

Autumn\Winter Newsletter 2008

45th Edition



Helen Morrison with a 3lb 8oz Bream



Maureen Smith introduces the Mayor to our Disabled Group.



Amanda Joseph with a 11lb 8oz Treoes Carp.

Special points of interest:

- Treoes Pond gets BDAA Accreditation
- Gribbles Covert gets toilet facility
- 48 hour charity event a huge success.
- Club waters receive Tench and Crucian re stock.
- Barry Ponds new weekend booking in policy

Annual Fish of the year Award.

Following the success of last seasons fish of the year award, the Club has again extended this competition to all club members.

Winners in both Junior and Senior sections will win a free years Club license.

The Competition runs until April 2009 so there's plenty of time to submit your entries.

So far we have had a few notable fish entered in both categories:

Mark Jones 5lb 10 oz Tench,
 Ian Gillard 2lb 3oz Perch,
 Brian Addecott 2lb 2oz Crucian ,
 And Junior entry Lewis Davies with a 13lb Mirror Carp.

Submissions should be sent to the club Secretary by post or email.

GAC News

Welcome to the 2008 GAC Autumn \ Winter newsletter. We hope that you enjoy the new format and get the information that you want to see .

The Club is moving forward with more Club Projects in the planning phases, which when completed will make Fishing our waters a more enjoyable experience for all members.

Catch reports have been sent in during the Spring and Summer months, which not only give us an idea of what is coming

out of where, but also where we need to put new Stock Fish.

It is envisaged that with this years Stocking programme, we are just about self sufficient on our own waters.

500 8 to 10 inch Tench and 500 8 to 10 inch Crucians have been purchased which will be divided up and put where they will grow on.

The focus has been to bolster stocks at Llantrythid lake , where 300 Tench have been introduced,

100 Tench for Gribbles Covert and 100 Tench in Carols Pond.

The Crucians will be divided into 3 areas as well with 300 introduced into St Y Nyll Top Pond where as there are no resident Carp, they will give us a breeding stock of true Crucians.

The Disabled facilities at Treoes were officially opened earlier this year by the Lady Mayoress of the Vale of Glamorgan, which was a huge step forward for the Club.

Close Season 2009

As with every close season, the club now can keep certain still waters open throughout the year. What must now be taken into consideration is allowing our waters 4 weeks rest every year, which also allows any large scale maintenance required to be completed without interference to Club members.

Waters Closed march 15th 09 to June 16th 09.

River Taff

River Wye

River Usk

River Ely

Llantrythid Lake

St Y Nyll Top Pond will open 1st June 09.

Waters which will close for 4 week period.

Treoes Pond 1st Feb to 1st March 09

Lake Susan Barry 1st March to 1st April 09

Pysgodlin Mawr 1st April to 1st May 09

Gribbles Covert 1st May to 1st June 09

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Brian Addecott with a 2lb 2oz Crucian from Gribbles

GAC Disabled Members

Competition:
August saw the first annual Disabled Competition at Treoes Pond

48 Hour Charity Event:
This years Charity event has raised over £3600 for this years chosen Charities.

GAC purchases Fishing Tackle:
As part of the Clubs ongoing commitment to Angling Coaching events, the Club has purchased 10 sets of Fishing gear that can be used by organizations taking advantage of our Coaching facilities.

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48 Hour Charity Event –Treoes

As a Club run Event, the 48 hour charity event is getting more and more popular each year. The event this year was to raise funds to sponsor two Charities, both of which received more than we ever anticipated. Colin Farnham and Mick Frazer spent many months putting this years event together and were able at the end of the 48 hours confirm that our nominated charities who were Marie Curie Cancer Care and Vale of Glamorgan Foster children, between them received over £3600. Although

the emphasis this year was to have fun, of course there was a competitive element to the event.

The Senior winner this year was Daniel Forward, Junior Winner was Adam Preddy, under 10's was a very close run match, which at the end of 48 hours was a draw between Sean Frazer and Caleb Corrigan.

The raffle as ever was very well supported by all the Club members who not only took part in the event but the many members

who took time out to pay a visit to Treoes during the event and was collared by Julian Addecott, who made sure anyone who entered the gate went home a few pounds less in their pockets.

It only remains for me to thank Colin and Mick for their hard work and bring on next years event.



Safe Rigs

It is becoming apparent that some Members are not using safety Rigs when Carp fishing.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that the end rig you use is set in a way that should the rig snag up, the lead can be freed from the rig so that fish are not dragging round weights if a snap off occurs.

We would also like to recommend that the use of 15lb + main line on our waters must stop, as has been found around the islands at Treoes, rigs with main line of over 20lb breaking strain. This is of course down to educating members on the banks and ensuring that the rigs we use are not detrimental to the fish.

There is now a link on the Club

Web Site that shows how safety rigs are made up and how to use them. Please, if you see anyone on the bank using the wrong type of rig, take time out to show them what is wrong and how to put it right.

24 Hour Carp Competition Series 2008

It seems that the popularity of the clubs 24 Hour Carp comps are progressively growing in popularity. Mr Nigel Sproston organizes the 4 Competitions which are fished at Treoes Pond throughout Spring to Autumn.

Although this is a competitive event with Senior, Specimen Fish and Pairs Prizes, the competitions do seem to have its own characteristic banter. The Com-

petitions are restricted to 25 Anglers per match, which does allow non competitors to still fish Treoes during the match dates.

Contact details for all 24 hour comps can be found on the Club Web Site. Alternatively you can Call Nigel on 029 20 486902



Organiser Nigel Sproston with one of the Specimen Trophies.

Oct 08 to March 09



Daniel Forward is this years Charity Comp winner.

Around the Waters

All our Club waters, both still and Rivers have produced some excellent catches.

Gribbles Covert has fished exceptionally well with Tench to 6lb now commonplace during the warmer months. The Carp have also been caught in numbers with fish to 14lb reported.

St Y Nyll Top Pond has produced some good bags of Tench which although are a bit hit and miss seem to be improving. The rudd are still a problem even though the pond was netted last

winter and a large proportion were removed. With the Pike fishing commencing 1st Oct, we are sure some memorable Pike will come out this winter.

Pysgodlin Mawr Pond has again fished very well, with large catches of Bream, Tench, Carp but also some sizeable Perch have been reported of late.

Treoes Pond as usual has produced some very big bags of Carp, but also some big Bream have been taken up to 6lb+.

Llantrythid Lake has fished

well for the Carp, but with the introduction of 300 tench this year, things are looking good for this water.

Barry Ponds have been fishing exceptionally well this year, huge Carp hauls from lake Susan have been reported. One Member managed 83 Carp off the surface in an afternoon.

Carols pond has also fished well with bags of Large Bream and Tench. The chub we introduced last year are also now turning up occasionally.

Rivers Report

The Taff reports we have received have proved that catch rates are still on the increase. Big Barbel and Chub have been reported on all club stretches and Grayling catches seem to be increasing all the time. The Club has been involved with the EA and Welsh Water on a clean up programme that is still ongoing.

Thanks to all the Club Members who turned out to assist.

The Wye at both Bibblins and Monmouth have continued to produce good Barbel and Chub hauls, however the Pike fishing has started slow this year, but as the weather gets colder these should improve.

Good catches of Grayling on the Taff have been reported with fish well over the 2lb mark being reported on a regular basis.

Club Bailiffs have increased on the Taff and reports of poaching on the club run stretches have considerably reduced.

Many thanks to our Bailiff team run by Brian Dickman for all their efforts.

Please keep your reports coming in as it does benefit all Club Members.

Junior Competitions

This years Junior Competition Series has again proved that there is a strong competitiveness within our Junior Section. All five competitions were very well attended.

Although the weather was not always at its best, with the last two competitions fished at both Treoes and Gribbles Culvert during torrential rain showers, the Juniors stuck it out and weighed in some nice fish.

Mr Albert Smith, who is the Junior Match Secretary was awarded with a fine pocket watch as a thank you for his efforts by the Junior Section. Following the final competition at gribbles culvert, a BBQ was a welcome end to the day, with most if not all the competitors suffering from the affects of rain.

Many thanks to Colin Farnham and Keith Beinton for setting up the BBQ and making sure every-

one got fed and watered after the event.

The final Results can be found on the club Web Site.

Any Juniors who would like to take part in next years series of Competitions can contact Albert Smith for details.



Martin Brown with an 18lb 8oz Grassie from Treoes Pond.

From June 16th 2009 Llantrythid Lake will be locked with a Club Lock. Members who wish to fish this pond will require a Club key.

St Y Nyll Top Pond is now for the sole use of Club Members only, no Day Tickets are any longer available for this water. This is especially important as the Club has invested in both Crucian Carp and Pike Stocks for this Pond.

Tench re stocking:

As you can see below, these are some of the 300 Tench that were introduced into Llantrythid lake, late August. The fish were of a very high quality and were in excellent condition. This is the first stock fish to go into Llantrythid for a few years, but the Club will ensure more stock will follow for this lake. 100 Tench were also put into both Barry Ponds (lake Carol) and Gribbles Covert.



Quiet Sports Fisheries staff introducing the Tench into Llantrythid.

Gribbles Covert:

Would All Club members please ensure that they stick to the single rod policy at Gribbles. There have been occasions where Club Officials have noticed members using two rods. The single rod policy was introduced last year to ensure that there is ample room for all members fishing this pond.

Club Coaching Project.

Thanks to the hard work of our club coaching team, headed by Jon Taylor, the club now has recognition from several sporting organisations in the area. Also both Cardiff City Council and the Vale of Glamorgan Council have utilised our coaching Staff in several Fishing events throughout the year.

Vice Chairmans Report—Richard Turner.

Members frequently ask what the club actually provides for your money, so I thought I'd contribute to this newsletter by noting down a few of the major achievements provided by that money and by our volunteer workforce this year.

To ensure that our members continue to enjoy the very best fishing available anywhere in Wales, we have worked with established, reputable suppliers this year and heavily invested in stocking tench, crucian carp & chub into each of our stillwater venues, together with transfers of larger carp from small waters to Treoes.

We have a targeted maintenance programme and the work carried out by Head bailiff Brian Dickman and volunteer workers has resulted in the creation of wheelchair friendly swims at Treoes and Gribbles, improved access to swims at Llantrythid, Pysgodlyn and St y Nyll and the disabled toilet facility at Treoes. We're always on the lookout for work party volunteers – You haven't lived until you've spent hours up to your neck in Pysgodlyn clearing weed or the river Taff removing motorcycles!

Our 48 hour charity competition resulted in the club raising nearly £4,000 for Marie Curie Cancer research and events such as these and the opening of the above mentioned disabled facilities give the club valuable good publicity

Juniors are the future of our club and it is encouraging to see increases in our junior membership – thanks to Albert Smith and John Martin for their sterling work in organising junior matches and to our team of coaches who give up their valuable time to assist with organised junior coaching sessions.

These are just some of the achievements this year and I'm sure most members will agree that the quality of fish and fishing has never been higher on our waters. Please continue to enjoy your sport and help to enhance other members enjoyment by fishing responsibly and taking your litter home with you

Club Bailiff Team. This season has seen a few new faces in Brian's Bailiff Team, but we are still falling short of the number of Bailiffs the Club has. If any member would like to consider becoming a club Bailiff, please either give Brian a ring (number on your license) or email : headbailiff@glamorgananglersclub.org.uk

Disabled Members Group Report

Well what a year the disabled section has had, we have had improvements to a number of lakes, Treoes, Gribbles and Pysgodlyn.

Treoes being the most significant with extra wheelchair friendly platforms and of course..... the thunder box, I mean the disabled toilet. This is all thanks to the hard work of the committee and club members. It has made the disabled groups visits more enjoyable, (and now they now longer flash their behinds to the public, not always a pretty sight).

We had the open day and visit of the Mayor Mrs. Audrey Preston and Mr. Preston in May. Mrs Preston was very impressed by our venue and did not realise that this facility was available, and of course we appeared in the Gazette (still being asked for autographs), as a result of which we had a large number of request to join our group. We now have a waiting list, and have two groups fishing, one on a Thursday and one Friday. These groups are always well attended and I must add here that thanks must go to the other members who always leave the disabled pegs free, and to Colin and Dennis for looking after us on these occasions.

Amanda (my colleague) is making a name for herself down the pond and since becoming a member herself, seems to have moved in.

On one occasion she nearly lost her rod which was taken into the pond by an enormous fish (her words). Colin launched the boat, but the lucky devil cast her other rod and managed to retrieve the first. This is now known as doing an Amanda; I really must explain to her the use of bait runners. However she is a really good angler and has caught several lovely fish and has now caught a lovely ghost carp of 11lb 8oz and can be seen on the gallery web site. If you see either of us down the pond with or without the group come and have a chat we don't bite and are both quite approachable and we will talk to anyone (it comes with the job). You can usually tell when we are there because you may hear the laughter and we do apologise if we disturb anyone but the enjoyment that the group gets from fishing is evident.

We held our first annual disabled competition this year on August 14th this was very well attended and created quite a lot of interest outside the club. My boss (Janet Morgan) made an appearance along with Ida Taverner from the E A we also had a bit of press coverage (so in the papers again). The Gem did a lovely full page spread with some nice photos taken by Manda their photographer.

The weather started with a deluge in the morning and we had to use water wings just to get to the buses. My boss said that 'oh it's a shame but you will obviously cancel' to which a resounding No was said by me and Amanda. No, no need to cancel by 10 am it will be glorious sunshine, and of course it was, the gods were defiantly smiling on us that day. The day went really well and everyone seemed to have a good time. The best specimen was won by Gerald Lee and was the first fish out about 10 min's into the competition, a lovely 10lb 3oz common, so well done to him.

I must say a very big thank you to Paul, Mal, Colin and Jon who assisted our entire group and everyone caught a fish. It must be said that the boys can cook a mean bacon and sausage roll with the added touch of sauce is superb. I also want to thank Amanda's son Rhys, he called down to purchase raffle tickets and stayed for the afternoon to assist, although a good fly fisherman, he is now nagging his mum to become a member (another one hooked). I must add that I was quite hyper all day and did not stop smiling, I must have walked miles back and forth but I was all worth it.

Competition results were.

Over all winner: - Gerald Lee 30lb 7 oz

Best specimen: - Gerald Lee 10lb 3 oz common carp

Best Silver: - Jenny Collins 3lb 12 oz Bream

Second Place: - Alan Collins 16 lb.

Thanks goes to all who helped make the day a success.

We also had a raffle which went really well, with prizes from Ewenni Angling and Keens Tackle and Guns and other private donations to numerous to mention but you know who you are and many thanks go to you, Thanks go to all as the support we get is tremendous and with the present climate of the credit crunch it is very much appreciated

I must also add that the trophies were donated by Keens tackle and guns, Ewenni Angling and Social Services. We are very fortunate to have so much backing from local businesses.

So here's to next year's competition bigger and better.

Tight lines and big fish
Aunty Mo.

(Maureen Smith. Club Disabled Angling Co-ordinator)



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Annual Fish Award

It's not too late to enter the clubs Annual Fish Award which offers a Free years membership for the Junior and Senior winners.

Club Web Site

As usual the Club Web Site has been upgraded. Members can get all the latest information regarding all aspects of GAC.

Club Web Site:

www.glamorgananglersclub.org.uk
www.glamorgananglers.com

Gribbles Covert Car park is extended:

Due to the amount of Club Members now using Gribbles Covert, the Car Park is to be extended, allowing car parking for an additional six cars.

A Disabled friendly toilet facility will also be introduced at Gribbles, which will make this popular fishery even more Angler friendly for all our Members.

Pysgodlin Mawr Pond:

Due to the amount of fringe water lilies choking up swims, the club has now taken steps to control its growth.

2008\09 Licenses available from December 2008

Over the past two seasons, the Club has managed to keep the license fees frozen. Unfortunately due to increased costs of Water Rentals, Club Insurance Costs, Maintenance costs and all the other outgoings that the Club has to spend yearly, we have had to increase the annual License fees for 2008\09 Season. The increase however has been kept as low as possible, therefore the new fees are:

Senior Coarse £58. 00

Senior Game £ 105. 00

Junior Coarse £ 20. 00

Junior Game £ 55. 00

Concessionary \ Disabled £ 36. 00

Concessionary \ Disabled Game £ 55. 00

Family £ 75. 00

Joining Fee £10.00



Tyler Wiggins (8yrs)
With an 8lb Carp caught floater fishing at Treoes Pond.



Jason Clowes with a 9lb 6oz Taff barbel.

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Members are reminded that whilst fishing any Club water, should they see any signs of poaching or behavior that is detrimental to the club, please contact the head Bailiff in the first instance. Contact number is on your Club License.