

# Carlisle Angling Association

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## Annual Newsletter



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### Chairman's Report

The 2013 season started well for one CAA member with Stephen Thompson taking the first fish of the season on opening day in January, fishing the fly on the Sheepmount. The spring salmon fishing has been slow with cold, low water and low air temperatures keeping anglers off the water, however for some who did venture out some fresh fish were taken. The lack of anglers has made it difficult to judge how well the spring has been, but the committee feels it has not been as good as last year. Few of the large 20lb fish that were taken last spring have not re-appeared this year. The Sea Trout fishing appears to have also got off to a slow start with reports of few anglers braving the cold nights and high waters. Although fish had appeared early it was not until the water dropped and the air temperature had warmed that catches started to be made.

The 2013 trout season got off to a slow start. The coldest March for 50 years definitely took its toll, hatches of our early season upwing, the Large Dark Olive, were very sparse. Trout were keeping their heads down and those anglers braving the cold had to resort to the nymph for success. Early April saw an increase in Olive numbers, we also saw our first March Browns of the season, and the fish started to respond to the surface fly, some anglers did well on dries when their visit coincided with a hatch. It was early May before we saw hatches of Grannom (about three weeks late), but when they did come, they came in their thousands and the trout got a good feed. By the middle of May some well-conditioned trout were responding well to hatches of Olive Uprights and Iron blue Duns - so, given favourable conditions (unlike last year), our trout anglers will hopefully have a decent summer to look forward

### Guide Line casting day

Over 60 members enjoyed casting demonstrations and instruction by Guide Line Instructors Laurie Hickman, Jan Eric Gambo and Thor Thorvaldsen. They had the chance to try out new lines and rods from the guideline range. The event was sponsored by John Norris who provided a Guideline Salmon fly rod as a prize for a free draw for those attending. This was won by Mr Ray Mitchinson. Once again a big thank you to James Norris for his support of Carlisle Angling Association.

### Junior Anglers Event

The Junior Anglers event is being held on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2013 on Rickerby Park and is being facilitated by Border lines, please contact Mr C Mitchelhill on 01228 548222 or Mobile: 07752195082 for information. Volunteers to help on the day would be most welcome, please contact the Hon. Secretary if you can help.

Mr C Mitchelhill in association with Jim Fearn of Guide fishing recently also held a successful demonstration day where free tuition was given to members attending on the Association waters, and plans to hold a similar one next year. For information please see the web site or contact Mr C Mitchelhill for future dates.

### Dinner and Dance

The Committee have decided to run the end of season Dinner and Dance once again and it is being held at the Shepherds Inn on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013. Requests for tickets should be made to:

Mr J McNabb on 01228 536408

Mr E Glaister on 01228 531135

Mr B. Johnson on 07518555300

Tickets are priced at £20.00 for members and spouses/partners and £25.00 for non-members.

Mr J McNabb would like members to purchase their tickets early to be assured of group seating.

## UDN

The committee have a report of a possible case of UDN in the Eden, with one possible sighting on CAA waters . It is important that if a member thinks a fish they have landed has UDN it is reported to the EA immediately. Do not under any circumstances kill the fish. The EA should respond immediately. Please refer to the CAA webpage for more information.

## Bailiffs

The Committee would like to remind members that Mr Robby Graham is the Head bailiff and can be contacted on 07832140027, and the EA can be contacted on 0800807060 on matters relating to poaching or pollution. The Committee would like to remind members, ticket holders and visitors that the CAA bailiffs must be supported and tickets or cards must be produced when asked for by the bailiffs or any other member, there are no exceptions. See rule 8. The Committee would also like to thank the bailiffs for the excellent duties that they carry out.

## Catch returns

The Committee would also like to remind members, ticket holders and visitors that catch returns are due to be sent to the **Hon Sec by the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, (see rule 22).**

This is valuable information and the Committee is looking for your compliance with this matter, and rule 22 will be enforced for the 2014 season.

## CAA website

[www.carlisleanglingassociation.org](http://www.carlisleanglingassociation.org) features a range of information about species, angling methods and baits, maps of the river, links to other web sites, tide times and a link to the EA Eden river height.

This is your Web site and at the moment the Committee feels that it is under used and would welcome any suggestions, with regard to what content or changes you would want to see on it.

Any information for the website should be forwarded to the Hon Sec or direct to the web site.

The Committee would also remind members that discount is available from John Norris at Penrith on non discounted items on production of your CAA membership card.

## Exchange Tickets

The Committee would like to remind members exchange tickets are available with Newton Stewart Angling Association which has water on the river Cree, Penklin Burn, Clatteringshaws Burn, Loch Dee, Loch Ochiltree, Fyntalloch Loch, Bruntis Loch, and Kirrereoch Loch, Penrith AA, Brampton AA, Tebay AA, Appleby AA, Kirkby Stephen AA and Aspatria AA can be obtained from the Assistant Sec Mr R Graham, Tel 07828232146.

## EA Byelaws

The Committee feels that they must remind members of the two Salmon and two Sea Trout daily bag limit and the return of all Hen Salmon and Sea Trout to the river from the 10<sup>th</sup> September to the end of the season. The Environment Agency will prosecute and it is your responsibility. One member was fined in excess of £1300 last season and an angler on The Border Esk fined a similar amount for taking Hen fish so be warned. **IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF THE FISH IS A COCK OR HEN RETURN IT SAFELY TO THE RIVER.**

## Change of address

It is important that that the clubs data base is kept up to date or you may miss out on information.

Please inform the Hon Sec by phone, letter or Email.

Tight lines

Chairman

Hon Sec

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