Pontarddulais & District Angling Association Newsletter



Lyn Davies - Editor

New year, new season...

We are just a month or so away from the beginning of the 2005 fishing season and my casting arm is already starting to twitch! I've been doing a fair bit of winter rainbow fishing, which has been different, and I also entered a grayling competition on the mighty River Tweed in Scotland.

As you will see from the catch reports, we saw an excellent run of salmon, particularly from our Lampeter stretch towards the end of last season - which was encouraging. However, it wasn't a great season for most of us with the sewin, so I hope for more numbers of fish this year.

The committee looks forward to meeting you at Pontarddulais Working Men's Club (February 16) for the AGM. Please make an effort to attend to keep up-to-date on the club's activities.

Salmon River Teifi (Lampeter) 2004

Gary Lewis, 7lb 9ozs (spin) – 21 Aug, Mark Walker, 9lb 12ozs (worm) – 29 Aug, Carwyn Collins, 11lb

20zs (spin) – 30 Aug, Gary Lewis, 6lb 4ozs (worm) – 30 Aug, Adrian Thomas, 5lb 8ozs (worm) – 5 Sep,

8lb 3ozs (worm) - 16 Sep, John Williams, 9lb 8ozs,

7lb 8ozs (worm) - 21 Sep, 5lb, 6lb (worm) - 26 Sep,

80zs (worm) – 28 Sep, David Jones, 7lb 12ozs (worm) – 2 Oct, Ian Gabe, 6lb 7ozs (worm) – 3 Oct, John

Williams, 7lb 8ozs, 7lb (worm) – 7 Oct, Brian Collins,

7lb 10ozs (spin - returned) - 9 October.

Salmon River Loughor 2004

Graham Easter, 5lb 8ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr -

Fawr - 15 Sep, Carwyn Collins, 3lb 12ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 15 Sep, Ian Gabe, 5lb 10ozs (worm), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 18 Sep, Gary Thomas, 5lb 14ozs (worm), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 19 Sep, Alun Williams, 7lb

(worm - returned), Tal-y-Fan Fawr - 19 Sep, Frank

Toth, 7lb 6ozs (spin), Ynys Llety - 19 Sep, Graham

Easter, 7lb 6ozs, 4lb (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr - 5 Oct, Mel Williams, 5lb 15ozs (worm), Tal-y-Fan Fawr -

5 Oct, Colin Gabe, 8lb 4ozs (spin) Tal-y-Fan Fawr -

- 17 Oct, Graham Easter, 6lb 11ozs (worm), Tal-y-

8 Oct, Mel Williams, 6lb 15ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr

- 13 Oct, Gary Lewis, 6lb 7ozs (spin), Tal-y-Cynllwyn

25 Aug, Gary Lewis, 3lb 13ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr

26 Aug, Mel Williams, 4lb 8ozs (worm), Tal-y-Fan

Fawr - 14 Sep, Graham Easter, 6lb (worm), Tal-y-Fan

4lb (worm) - 27 Sep, Graham Easter, 6lb 3ozs, 5lb

Swiss Valley Anglers

There's not many healthily stocked reservoirs where you can pay £130.00 for a season ticket, enabling you to fish all day, every day - all season. Swiss Valley reservoir is one of them, and being only a few miles from Pontarddulais, it means that us locals can make the most of those long summer evenings after work! Also, as a season ticket holder you get given a key to open the entrance gate, allowing you to drive just yards from the waters edge. You will struggle to find a more picturesque, well stocked reservoir with excellent 'top of the water' sport on the fly. All funds are ploughed straight back into restocking rainbows up to double figures, along with a thousand fingerling brownies each year (it's full of cracking browns - which must be returned). For more information, please contact Dave Watkins on 01554 755347 (between 7-8pm).

Well done Adrian!



Adrian with his 10lb 4oz sewin

Congratulations to Adrian Thomas (Club Secretary) on catching the largest fly caught sewin of the 2004 season. Adrian landed his first double figure sewin at

night from the Ynys Llety stretch of the River Loughor (on a Muddler!).

I personally would like to thank the committee for their hard work during the 2004 season. I think we will all agree that the river is now more accessible, tidy and generally a nicer place to fish than ever before - Well Done! L. James

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Out and about... **Grayling on the Tweed**



A small grayling comes to hand on the Tweed

Like me, you probably thought that it would cost an arm and a leg to fish the famous River Tweed - wrong! I recently entered the annual Tweed Foundation grayling competition and it cost me just £5 for a days fishing. In fact, I discovered that it costs just £8 for a season ticket to fish for brown trout and grayling on selected beats! On the day, over seventy grayling to 3lb plus were caught, with the winning rod landing some seventeen fish. I however didn't do so well, I caught just two fish (once I'd got my head around fishing my bugs properly). I did break my grayling record though, with a cracking fish of just over 2lb! I'd recommend a visit to anyone - but be prepared with those weighted bugs - those winter grayling hug the bottom...

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Cynllwyn – 17 Oct, Gary Lewis, 7lb 7ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 17 Oct. Sewin River Loughor 2004 Adrian Thomas, 4lb 8ozs (fly), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 2 Jun,

Gary Lewis, 7lb 10ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr - 23 Jun, Adrian Thomas, 5lb 11ozs (fly), Caerdelyn – 5 Jul, Carwyn Collins, 3lb 10ozs (fly), G.C.G Water – 5 Jul, Brian Collins, 1lb 13ozs (Fly), Home night comp, Tal-y-Cynllwyn - 16 Jun, Adrian Thomas, 10lb 4ozs (fly), Caerdelyn - 22 Jun, Lyn Davies 4lb (fly) Tyn-y-Cerrig, lan Gabe, 3lb 4ozs (spin), Tal-y-Fan Fawr - 16 Aug, Adrian Thomas, 6lb 3ozs (fly), Tal-y-Fan Fawr - 6 Sep, Colin Jones, 7lb 8ozs (spin), Sychnant – 15 Sep, 5lb 8ozs (spin), Erw Fach – 15 Sep, 5lb (spin), Sychnant – 15 Sep, Gary Lewis, 3lb 3ozs (worm), Erw Fach – 18 Sep, Graham Easter, 3lb (worm), Tal-y-Fan Fawr – 18 Sep, Frank Toth, 6lb 5ozs, 5lb (spin), Ynys Llety - 19 Sep.