

Carlisle Angling Association

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Chairman's Report

The 2014 salmon season got off to a slow start again as the wettest spring on record meant high waters left the Eden unfishable for the most part. When water levels did allow anglers to fish it would appear once again there was a distinct lack of spring fish in the system. Beats above CAA were reporting similar results and with a greater number of rods out. A large rise in May did not seem to have moved a significant amount of new fish in to the river, however some fish were taken and running fish seen by members which is encouraging. Early June saw a number of fish enter the system which again was encouraging.

At the Extra General Meeting in May members present voted unanimously to take forward the voluntary conservation measures suggested by the committee. These have now been taken to the EA and we are awaiting a full response from them.

May we remind members we need to get the catch and release figure for the hole of the river up to 90% or more to prevent compulsory measures to protect stocks.

The tagging system is still in the planning stage and we will contact members as soon as we have any news on this front.

Similar to last season the Sea Trout fishing appears to have also got off to a slow start. Cold evenings in April and early May meant anglers did not venture out night fishing despite reports of fish being seen early in to the season. More seasonal conditions than last year heralded the start of the 2014 Trout season on March 15th and hatches were good from the off. Large Dark Olives got the trout on the feed and they were caught on all methods, although sub-surface offerings fared slightly better, with the fish reluctant to move to the surface fly on occasions.

Fish were a touch on the lean side in the first few weeks but they soon fattened up and are now in

excellent condition. The March Browns made their yearly appearance towards the end of March and into early April, quickly followed by the trout's first 'big feed' of the year provided by 'The Grannom' and as usual, our early season daytime Sedge came off in their thousands. The Grannom were quickly followed at the end of April by some tremendous falls of Black Gnat, the fish were seen to be gorging on them at times and some good fish were encountered by those who were lucky to be on the water during one of these falls. So, with the fish now in great condition and the cream of our summer sport still to look forward to, all bodes well for the remainder of the Trout season.

Rio/Sage casting day.

In May CAA hosted a casting day with Rio and Sage and again promoted by John Norris. Jim Fearn, Chris Anderson, John Legg and Simon Gawesworth provided a full day of tuition and demonstration to members. There was also the chance to try out the latest rods and lines from both Rio and Sage.

Guide casting day.

In June Mr C Mitchelhill in association with Jim Fearn of Guide fishing 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.

Junior Anglers Event

The Junior Angler Event did not run this year. This was mainly due to the lack of Juniors attending last year's event and the fact Carlisle City Council made it incredibly difficult for us to hold the even on Rickerby Park.

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 Saturday 18th October 2014. 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.

Edgar Cave Trophy review.

Having received no feedback from members as to how the trophy should be won, the committee has reviewed how the Edgar Cave Trophy shall be allocated. It will no longer be for the heaviest fish of the season but what is regarded as the best fish of the season. A small sub-committee will be convened and anyone wishing to enter to win the trophy must send a photograph and a signed witnessed statement to the Honorary Secretary explaining the capture of the fish. The sub-committee will look at all entries and decide on a winner. This may not necessarily be a salmon but that which is regarded the best fish of any species entered.

Parking in Rickerby Village

Members are reminded that parking for this area is by the postbox on the right hand side of the road as you turn in to the village. **DO NOT PARK IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF.** We have received complaints from residents about members parking in the village and damaging properties.

Lowther Show

The club will be attending Lowther Show again this year. The show runs on the 9th and 10th August and we would like to invite members to volunteer to man the stand. Car passes and entry tickets will be provided. Please contact the Honorary Secretary if you are interested in attending.

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 28th 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 – the committee will fine members not sending in returns. It is especially important this year to help us fend off compulsory EA restrictions.

CAA website

After some technical difficulties the website is back up and running with a new address/link - <http://www.carlisleanglingassociation.org.uk/> it 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.

Change of address

It is important that that the clubs database 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

P. Davidson

Hon Sec

N. Austin