NEVERN ANGLING ASSOCIATION

Spring 2013

NEWSLETTER

**Chairman's report**

Dear Member

I begin on a sad note as we lost a good friend last year. Viv Lewis was a committed and hard working member of the club for many years. As a past Chairman, Vice Chairman and treasurer for many years, he only handed the books over when his illness prevented him for continuing. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and had the pleasure of fishing with him.

The past year was a very productive one for the committee. We completed more work on the river than we have for many years with over a dozen work parties from Crosswell right down to the tidal stretch. For the first time, we also worked in partnership with the Pembrokeshire Rivers Trust who funded two projects, one at Croswell and one below Nevern bridge. The trust have also trained a handful of members in river habitat surveying. We are now able to check our own tributaries and spawning grounds for problems, and put them right where necessary. I hope this partnership continues to flourish!

Rain, rain and yet more rain, sums up last year’s season! A good run of sea trout pushed quickly upstream and if you were on the river at the right time, you did well. Let’s hope it was a good spawning season, only time will tell.

I am pleased to announce that we have granted Viv Owen honorary life membership. Viv has done a huge amount of work for the club over the years, serving as Chairman for over 15 years. We all wish him many happy fishing years to come!

I hope to see you at the AGM on February 5th at the Salutation Inn, if not, I wish you a happy and relaxing fishing season, hopefully with a bit less rain!

Rob Williams

Chairman

**Treasurers report**

We are not immune to inflation here on the river and despite our best efforts to save money elsewhere, we have had to make an increase in the membership fees this year. Full adult membership will rise by £10 to £80. Please remember to adjust your standing order if you pay this way. Junior, day and week ticket prices will remain at the same price. We believe this still represents excellent value when compared to other local club fees. In an effort to save costs, we also ask that you include a self addressed, stamped envelope with your subscription this year. Postage costs have risen considerably and this will save the club a significant amount each year. A statement of accounts will be produced at the AGM and will be available via the website afterwards.

David Prichard

Treasurer

SECRETARY’S REPORT.

My first year as Secretary has flown by and it’s been a busy one.

I was tasked in the spring to get a club website up and running. With support and sponsorship from local companies, it hasn’t cost the club a penny to get going, which I think is quite an achievement. It’s proved to be very popular with well over a thousand visits in the first 6 months alone! I would value any feedback, positive or negative.

I’ve also been updating the club membership records, some of which were out of date and inaccurate. This year, we ask that everyone completes a membership renewal form. You will find one on the last page of the newsletter and this should make sure everything we hold is accurate and current.

I am still waiting for a large number of catch returns. We can’t produce any accurate statistics without accurate returns. It is a condition of membership that you complete a return at the end of each season and I now have a list of offenders! Please ensure you submit your return ASAP if you haven't already done so, even if its a nil return. I can now accept returns by e-mail and you will find a template to use and my email address on the website at:-

www.nevernanglingassociation.org.uk

Here are the catch returns so far;

384 Sewin

17 Salmon

41% of fish were returned.

I intend to produce some interesting statistics from the returns this year so watch this space.

I also represented the Club on the Pembrokeshire Rivers Trust over the last year, attending regular meetings where we discuss potential improvement projects. Several of us attended a training course on how to survey the river and we have been putting these skills to good use on the Brynberrian river which has now been surveyed from top to bottom. We have plans to continue this work across the whole Nevern catchment and the Trust have funding which we can access to rectify any problems identified. So far we have benefited from two projects funded by the Trust.

David Sweet

Secretary

**AGENDA FOR AGM 8pm 5th FEBRUARY 2013**

**SALUTATION INN**

APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF LAST AGM

MATTERS ARISING

CHAIRMANS REPORT

SECRETARYS REPORT

TREASURERS REPORT

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Work Parties**

We have another ambitious work schedule planned for the year ahead. If you would like to join us on a work party, please give your details to the Secretary.

If you see an obstruction that we haven’t noticed, please let us know.

**Dates for your diary**

AGM Tuesday 5th February 2013 - Salutation INN

Season start 1st April

Salmon can be kept from 16th June

Brown trout ends last day September (NO Fishing above Crosswell bridge after this day)

Worm ends 7th October

Season ends 17th October

We intend to hold a junior come and try fishing day this spring. The date and venue will be posted on the Website.

**Web Site**

Our Web site has proved to be very popular with more visits than we ever expected. It’s particularly popular with visiting anglers, who can find out about river conditions and catches before they travel. If you haven't already visited the site, the address is www.nevernanglingassociation.org.uk

If you have any interesting photos or details of catches, please let the Secretary know so they can be included on the site.

Web Facts - 1243 visits in 2012 - Peak visits in July and August with up to 21 visits a day - Return rate of 41% - 129 visits in the first two weeks of January alone.

**Membership Fees**

Unfortunately, we have had to put the full adult membership fees up by £10 this year. This is because of rises in fishery rentals. If you pay by direct debit, please remember to adjust your payment to £80. Junior membership remains at £10. Also, this year we are asking that **ALL** members complete a membership form. This is to update our records and ensure we have your details correctly recorded. The membership form is on the next page.

***Nevern Angling Association***

***Membership form 2013***

Full Name in Block letters ..................................................................

Homes address ..................................................................

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Post code ................................................................

Tel number (Home) ...............................................

 (Mobile) .............................................

Date of birth if under 18 ................................................

Vehicle reg. number ................................................

E-mail address ................................................

I herby apply for continued membership of the Nevern Angling Association and agree to abide by its rules. I confirm I have submitted a catch return for last season.

Signed .................................................................. Date.....................................

Membership number ...........................................

The fees for 2013 are:-

Adult - £80

Junior (under 18) £10

Cheques to be made payable to the Nevern Angling Association. Do not send cash.

When completed, please post this form with a self addressed stamped envelope to:- Hon Secretary, Nevern Angling Association, Argoed, Login, Whitland SA34 0TE.

Forms received after the 1st April 2013 will be processed as NEW applications and we need to be accompanied with a joining fee.