayer's

Three Committee members are now fully qualified as 'Invasive Weed Control sprayer's'.

Work will begin during early 2008, when the Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam will be at a manageable level to spray successfully.

Competitions 2007

Night fishing competition.

River Loughor – date to be confirmed.

Sep 1st – Loughor – Donald Jones Memorial (weigh-in at 5pm, Tal-y-Cynllwyn)

Sep 29th – Lampeter – Contact Martin Thomas on 01554 821605 for further info.

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Out and About

La Rioja – Northern Spain



A typical Spanish brownie from the River Najerilla

Following an invitation from 'Total Flyfisher' magazine, during June, I spent 5 days fishing the Trout rivers in Northern Spain.

Deputy Editor, Steve Cullen and myself formed a party of fly fishermen from all over the world to fish the River's Najerilla and Iregua. All who attended were involved in the tackle trade in some way or another, from tackle shop owners to professional fishing guides.

The event (sponsored by Hardy's of Alnwick), was a great success and it provided me with an opportunity to experience 'real Spain'. There wasn't a tourist in sight and with only a few anglers speaking English – it was interesting to say the least!

Most of the fish we caught were small (anything up to 8 inches), taken fishing tiny upstream dry flies. The beautiful, mountainous region, crystal clear rivers and of course the red wine, made up for the lack of larger fish. Having said that, one Spanish angler did catch and release a near 5 pounder – so they were there!

It was certainly an eye-opener and it made me realise just how good our fellow Europeans are at river fishing! Look out for the feature in the next couple of editions of 'Total Flyfisher' – it makes for an interesting read.

Membership count (to date)

93 paid members to date – not including Committee and Life Members.

Tiddlers 50/50 2007 winners

June: Chris Jones, No. 11 – Pontarddulais (kindly donated back to PAA)

July: Geriant Thomas, No. 71 – Llangenneth.

TOP TIP!

for June and July...

Try a Surface Lure. You'd be amazed how many fish are taken on Muddlers and other Surface Lure creations. Such patterns are great to stir up a pool and 'mark' resident fish. Always have a few in your fly box for those times when your traditional patterns don't seem to be working...