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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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## Another season draws to a close...

Well, as I write, it's fast approaching the end of August and the nights are drawing in – these days I'm fishing by 9.30pm and home in bed by 12.30am... To be honest, it's my favourite time of year for fishing.

Following a conversation on the river bank the other day, I suddenly realised how many 'outings' I've had this season to catch half a dozen Sewin. I'm almost embarrassed to admit that I've fished over 25 nights for those fish and this seems to be the 'norm' for many of my angling companions. It goes to prove that we certainly have to work hard for what we catch – even with the good water levels we've experienced this season.

Tightlines for the remainder of the season...

## Pool names on maps

Meirion Rees (former Treasurer of P.A.A) has made a suggestion to provide all members with updated maps of the River Loughor which include pool names.

The Committee thought this to be an excellent idea and are in the process of re-producing the maps which will be ready for distribution early next season. Thank you Meirion!

## River maintenance

Thanks must go out to the Committee members who recently helped clear a fallen tree above 'Pwl-y-wal', Tyn-y-Cerrig.

The tree fell across the river during one of the heavy spates we experienced throughout July. In addition, steps were dug into a treacherous bank leading into the pool. The access is now excellent.

## On-going work...

Every year, we (the Committee) hear rumours that we could be doing more to the river.

What are your thoughts? We agree, there is always an awful lot of work that 'could' be done – but, to be fair (compared to other Associations) as a Committee, we think the river is more 'fishable' than it ever has been. We regularly have 'working parties' to tackle big jobs on the Loughor, and would welcome any members to join us – more bodies, makes for easier work. In future, we will be publishing a timetable for the working parties – it would be great to see members attending.

## Nice one Oliver!


Last summer, P.A.A member, Oliver Burch from Gloucester wrote an article for Total Flyfisher magazine following a successful night's fishing on the River Loughor (entitled, River Loughor – Commando fishing? – posted to all members last month).

Unfortunately, the magazine never published the feature, but following payment, Oliver has kindly donated the funds to P.A.A. Thank you Oliver for being so considerate!

## Catch and Release

What's your views on this subject?

No angler should feel guilty for killing a fresh, healthy fish for the table – but we should all be more 'aware' of the possible benefits of catch and release. Of course, many anglers look at the bigger picture – and find it difficult to be more 'conservation minded' when there still remains to be a possible inadequacy of policing the laws on estuary nets. It's certainly a controversial subject, but it may well be something that all angling associations will have to consider in the future. Your comments are welcome – please e-mail: [lvn@capturedonline.co.uk](mailto:lvn@capturedonline.co.uk)

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## Out and About

Wild Browns – Claerwen,  
Elan Valley, Rhayader



A typical wild brownie from Claerwen

Fancy a spot of wild Brown Trout fishing? If you do, then Claerwen Dam, Elan Valley (Mid Wales) is the place to be.

Set approximately 4 miles away from the other four 'dams' that make up Elan Valley, Claerwen is the only water with a purely natural population of wild Brown Trout.

The 'walk and cast' approach is the order of the day using either an intermediate or floating line, with a team of wet flies.

The area is famous for its 'Coch-y-Bonddu' beetle hatch, which usually takes place towards the end of June – this has got to be experienced to be believed – the fish go on a feeding frenzy! With this in mind, traditional patterns like the Coch-y-Bonddu and Black and Peacock Spider always do well – many anglers fish up to three of the same patterns on a cast. Other patterns such as a Blue Zulu, Kate McClaren and Bibbio are all worth a cast.

Claerwen is a big water – it would be impossible to cover the whole place in a day, but you won't go far wrong fishing the far right-hand side of the lake (from the nature reserve down). It's possible to drive around, but be prepared for a rough ride – it's really 4x4 territory. My advice would be to keep on the move until you find fish – don't flog an area for too long.

Permits are available from 'Powells Newsagents' in Rhayader for just £6 per day – bargain!

## Tiddlers 50/50 2007 winners

August: John Preece, No. 43

September: G. Thomas, No. 71.

**TOP TIP!**

for August and September...

Try a new place. Don't just stick to your 'known haunts' – have a cast somewhere you've never tried – you'll probably be surprised! It's always good to have confidence in a new stretch of water.