

Sewin

Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



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A fresh start...

A new season beckons... and I wonder what lies ahead. The weather, of course, influences most things. Will we experience plenty of rain like last year (favourable for those daytime fishers), or will we be praying for the wet stuff?

One thing is for sure – I cannot wait to wet a line. Night fly fishing takes a lot of time and effort, but following a long winter break, every year I'm suitably 're-charged' and raring to go. There are encouraging signs of quite a few new members this year. I personally know of a number of new fly anglers who have 'graduated' from small stillwaters to experience the rivers – and the Loughor is perfect. I look forward to seeing a few new faces on the river bank. Tightlines!



Committee members Gwynlais Williams and Gary Lewis in the process of erecting a new stile

New stiles erected

New stiles have been erected at Tyn y Cerrig and Daniel Evans stretches. Further work is ongoing.

Ynys Llety/GCG stile

IMPORTANT: No members are to cross into the shared GCG waters prior to the stile being erected.

The stile was re-erected on April 4th.

Tal y Fan Fawr farm

Re-seeding work is under way and Members are reminded not to cross the fields but keep to the edges of the river bank or field edges.

Gelligilion farm

There will be no fishing this year. The farm is on the Carmarthenshire side above the pylons and opposite Tal y Fan Fawr farm.

Subscriptions

Membership at the 10 April stood at 86 compared to 94 in 2007.

However quite a number of enquiries have been received from potential new members, so that last years figure could be improved upon. These figures exclude Officers, Committee and Life Members.

Catch Returns Summary

	2007	2006	2005
Sewin	107	113	179
Salmon	12	13	22
Fish Returned	40	77	86
Spinning	43	39	64
Fly	62	85	117
Bait	14	2	20

Best months: June to September

Best Stretches: Ynys Llety, GCG, Daniel Evans, Tyn y Cerrig and Llwyn Ifan Ddu.

Catch return forms

Again, we received a very poor return – which was **VERY** disappointing.

For the future of our club, please can you make an extra special effort this year to complete your forms. Even if you didn't catch a fish, we still need the information for our records.

If you have any comments or suggestions for future editions of 'Sewin', please contact Lyn Davies via e-mail: lyn@capturedonline.co.uk

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Out and About

Bonefish and the Bahamas



An average sized Bone fish taken from the 'Skiff' or boat

"OK man – fish, 11 o'clock, 30 yards – cast now."

This was the voice of Captain Perry – our guide for the day. Perry was perched on his raised platform towards the back of the skiff. Watching how much line I had in the air, he prompted, "Drop it – now, don't shoot". Even though I couldn't see the fish myself, I was listening to Perry's every word. "Wait. Okay – start stripping – strip! Keeping stripping.... stop. Strip – speed it up...". At this point my line tightened, and keeping my rod low, I secured the hook with one last positive pull – I was into my first Bonefish in the Bahamas.

I was one of over thirty anglers fishing Grand Bahama Island last November. It was a competition, split into three teams over four days fishing.

Bone fishing is seriously addictive stuff – the whole experience simply blows you away. Bones fight like no other fish, and once you've experienced that first mad run, you'll be hooked for life. Then (I've been reliably informed) you move onto Permit and Tarpon – so there's no hope really! I caught ten Bones in four days fishing – not bad for an amateur. I should have taken twice that amount, if I'd listened more to my guide and kept calm – I did tend to panic and fluff up a lot of opportunities. Some anglers caught over 30 fish, I suppose they were lucky to come across some huge pods of willing fish! My team came joint third (last!), but nevertheless, it was a fantastic experience – one I will never forget. I spent a week with a great group of people, from all walks of life – all with one thing in common. We will all be back in search of Bones!

Tiddlers 50/50 2007 winners

August: J. Preece

September: G. Thomas.



TOP TIP!

for April...

Get out there early. The thought of shivering at the banks of the Loughor may not be too appealing, but every year some monsters are taken during April, so wrap up warm and give it a go. You may not experience much action, but if you do, it could well be the fish of a lifetime!