

# sewin

Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter

## New members...

It's great to receive e-mails from new members – they are always so full of enthusiasm. They report of walking the river for the first time, catching their first fish and generally getting to know the river – which we all know is the key to success (especially at night).

To me, this is what our club is all about. It's about introducing keen, new anglers in the hope that they will catch fish and support our association for years to come. With all the rain we've seen, the daytime anglers have been happy. I've received lots of photographs of some cracking salmon from the River Loughor and Teifi. As for us night anglers, opportunities have been few and far between. As I write, it's finally stopped raining, allowing us to venture out, but only the odd 'shoallie' has been caught, so far. Due to the spate conditions, our annual night fishing competition (July 6th) was postponed, so the new, re-scheduled date is **Friday 10th August**. Try and make every effort to attend – all our members are welcome on the night. Tightlines!

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### Some recent fish catches:

**1:** Colin Matthews, salmon – 10lb 12ozs (worm), River Loughor **2:** Ian Gabe, salmon – 9lb (spin), River Loughor **3:** Stephen Francis, salmon – 10lb 7ozs (spin), River Teifi **4:** Martin Thomas, salmon – 9lb 4oz (spin), River Teifi **5:** Lee Walker, salmon – 9lb 10ozs (worm), River Loughor.



Fish caught...



Apologies to those anglers who are not featured – our website shows many more pics!

## Night competition

The re-scheduled night competition will now take place on **Friday 10th August**. As a contingency, depending on water conditions, it will either take place on the night of the 17th or as a daytime competition on Saturday 18th.

## Membership limit

We have reached our limit of 150 members. As a result, there is now a waiting list for any new members (not including junior members).

## Parking at Lampeter (River Teifi)

Members are reminded to park at their own risk near the waters edge. Some vehicles have been damaged by inquisitive cattle. You've been warned!

## Where are the sewin?

For whatever reason, most of the fish caught this season have been salmon – in fact, the largest sewin weighed-in to date is just 3lb!

## Day/Weekly permits

In conjunction with new Environmental Agency (EA) guidelines, all anglers requesting day or weekly permits will be asked to produce a valid EA licence number.

## Missing shades?

A pair of Polaroid sunglasses have been found on the banks of the River Loughor. If you think that they are yours, please contact Lyn Davies via e-mail: [lyn@capturedonline.co.uk](mailto:lyn@capturedonline.co.uk) with a full description. Hopefully, they will be returned to their rightful owner.

## Tŷ Canol waters – update

We have renegotiated the fishing rights for the Tŷ Canol waters (Carmarthenshire side, opposite the GCG Waters). With immediate effect, all members can continue to fish these waters. Thank you to Mr. Ian Davies (the new landowner) for supporting PAA.



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## Out and about... That first fish



Owen waits patiently for his first fish...

My nephew, ten-year old Owen Davies continues to try and catch his first migratory fish from the River Loughor.

Owen and his dad Ceri make the effort to fish most weekends. Not knowing the river too well, they learn something new each time they venture out. They stumble across new pools, mark fish and of course, talk to other anglers. The truth is, it can be hard work – especially for youngsters. This isn't float fishing for little Rudd, or even fishing a stocked fishery – this is fishing for wild fish, amongst tough terrain.

They walk miles, struggle up and down steep, slippery banks and more often than not, return home with long faces having lost an expensive Rapala! This of course, is what river fishing is all about, but at this young age, youngsters need to catch fish to maintain an interest.

Hats off to Owen (and his dad), they've stuck to it – it's so easy to give up, with so many other distractions about these days. I try and reassure them by stating that even hardened, experienced anglers struggle to catch fish – but it's little consolation most of the time.

It WILL happen – this youngster is due his first fish sooner or later. I just wish I could wave a magic wand, but he'll have to wait his turn. One thing will be for sure – if he lands or even connects with that fish – he'll be hooked for life. I will keep you posted!

## Tiddlers 50/50 (2012) winners

**No.45** – S. Thomas (May), **No.49** – L. Williams (June). Double draw Jul/Aug TBA.

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## for June/July...

**Try new waters...** The majority of river anglers stick to their known hot spots, year in, year out. Be adventurous and go visit pastures new – in particularly, the tidal areas, where the fish run with the tides and not many people visit!. Think about it!