

# Sewin



Pontarddulais and District  
Angling Association

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## A slow start...

It seems that we are experiencing a very slow start to the 2008 season. Although it's still relatively early in the season, I would have expected to have heard of a lot more fish being caught.

I've spent a fair bit of time on the river of late (albeit trout fishing), and I must admit I haven't seen many signs of Sewin. We need rain. The river did rise a few weeks ago – but not enough. The next spate will hopefully introduce fish into the system and encourage more anglers to venture out. Tightlines!



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## Out and About

### Swiss Valley Reservoir



A boat casts towards the shoreline at Swiss Valley

### I recently spent a day afloat on Swiss Valley Reservoir with Ex-Welsh Fly Fishing International, Ken Linnard.

Llanelli Angling Association in conjunction with Carmarthen County council; are responsible for the day to day management of the reservoir, which is leased from Welsh Water. Being some 33 acres, it's an ideal size – not too small and not too big, just right.

Fringed by mixed woodland, Swiss Valley experiences some prolific fly hatches – in particularly Buzzers and Sedges. On the day we saw a lot of fish moving on top and between us, we bagged 6 fish all between 1½ and 2lb – not monsters, but great looking fish. There are, of course, much better fish in Swiss Valley. We saw them, but on the day, only the 'average' came to our nets.

The reservoir is stocked every week throughout the season. The average size of fish stocked is between 1½ and 2lb, with a 'sprinkling' of better fish up to 5lb. There's a four fish limit, and from 1 May, Catch and Release is permitted – all Browns are to be returned alive.

Swiss Valley is unbeatable 'Value for money' fishing. For £130 a season, you can fish 8 months of the year and take 4 fish every day – seven days a week, and fish catch and release from 1 May – bargain! It's a non-profit making set-up where every penny is ploughed back into stocking. On average over 11k per annum is spent on fish! The fish really are top-notch quality – bars of silver that fight as well as any rainbow I've caught. It's opened my eyes to a fantastic, well-managed reservoir that's right on my doorstep.

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Adrian's 4lb Sewin, taken at night on the fly

## Adrian's off to another good start!

Committee member **Adrain Thomas** caught his second Sewin of the year – a 4 pounder on Sunday 8th June from our GCG waters.

He tried to revive the fish in an attempt to return it, but unfortunately the fish didn't survive. Nevermind Adrian – well done for trying so hard. Brian Collins (Jock), also took a fish of the same size, in the same pool a week later! Also, Oliver Burch from Gloucester drove all the way from Lydney to fish the Loughor one night and returned a cracking hen fish of around 5lb – taken on a small tube from our Tyn-y-Cerrig stretch. Again – well done Oliver for returning the fish.

## Catch and release for Sea Trout

As decided at the 2008 Annual General Meeting (AGM), all Sea Trout caught from September 1st to the end of the season must be returned.

With this in mind, any fish caught during this period will be excluded from any competitions.

## Missing fly rod?

A fly rod has been found on our Tyn-y-Cerrig stretch.

For further information, please contact Martin Thomas on 01554 821605.

## www.fishing.visitwales.com

The 'Fishing Wales' website is undergoing a complete revamp.

The new look site will allow Angling Associations and Fisheries to manage their own web pages. The site will contain information on membership information, recent catches and include a 'fish of the month' competition with a prize of £100. We will keep you informed of progress.

## Fishing competitions

### Night competition on the Loughor

**Friday 1st August.** Weigh-in at 2.30am at McMillans car park near Tal-y-Cynllyn.

### Donald Jones Memorial on the Loughor

**Saturday 26th July.** Meet at McMillans car park at 9am. Weigh-in at 4.30pm.

### Lampeter Competition

**Saturday 27th September**

(More details to follow).

**Note:** All competition dates are subject to change depending on the weather and water conditions.

## On-going maintenance

A Committee team lead by Chairman **Eifion Williams** are continuing to spray the Japanese Knot weed and Himalayan Balsam on the Loughor.

We hope you are beginning to notice a difference.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future editions of 'Sewin', please contact:

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## for June...

**Try a dropper.** Many anglers stray away from droppers at night in an attempt to keep things simple – but don't rule them out. Consider fishing more than one fly by means of a dropper. Another small pattern may entice a take from a fish that ignored your point fly. Watch out for the Trout though!

## Tiddlers 50/50 2008 winners

**May:** Lisa Williams, No. 66 (Pontarddulais).

**June:** Phil Mainwaring, No. 56 (Pontarddulais).