

# Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd

## Spring / Summer 2008 Newsletter (44th Edition)

### 2007 Season Overview:

As we move into the 2008 Season, which we hope will be as productive for you as 2007, no doubt there will be that anticipation that precedes the start of a new Fishing Year. Although the Close Season that some of us remember as the Glorious 16<sup>th</sup> start has now changed on many still waters, River anglers still have the early spring to get ready for the new season and dream of catching the "Big One". Overall, GAC Waters have produced some really notable fish and the ever present "Exploits" of our Members. Big catches have been reported throughout the Year, many of which can be seen on the GAC Web Site. Quite a few Notable Fish have been entered into the Clubs Annual Fish Award, which will run until 30 April 2008 and the winners will be announced at the 2008 AGM. Both the Junior and Senior Winners will receive a Free Years Club Membership. Well done to all who have entered the competition and good luck. The 2008/09 Annual Fish Award Competition will commence 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and run to 30 April 2009.

The Clubs License swap policy with both Newport and Merthyr Angling Clubs seems to be utilised by Club Members of late, Richard Turner has fished both Pontsticill and Dolygaer Reservoirs, with great success.

By now most of you will be aware of the work that has taken place at Treoes Pond, which unfortunately due to the ever present threat of poaching that is on the increase, has now been completed, means that the stocks of fish at Treoes Pond are now much better protected in the coming years. Along with the increase in Night Fishing Group Membership from 20 to 40 we will have a better presence on our Waters throughout the Year to protect our fisheries. Also the work that was completed early 2007 on Pyscodlyn Mawr and Gribbles ponds has provided better access for all Club Members, but more importantly better access for our Disabled Members, who now we hope are enjoying getting on the Bank side in relative ease.

We are now looking at upgrading the pegs on Cadoxton Ponds, which will be split into two phases. Phase 1 is to renovate the Pegs on Carols Pond and install disabled Friendly Pegs at the bottom of the new ramp next to the Eco Centre. Phase 2 will commence on Lake Susan once Welsh Water have completed their work and we can get plant machinery on to the top end of the site. It is envisaged that a new path will be built around both ponds set back from the waters edge rather than on top of the embankment, which will make access for Club Members much easier to the water.

Last Season also saw the introduction of Carp Competitions for Club Members. Mr Nigel Sproston organised the Competitions which on the whole were supported quite well. Nigel does hope to improve on numbers this year. Details of this year's Comps can be found later on in this Newsletter.

### GAC AGM 2008

Every year we seem to get fewer Members attending the AGM. It is a once a year event where you as a Club Member are given the opportunity to ask questions and give your points of view. Club Committee members do talk to the membership around the year on the banks where many points of view are discussed, some good, some not so good, but we do not seem to get the same response when it comes to the AGM. I would ask all of you to try and make the time to come along, even if you do not have a point to put over, Club Policy is discussed and you can vote, which at the end of the day affects all of us. If you are unable to attend but would like to ensure that your views are discussed, please either email myself at [secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk) or drop me a line at home, (address is on the Club Officials part of the Newsletter). Please ensure that email or post items must be received 4 weeks prior to the AGM.

**The AGM will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008 at 7.30pm in Bute Suite 1, Welsh Institute for Sport, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.**

### GAC Night Fishing Group.

As previously mentioned, the NFG has now been increased from 20 to 40 Members, so any Club Member wishing to join the group should apply in writing to Mick Roberts (Membership Secretary – address later in newsletter). Please note you must have held a Senior Club Membership for a minimum of 2 consecutive years prior to joining the Group. **Colin Farnham** is the NFG Co-ordinator and can be contacted on **07813 001869**. All NFG Members are asked to call Colin prior to night fishing permissible club waters, in order that we know who is where and when. Facilities for Bivvy Pegs on both Llantrythyd and Treoes Ponds have been improved as we know some of the NFG Members now own "small portable Bungalows" as opposed to one man bivvys. There seems to have been a small amount of confusion regarding Guests accompanying NFG Members, which we now hope has been cleared up. Any NFG Member wishing to take a guest night fishing on GAC Waters must apply for a Guest Permit from the Club Secretary at a cost of £6.00 per Night, a minimum of 7 days prior to Fishing (to allow for return post). The guest must be a GAC Club Member, non members are not permitted to night fish as guests. The Club has also now a few Night Bailiffs who will be actively monitoring club waters after dark.

### Fish re-stocking

By the time you receive this newsletter, Gribbles Culvert will have received a Stock of 8 to 10 inch Tench, Chub and Crucian Carp, whilst Lake Carol at Barry will have received the same. The other carp that were populating Lake Carol at Barry will have been mostly moved back into Lake Susan.

### Around the Waters

Before looking at the Individual waters, it must be pointed out that again litter on all our waters is still a big problem. Brian Dickman and his Bailiff Team have spent many hours on our waters just cleaning up litter. It seems that we still have a few Members who just do not care about what they leave on the banks. Be warned any member caught leaving litter will be answerable for his actions. During the work carried out at Treoes Pond for instance was the removal of Gorse and Bramble Bushes to allow the planting of Thorn Bushes around the perimeter. We were astounded at the amount of litter that was found in the bushes during clearing. All Club Bailiffs will now record your license number and location along with the date you are on any waters. Please remember, it is your responsibility to ensure that you leave your swim litter free following each and every fishing trip.

### Cardiff Bay and Barrage

Club Chairman Mr Jon Taylor has been involved for quite a few years with the promotion of Coarse Angling on the Cardiff Bay, which after many hours of meetings and phone calls finally has come to fruition. It is hoped that Club Members will have angling access to the Bay area from June 16<sup>th</sup> 2008, but as the final negotiations are taking place this has not been set in stone. Therefore

as we will not know for definite until later this year if the Club along with Brirchgrove AS and Bute AS will have membership access, any further information will be posted on the Club Web site and Club Notice Boards at all our Still Waters. Our thanks to Jon for his hard work, on hopefully securing yet another magnificent fishery for the Club.

### **St y Nyll top Pond**

Overall, the top pond has produced some of the illusive Tench during the Summer and Autumn Months, although reports indicate that catch rates have been down on previous Seasons. A few 1lb to 2lb Tench have been taken so the restocking of fish a few years ago are starting to show. The small Rudd shoals that were taking over the pond have in the main been removed, although we have ensured that the better sized silvers have remained. Pike Fishing dominated the Winter Months with a few good size fish being taken, although for some members the small Rudd and Roach gave some entertainment on light gear during the quiet spells.

**Pike Fishing is now banned during Summer and Autumn Months, the pike season commences 1<sup>st</sup> October and finishes March 14<sup>th</sup> every year.**

### **Gribbles Culvert**

As one of our most popular Waters, Gribbles has again produced the goods. Some excellent catches were reported, with not just Common and Mirror Carp dominating catches. Some good size Crucians have been taken along with a few decent size Bream and Rudd. The Golden Rudd that remain in this water have been reported feeding well with fish to over a pound now present. More work was carried out during the Season, with the Old Oak Tree next to the entrance being removed, the Chestnut Tree on the Dam has been cut back off the water and the roots that were in the margins being removed to allow less tangles and snags. There is a Single Rod Policy in force at this venue all year, which was agreed due to both the size of the pond and the close proximity of Fishing Pegs. Heavy Carp Gear is also discouraged and Members are asked to be mindful of the equipment they use at this Pond. Size 12 hooks are maximum size permitted. A new gate has been put at the site entrance, which will be locked. Club members will be able to unlock the gate using the same key that opens Treoes and Pyscodlyn Mawr ponds.

**Please note that Boilies and Nut baits are banned at this venue. Would members please note that fishing from the Dam is not allowed.**

### **Cadoxton Ponds, Barry**

Fishing on Cadoxton ponds has been exceptional over the past 12 months, with large bags of fish in excess of 100lb being reported on a regular basis. Mainly Carp making up the big weights, but also Bream to 7lb and Tench to 6lb have also been taken on a regular basis. Although at present a limit of 25 anglers in total are permitted on the two ponds at any one time, with the proposed opening of the Security Gate on a 24 hour basis numbers will be increased later in the year. We are also negotiating a Dawn to Dusk policy with Dow Corning once the Security Gate is permanently manned. Any Club Members who have not yet given Barry Ponds a go are missing out on some great fishing.

### **Carols Pond**

Large Tench and Bream have dominated the catches on Carols Pond, although with the recent introduction of Crucian Carp, Tench and Chub, mixed bags will almost definitely improve. The pond is now developing well and will continue to improve as the years progress. Would Members please note that Boilies are not permitted to be used on Lake Carol.

### **Lake Susan**

Large hauls of Carp have dominated the catch rates on Lake Susan, but Tench and Bream have also added to great sport, most baits taking fish on a regular basis. A few small Pike have also fallen to conventional baits, we hope in the near future to increase the Pike stock on this water to add to an already growing stock.

### **Pysgodlyn Mawr**

Unfortunately Pyscodlyn Mawr pond of late has been targeted by poachers, which has had an effect on Carp stocks on this water. Steps are in progress in an attempt to curtail poachers on this water. Even so, some decent size fish are being landed by fair angling means, which in the main still offers great sport. The Tench and Bream are on the increase in both weight and numbers caught. Following the bank side improvements on this water there seems to be more members fishing this water which is good news for all. We are aware of the problem with Fringe Water Lilies that are choking some of the swims, so a few work parties in the spring will be organised to get as much out as we can prior to the new season. We have also received a few reports of Anglers using portable stoves at Pyscodlyn. This is quite a serious matter, as part of our tenancy agreement with the Forestry Commission states that Stoves of any sort are not permitted to be used at all on this site. Any Member now caught using a portable stove at this site will face immediate expulsion from the Club.

**Please note that Boilies and Nut baits are banned at this venue.**

### **LLantrythyd**

We did not receive many reports from this water, but what was received was encouraging. Members who have been targeting the Bream and Tench on light float tactics have reported the appearance of small Carp around the 8oz to 1lb mark, which does suggest that the resident Carp in this Water have successfully bred. Skimmer Bream are also increasing in numbers which also adds to the successful breeding of the stock fish. Night Fishing tactics have produced some nice fish through Spring and Summer although the catch rates slowed down as the cold weather settled in later in the year.

**Treoes (Important Note: revised Close season dates March 14<sup>th</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>, Pond opens May 1<sup>st</sup> 2008.)**

Last years Club Project was to develop the Bank Side facilities and perimeter security at Treoes, which was a great success. There are now more fishable pegs and additional Wheelchair access Platforms, along with some additional stock fish introduced during the Winter months. All credit to Brian Dickman and Colin Farnham who undertook the work and have produced a venue the club can be proud of. To give you an idea of the amount of work involved close to 3000 Thorn Bushes have been planted around the perimeter and 250 ton of stone has been laid on the car park and paths.

On the fishing front, as usual Treoes produced some memorable catches. If you're not sure about the right tactics or baits to use at this pond, ask any of the regulars. Would all Members please note that the Gate must be kept locked at all times. As noted above, the Committee have decided to revise the Close Season dates on this venue and **Fishing will commence 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008 and not 16<sup>th</sup> June** as was advertised in the last newsletter.

*Note: Camping Stoves are permitted on this water, but please take care.*

### **River Taff**

Every Year we report on the Taff, the news seems to get better, well this year is no exception. Barbel and Chub have dominated the catches along most of the GAC stretches, although some excellent Grayling and Trout have been reported. Junior Member Aaron Rushton landed a magnificent 4lb Rainbow Trout on the fly. It is encouraging to hear that the EA have arrested several poachers on the Taff, which can only be good news for all of us and does give local clubs such as GAC confidence that the EA are trying to stop Illegal angling.

**River Wye (Bibblins and Monmouth)**

Club Members have had some excellent days out at Bibblins, with Barbel and Chub providing constant sport for all who venture to this idyllic fishery. Club Members Matthew Fielding and Mike Carter have had excellent sport with the resident Pike stocks, landing several double figured fish.

**River Ely**

Not many reports have been received regarding the Ely, although a few Members have had some good fun on the fly with the Trout around St Fagans. Small Chub and Grayling have also been caught on float fished maggots.

**Web Site**

Again the Club Web site has undergone some distinct changes, which for those of you that use the web site will agree seems to just get better and better. Steve Marsh would like to thank all Club members that have either provided Photo's for the Gallery or emailed information on Club Waters. The more information that Steve receives the better. The link to the site is [www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk](http://www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk) Many thanks to **Steve Marsh**, for giving up his free time to look after the site.

**2008 Close Season Arrangements:**

Details of the fisheries open (and closed) are given below (all dates are inclusive).

Fishery	Closed Dates	Open Dates
Pyscodlyn Mawr	Closed 15/03/08 to 15/06/08	16/06/08 to 14/03/09
Gribbles Covert	Open all year	Open all year
Treoes Pond	Closed 15/03/08 to 30/04/08	01/05/08 to 14/03/09
LLantrythyd Lake	Open all Year	Open all Year
Barry Ponds	Open all year	Open all year
St y Nyll	Closed 15/03/08 to 31/05/08	01/06/08 to 14/03/09
Other Waters	Closed 15/03/08 to 15/06/08	16/06/08 to 14/03/09

***Note between 15 March and 15 June there will be a ban on the use of keepnets on all waters that are open.***

Please remember all other club rules apply. Members should be aware that the Committee intends to vary the waters that are open and closed during March to June every year, so that members should not presume what was open in 2007 will be open (or closed) in 2008. Full details of the Close season arrangements will be put on our website at the end of each year and are in our newsletters. Any member caught fishing outside of the dates set by the committee will be instantly expelled from the club.

**License Application and Renewal**

An application form for membership, either renewal or new, is included within this newsletter. The new licence fees detailed on the form will apply for all applications from 1 December 2007. Any new licences issued after 1 December 2007 will run through to 31 March 2009 and will be subject to the new membership subscriptions. Full details of membership subscriptions were given in our Summer/Autumn 2007 newsletter, and are as shown on the application form. We have decided not to increase the Membership fee for 2008/9 Season, which you will agree offers excellent value for money (our treasurers report gives more background information to members). Our thanks must go to Mick Roberts for undertaking a considerable amount of work as Membership Secretary.

***Please note that all junior Membership applications must be returned along with the Parent / Guardian responsibility form, which must be signed prior to license renewal acceptance.***

**Work Parties:**

Due to the continual lack of support for organised work parties, it has been decided that an annual maintenance contract on our waters will be issued to the Clubs contractor. This will of course mean that some of the Clubs funds that is usually utilised for Fish restock etc, will be now used to pay for the maintenance works. However, general husbandry such as weed clearance will still require input from Club Members.

**St Y Nyll Top Pond:**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Drag all Swims and General weed Clearance.

**Pyscodlyn Mawr Pond:**

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – General Bank side Clearance and Clear Weed.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Clear Weeds from all Swims.

**Contact Details and information for the Club**

Membership Secretary -	Mick Roberts, 4 Heol Don, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2AU
Treasurer -	Mike Bishop (e-mail michaelb@bpu-accs.com)
Secretary -	Paul Addecott, 10 Gloucester Close, Barry.CF62 9AD (email: <a href="mailto:secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk">secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk</a> )
Chairman -	Jon Taylor
Match sec -	John Bush - 07862 213540 (after 6.30pm)
Junior match sec -	Albert Smith (029) 2025 3999
Head Bailiff -	Brian Dickman: 07719 631898
Night Fishing Group	Colin Farnham 07813 001869 (email: <a href="mailto:nightgroup@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk">nightgroup@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk</a> )
Website Administrator	Steve Marsh email <a href="mailto:steve@sjmarsh.co.uk">steve@sjmarsh.co.uk</a>
Club Website	<a href="http://www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk">www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk</a>
Registered Office mail only	Radnor House, Greenwood Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff CF23 8AA

### Senior Club Match Results 2007

Well done to all Club Members who took part in the 2007 Series. Congratulations also to Club Chairman Jon Taylor who set a new Match Record this year of 270lb 10oz.

FINAL RESULTS 2007:

1<sup>st</sup> J. Taylor 266 Points

2<sup>nd</sup> N Parsons 239 Points

3<sup>rd</sup> J Palmer 209 Points

### Annual Fish of the Year Competition

First and foremost, thank you to all the Club Members who took the time and effort to enter the competition. With only a few weeks to go here is the list of entries so far:

#### **Junior Entries**

Aaron Rushton 4lb 0oz Rainbow Trout

Keeron Carmody 15lb 2oz Mirror Carp

Adrian Carmody 17lb 0oz Common Carp

Josh Brown 5lb 0oz Tench

#### **Senior Entries**

Andrew Shillam 19lb 0oz Grass Carp

Jark Van Vuuren 12lb 2oz Grass Carp

Julian Addecott 11lb 9oz Common Carp

Alan Omar 2lb 8oz Perch

Nigel Sproston 10lb 1oz Barbel

Tristan Morgan 4lb 5oz Tench

Ryan Gilette 8lb 5oz Common Carp

Johnathan Mitchell 10lb 5oz Barbel

Chris Lewis 13lb 2oz Grass Carp

To make the vote on both Junior and Senior Winners as fair as possible, it will be the Club Members themselves who will choose the Junior and Senior winners at the AGM. Winners will receive 1 years Free Club License.

You will also find an entry form in the Newsletter for the 2008/09 Annual Fish of the Year Competition, which can also be downloaded from the Club Web Site.

### 48 hour Fun Fishing Event Treoes Pond

This years 48 hour event will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Sat 26<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2008. The emphasis this year is a fun fishing event and will include a BBQ for all participants on Sat 26<sup>th</sup>. Colin Farnham will be the point of contact for entries and can be contacted on **07813 001869**. We will be raising funds for:- Cancer Research fund/Vale of Glamorgan Foster Children.

The event will take place on the weekend 25/26/27 July 2008 at Treoes lake, Bridgend. The event is being run on a first come first serve basis, to register you must contact Colin on :-**07813001869 or 01656862905 after 1st March 2008**. All angler's should aim to raise a MINIMUM of £50.00 for adults and £30.00 for under 16's from sponsorship. All money raised must be paid in on or before 25th July 2008 to Colin. We would prefer no cheques, but if it is unavoidable please get them made out to Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd and on the back of the cheque write "2008 Charity Fund Raising Event". You do not have to be a member of the GAC Night Fishing Group to enter & all under 16's must be accompanied by an GAC adult member. On the Saturday of the event there will be NO FISHING between 14.00hrs & 16.00hrs when there will be having a BBQ and a get together. Anyone (fishing or not) who wishes to donate a raffle prize please contact Colin. When you phone to book your place on the "CHARITY EVENT" you will be asked to choose a number between 1-6 for disabled anglers and 6-40 for other Anglers. If you want to fish (with a partner or partners) you will be given a number and the following numbers in sequence. On the 25th July 08 at 16.00hrs or before the draw will take place, before that 4 coloured discs RED-YELLOW-BLUE-GREEN will be placed at random by the (1st angler to turn up) around the lake then the 2nd angler to turn up will be asked to draw a disc from the hat, whatever coloured disc is drawn that will be PEG 1 then you go clockwise around the lake to your numbered swim. Disabled anglers, 6 numbered discs will be put in a hat and they will take turns to draw. The 3 pegs closet to the container will not be in the draw they will be used by Colin

& Mick and one disabled angler. The 2 double pegs along the back Colin and Mick will use their discretion (Dads & Son's preferential). The event finishes at 14.00 hrs on the 27th July 08. We look forward to seeing you all and hope you have a great time.

### Junior Club Matches

2008 Junior Fixtures: All Matches will be book in at 1pm fish 2pm to 5pm

**14<sup>th</sup> June 08 Barry Ponds** - Jean Hooper Trophy for Under 14's & Roy Hooper Trophy 14 to 16

**28<sup>th</sup> June 08 Gribbles Culvert** - Lyn Villis Shield – 1<sup>st</sup> Leg

**19<sup>th</sup> July 08 Treoes** - Lyn Villis Shield - 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg

**5<sup>th</sup> July 08 Gribbles Culvert** - Paul Nelmes Memorial Trophy and Co-op Travel Silver Fish Shield

**9<sup>th</sup> August 08 Treoes** - Mums, Dads, Lads and Lasses Match

For all Junior Match Information please call Albert Smith on (029) 2025 3999 (after 6pm)

### Senior Club Matches

<b>For Information on Club Matches Please contact Mr. John Bush 0786 2213540 (After 6.30pm)</b>	
20th April.	White Springs Match Lake.
27th April.	Tirley (Orchard).
04th May.	Red Hill.

11th May.	Cefn Mably Match Lake.
18th May.	Sue's Lake, Barry.
25th May.	White Springs Match Lake.
08th June.	Carols Pond, Barry.
15th June.	Treoes Pond.
22nd June.	Sue's Lake, Barry.
29th June.	Tirley (Orchard).
06th July.	White Springs Match Lake.
13th July.	Cefn Mably Match Lake.
20th July.	Treoes Pond.
27th July.	Red Hill (M)
03rd August.	Cefn Mably Match Lake.
10th August.	Sue's Lake, Barry.
17th August.	Cardiff Bay.
31st August.	Carols Pond, Barry.
<b>Winter Matches.</b>	
07 September.	Red Hill (B).
21st September.	Treoes Pond.
05th October.	Carols Pond, Barry.
12th October.	Hill View Heron.
26th October.	Sue's Lake, Barry.
09th November.	White Springs Match Lake.
16th November.	Sue's Lake, Barry.
23rd November.	Cefn Mably Bridgend Pond.
07 December.	Sue's Lake, Barry. Christmas Competition.

### **GAC Carp Competitions**

Following the success of the 24 hour Carp Competitions, Mr Nigel Sproston is pleased to announce the 2008 24 Hour Carp Comp Series.

All comps will be held at Treoes Pond and will run from Midday Saturday to Midday Sunday. Competitors are invited to fish as individuals or as a pairs team, it's up to you. Entry fee is £3.00 per competitor, per comp and once prizes have been purchased all monies remaining will be donated to a Charity of Mr Sprostons choice. Places must be booked in advance with Nigel. The competitions start 11.00am Saturday, walk off 11.45 fish Midday to Midday. On the days of this competition there will be a minimum of 8 pegs (possibly more – depending upon attendance) set aside for members to fish.

Round 1. 7/8 May

Round 2 28/29 June

Round 3 23/24 August

Round 4 6/7 September

For details please call Nigel Sproston on 02920 486902

### **Treasurers report**

In several places in this newsletter members will notice that mention is made of stocking, upgrading pegs & paths, fencing and various other items of maintenance work on all of our ponds. It will come as no surprise to members that this work comes at a cost, and indeed, perhaps as one would expect, these items, take up the vast majority of club expenditure. Those members who are lucky enough to hear me speak at the AGM will have a more detailed breakdown as to what we spend and why we spend it, but for others, perhaps this report enlightens them a little on club finances. Having been treasurer for over 30 years, I have seen quite a transformation in not only club income, but the way in which we spend that income. Whilst the club has never been particularly successful at members undertaking work at the work parties, it is probably true to say that during the 1970's and part of the 1980's work parties were better attended by club members than they are presently and that meant we spent less on maintaining our waters. However, I think the club over the past few years has reached a point where due to very limited numbers attending working parties and the large number of members who actually go fishing on our waters we faced the necessity of spending more and more funds on maintaining the waters. As an example, in the past three years on either stocking the waters or maintaining the waters, we have spent in excess of £50k. That excludes the £20k we spent as a contribution towards the construction of the two Barry lakes. So, that leads me (& the committee) to the conclusion that in future if we are to ensure maintenance on the waters is kept up to date we will probably need to set aside an annual budget of probably at least £10k just for this and is something the committee is currently debating. Fortunately with the numbers of members joining the club, these levels of expenditure are able to be met without seriously raiding our reserves that we are trying to set aside for potential one off projects in the future (remember such a project could cost up well in excess of £50k). Without doing this we will never be able to afford another Treoes or Gribbles. As far as membership subscriptions are concerned, this year, for the first time in many years, subscriptions remain unaltered from the previous year. In past years, we have avoided single sharp increases in member's subscriptions by raising their levels by a modest £1 or £2 per annum. We, as a committee feel sure that this policy in the past has enabled us to acquire, maintain and stock the fisheries to a level that perhaps 15 years ago we could only dream of. We also firmly believe that at £55 for a senior annual membership, given the waters we offer and the stocks present in those waters, that we give extremely good value for money when compared with the rate anyone would pay for a single days course fishing in South Wales. As ever, any member can write or email to me any query concerning the club finances, it is your money that this club is spending. Better still, attend the AGM and listen to my 2 hour speech!

### **The South East Wales Rivers Trust**

Members might be aware that in January a major Trust was launched to make the most of the "massive potential" of the recovering rivers Ely, Taff, Rhondda, Rhymney, Sirhowy and Ebbw and their tributaries.

The South East Wales Rivers Trust aims to further improve the water quality and health of the rivers, their fish stocks and wildlife and promote the rivers, streams, still waters and wetlands as important tourist, recreational and educational assets for the region's economy. In particular, significant litter, urban run-off and sewerage issues need to be tackled as well as the problem of invasive weeds such as Japanese Knotweed. The Welsh Assembly Government, local authorities and a number of public and private organisations and recreational groups including Environment Agency Wales, the Countryside Council for Wales and Keep Wales Tidy are backing the Trust. The Trust aims to act as the central body to pull everything together and produce an action plan which looks at the rivers from top to bottom, drawing up a list of priority projects and the various funding opportunities that will bring economic benefit and enhance what are major environmental assets. In addition, it intend to work on projects that will encourage local communities to take 'ownership' of a stretch of their local river and make the most of the great educational resource they provide. Glamorgan Anglers Club plan to take an active part in this Trust with Jon Taylor being its treasurer and several other members being involved either at Trustee or committee levels. More news of this developing story will be found on the club's website in the future and we will use the medium of this newsletter to keep members informed.

### **Newsletter**

Our thanks to all that contributed to this newsletter, particularly Paul Addecott who not only wrote most of it but also brought the initial draft together. Also thanks to whoever volunteered (or was selected if no volunteers) at the February committee meeting to fold it & put in envelopes & put the sticky labels on the envelopes – I know from doing the first 35 or so newsletters that it can be a long mundane job! Members are reminded that they can contribute to the newsletters - please send your article to Paul at his address above.

# GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB Ltd.

Permit application for season from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009

[Invalid for 2009-2010 season see new form available from 1/1/2009]

Surname..... Initials ..... Title .....

Address .....

Post code ..... Tel. No. .... Date of Birth if under 16 .....

Members should note that they are responsible for their personal safety on waters and should have their own

Personal Accident Insurance. By accepting a permit to fish, members are deemed to indemnify Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd and their Landlords against all costs, claims, actions, liabilities and demands. Members are reminded that fisheries can be hazardous places. All applicants **must sign to acknowledge** that they accept these conditions.

Signed :-.....

Are you willing to **help on working parties** YES/NO [delete as necessary] If yes Please give Tel. No. above

TYPE OF LICENCE		Fee £	Enter	WATERS AVAILABLE
<b>FULL COARSE</b>	SENIOR	55.00		1 Treoes pond nr Treoes Bridgend
	FAMILY see *	73.00		2 Pysgodlyn Mawr nr Welsh St Donats
	JUNIOR [Under 16] see**	18.00		3 LLantrythyd Lake nr Bonvilston
	OAP/DISABLED see***	34.00		4 Gribbles Covert nr St Donats.
*Family covers Husband, Wife and children under 12.				
<b>FULL GAME</b> [Includes full coarse]	SENIOR	100.00		5 St-y-Nyll pond nr Peterston Super Ely
	JUNIOR [Under 16] see **	50.00		6 R. Wye a) up from rowing club Monmouth
	OAP/DISABLED see***	50.00		b) Biblins above Monmouth
<b>NEW MEMBERS ONLY</b>	ADD JOINING FEE	<b>10.00</b>		7 R.Taff - Canton Bridge to just above M4
<b>NEW MAP OF WATERS</b>	<b>Note Charge</b>	4.00		8 R. Usk Chainbridge above Usk
<b>NB Maps are free to new members and Juniors do not have to pay a joining fee but have to complete a "responsibility" form as attached.</b>				9 R. Ely around St. Fagans
				10 Cadoxton Lakes, Barry
<b>TOTAL CHEQUE FOR LICENCE ETC =</b>				11 Licence exchange with Newport & Merthyr angling clubs – see below for details.

**\*FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** applies to Husband and Wife only. [3 Rods max if two people fishing].

**\*\*Junior members & parents** must sign/return the responsibility/behaviour document available separately and on website.

**\*\*\*ALL OAP/DISABLED** applications enclose proof of entitlement eg Copy of official document with name & address [Not a car disabled badge] – Physical disability must now be proved, drawing incapacity benefit is not proof of disability. Please supply proof that you are receiving **DISABILITY LIVING ALLOWANCE, or are over 65 for C**  
Send completed sheet, cheque AND stamped addressed envelope

Make cheques out to Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd. New Members please note :- For Map, Newsletter, Permit etc stamp needed = 1 x 1<sup>st</sup> class – but make sure envelope is not oversize to avoid surcharge.

ENVELOPES Half this size [A5 – max size 240x165mm] for maps etc, ordinary size for licence only. To :-

**GAC, Mr M.ROBERTS, 4 HEOL DON, WHITCHURCH, CARDIFF. CF14 2AU.**

Please – No Personal callers. No Telephone calls - Correspondence welcome.

Your Permit will be sent by post as soon as possible. A child under the age of 12 [1 rod only] does not need a club licence provided an adult [Senior/OAP/Disabled/Family] member accompanies them. **Maps** - see above. Autumn newsletter published November, Spring newsletter published April. **Newsletters** sent to current members. **Keys** for Pyscodlyn Mawr and Biblins [Cost £10 each] and licence exchanges [Newport and Merthyr waters] are available to members [bring permit] from Garry Evans Fishing Tackle, 109, Whitchurch Road, Cardiff [Shop hours only]. Visit our website :- <http://www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk> for the latest club news and information. Records are held on computer but they are not connected to the net, or a phone line

# GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB

## Juniors Only must complete this form and an application form

All junior applications please read the following document then sign and return - Failure to do so will mean that the application will be refused.

Thank-you for applying to join Glamorgan Anglers Club

Due to problems in the past, Glamorgan Anglers Club wish to draw the following to your attention:

### Parent/Guardian Responsibility.

- Unaccompanied Junior members [under 16] are the responsibility of their parents/guardians.
- It is expected that Juniors fishing our waters will be adequately provided with food, drink, suitable clothing, tackle, bait etc.
- Juniors should have mobile phones in order to contact their parents/guardians in case of emergency.
- Juniors must be made aware of the dangers of open waters [drowning etc] and the limits of access to St y Nyll and Cadoxton lakes [see club rules].
- It is the responsibility of all parents/guardians to ensure that Junior members are aware of club rules [see permit/website].
- All Juniors must be told that they must behave in a sensible and mature manner when fishing our waters.

### Behaviour.

Angling is a quiet and individualistic sport which many people take up to relieve stress they should not have to tolerate misbehaviour from Junior members. The great majority of our junior members are well-behaved, pleasant and polite people. However, we have had some instances of bad behaviour as noted below:-

- Causing damage to banks, trees, property.
- Disturbing wildlife.
- Being noisy, shouting.
- Throwing stones.
- Abusive/foul language.
- Wandering around and disturbing other anglers.
- Refusal to present documents.
- Disobeying the instructions of bailiffs.
- Not respecting other anglers or members of the public.
- Leaving litter.

It has also been noted that groups of juniors often behave very poorly in comparison to individuals and are more prone to so called "messing about". Also, some parents think that it is acceptable for their children to misbehave and are even abusive to club officials/members who enforce the club rules or standards of behaviour. Such responses will result in an immediate ban for the member concerned.

Incidents of bad behaviour will be reported and will result in disciplinary procedure. This may involve the parents/guardians of the individual concerned. In severe incidents the offender may be banned from the club and its affiliated clubs for life. [No refund will be given]. The committee's decision is, in all cases, final.

As far as is possible the Club tries to provide a pleasant and safe environment for our members to enjoy a peaceful days fishing. We hope that all club members will respect this privilege and do nothing to upset the enjoyment of fellow members.

Return this page to GAC Mr M. Roberts, 4, Heol Don, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2AU (with your application form)

I have read the document above and I agree that my son/daughter will behave in a responsible mature manner when fishing Glamorgan Anglers Club Waters. I also absolve the club of any responsibility for my son/daughter when left unaccompanied. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure the safety and well being of my son/daughter if they are left unaccompanied.

Signed .....Parent or Guardian of.....

I agree to abide by the club rules and behave in a sensible and mature manner. I will respect other members and obey the instructions of bailiff's.

Signed.....Junior applicant.

**Glamorgan Anglers Club  
Annual Best Fish Award 2008/09**

**Please Note: This competition will run from:  
1st May 2008 to 30th April 2009**

**Captor:**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>License Number</b>	
<b>Junior or Senior</b>	

**Species:**

<b>Species and Weight</b>	
<b>Where Caught</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

**Witness:**

<b>Name</b>	
<b>License Number</b>	
<b>Junior or Senior</b>	

<b>Notes:</b>
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**Categories:**

**Best Fish Senior  
Best Fish Junior**

Has a Photograph been attached? Y N

Digital Photo's can be emailed to [secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk)  
**Please provide a return address for Photo if you wish to have it returned.**

**Please Note: Only fish caught on GAC waters will count.**

Entries will only be accepted if accompanied by a photograph and witnessed.

All entries will be assessed and will be determined by the committee.

**The decision of the Committee is Final.**

Please either print this page ([Printable Version](#)) you can also copy and past this page into an E Mail or write the information and send to:

**SECRETARY:**

**Mr. Paul Addecott.**  
10 Gloucester Close,  
Barry.  
CF62 9AD

**(Post or E Mail Only)**

[secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk)