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Pontarddulais and District Angling Association

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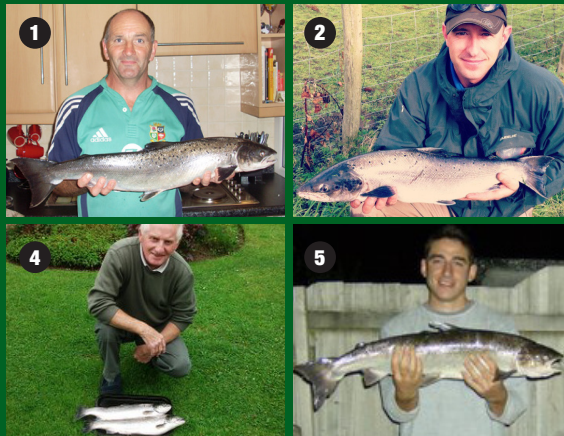
Well, as I write, we've only got a few weeks before the end of the season – it's raining (again) and the river is in full spate. This seems to be the story of the season – it's basically been a wash-out!

I, along with many other regulars wait patiently for another opportunity to get out on the fly at night. With all this rain, it makes me think that I shouldn't be so narrow-minded and make an effort to venture out in the day in coloured water. As they say – if you can catch them on spinner – you should be able to catch them on the fly! Food for thought.

A select few have been lucky to catch some cracking salmon (see below), but the larger sewin are still proving illusive. It has to be said, it's not been a good season for the sewin – but again, salmon catches are encouraging. Keep fishing – I'm sure there's plenty of fish in the system... Tightlines!

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1: Emyr Davies, salmon – 10lb 8ozs (spinner), River Loughor 2: Anthony Davies, salmon – 8lb (spinner), River Loughor 3: Lynn Phillips, salmon – 8lb (worm), River Loughor 4: Merion Rees, x2 sewin – 3lb (spinner), River Loughor 5: Lino Davies, salmon – 8lb 8ozs (fly at night!), River Loughor



Fish caught...



Night competition

Our annual night competition took place on Friday 10th August. Ten regulars entered (including myself) and not one fish was caught. Bristol man, Myles Davies, did hook and lose a sewin of about 2-3lb – but overall, it proved to be a very disappointing night.

New ladders

The club has purchased a prototype galvanised metal ladder that will help anglers gain access from the high banks at Tal-y-Cynllwyn. Three more are to be made and situated in appropriate spots next season.



The prototype ladder at Tal-y-Cynllwyn

Missing shades...

Polaroid sunglasses have been returned to Dean Scott. Thank you John Freeman for handing them in!

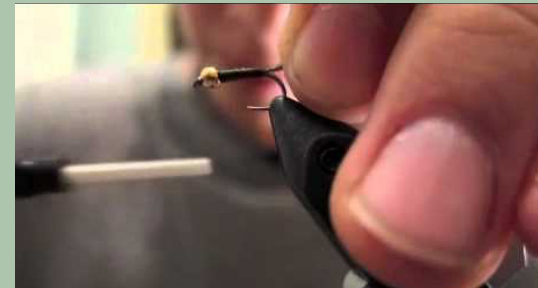
Fly box...

A member has found a fly box while fishing our Tyn-y-Cerrig stretch. If you think it's yours, email a description to lyn@capturedonline.co.uk

Ynys Letty/GCG stile

Some inconsiderate anglers have been forcing their way through unauthorised access points near to the Ynys Letty/GCG boundary. The Committee have since repaired the damage – but moving forward, any member caught damaging any fencing or using unauthorised routes will be considered for dismissal in front of the Committee. Members MUST understand the importance of our relationships with local landowners – we simply cannot afford to lose these vital access points.

Out and about... The art of fly tying



Another killer in the making...

Any fly-tier will tell you – there's nothing quite like catching a fish on a home-tied fly.

You often hear anglers state, '...and it was on one of my own flies!'. It's so true – tying flies is a very rewarding experience. You've out-witted a fish with something you've made with your own fair hands, using fur and feather. Tiers are always on the look out for materials. As a child, I would raid my mothers sewing box or attack the family pet for some unique strands of hair!

Traditionally, anglers tie flies during the winter months. It's an opportunity for us to replenish dwindled stocks and ultimately, keep in touch with our beloved hobby. When you tie your own flies, you can experiment so much, create variants and of course, name your own patterns. Home-tied concoctions are generally much more hardy too – I'm sure we've all experienced cheap, mass-produced flies unravelling after a few casts. I've been tying since my teenage years and I've very rarely had a fly fall apart on me. Some anglers are better tiers than they are fishers – but as they say, 'There's flies for showing and there's flies for throwing' – so don't be too fussy! Everyone loves flies – most are such pretty creations and very personal, if you've made them yourself. It may look fiddly, but many killer patterns are the easiest to tie – so my advice would be to give it a go. It's not expensive and it'll add a whole new dimension to your fishing!

Tiddlers 50/50 (2012)

Winners: No.95 – Gary Lewis (Jul), No.3 – H Roberts (Aug), No.30 – N Thomas (Sep)

2012 Lampeter away competition Saturday 29th September.

River Teifi. Bus leaves at 8.30am. Two collection points, Dan Twyn (Council) and the main bus station. Spaces are limited, so book early. For further information, contact Adrian Thomas 07929 366036.

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TOP TIP!

for September...

Early start, early finish... Don't give up yet! September can be an excellent month on the Loughor – especially at night. As the nights draw in, we can be fishing by 9ish and back home by midnight. Just remember to return what you catch!