



Pontardawe and Swansea Angling Society Ltd

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2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

From all reports it appears that the 2009 fishing season has not been one of the best for migratory salmonids catches, the early summer produced fish but the grilse and autumn run did not arrive in any numbers with the low water conditions of September. Reports from the rest of Wales suggest the same trend. Apart for the month of July with all the high river levels there had been a reasonably good trout fishing season.

The river was restocked with brown trout on three occasions and in 2010 we shall be introducing infertile triploid brown trout; however, at the time of writing there is some difficulty in obtaining any takeable brown trout before May.

The activities of canoeists on the Tawe and the Assembly Government inquiry into access to inland waters has taken up some time at committee meetings during the past year; we understand that the decision to seek a change in the law will be made by following presentation of the inquiry report to Jane Davidson, Minister for the Environment, Sustainability and Housing.

In 2010 the Society was well represented by five members in the various international fly fishing teams; Spencer Williams and Richard Hooper in the seniors, Jake Graham in the youth, Francis Davies & Shelley Walters in the ladies.

The transfer of activities from Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society in Partnership with Tawe Disabled Fishers into the new organisation (Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society Ltd) has taken longer than originally expected; opening the new bank accounts with Barclays caused the Treasurer a lot of heartache and at one point the Society considered moving our accounts elsewhere.

Richard Hale has reported that the first year of TDFFA been fully integrated into PASAS Ltd had gone well with no serious problems. Membership of the section was 51, representing a fairly consistent number of members. The fishing safaris during 2009 had been well attended with an average of 15 members present but the awarding of trophies had been discontinued, these trophies had been missed by some of the members but others had commented it produced a more friendly spirit at the venues. A number of the disabled members have had health problems in 2009 and everyone wished them a better 2010.

The Annual General Meeting in December decided that membership fees should remain unchanged for the second year running, so fees will be as follows for the 2010 season:

- £80 - New Adult Member
- £57 - Existing Adult Member
- £15 - Concessionary Member (available for Senior Citizens and TDFFA/Disabled)
- £25 - Student in full time education (17 years to 21 years)
- £10 - Junior Member (12 years & under 17 years)
- £ 5 - Junior Member (Under 12 years)

To save work for your Secretary, please make all cheques/postal orders payable to "Pontardawe & Swansea Angling Society Ltd".

- Concessionary Member permits are only available to persons who fill in the enclosed application form and provide a copy of a concessionary licence issued by the Environment Agency.
- Free permits are only available to those Senior Citizen Members entitled to this concession in 2009.

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- Existing Adult Members should note that renewal of membership is due on the 1st March. If your application for membership is not made before the 1st May 2009 the full £80 is payable.

With the exception of Junior permits all existing Adult, Student, Concessionary and TDFA membership tickets are **only** available from the **Secretary**, renewals must be made **by POST**. If you wish to receive your permit by opening day please apply in good time and **include a stamped addressed envelope** with your application. Please clearly indicate your postal code. If you have an email address also include it with your application.

In 2010, all disabled members are invited to take part in the TDF safaris organised by the Society.

You will find enclosed two application forms:

- An application for a concessionary permit, this is needed to establish the different application categories and for highlighting any special arrangements that are needed should you wish to take part in any of the planned social activities. It also requires details of the person who should be contacted in case of emergency.
- For the Society's 200 club monthly draw and all members are encouraged to join - especially those who receive a concessionary Senior Citizen or Disabled permit.

Vist our website for much more information about the Society, maps and photographs: www.PASAS.org.uk

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Once again we have a full and varied schedule of events with, hopefully, something to interest everyone - so why not take part in one or more of the organised activities. Note, that despite all our best efforts, dates may sometimes have to change. For the boat trips and dinner, a firm bookings must be made at least two weeks in advance; failure to do so may result in disappointment. Each member will be responsible for the costs associated with a booking.

19 February	Friday	Tackle Auction, Vardre Rugby Club. Doors open 6.30 p.m. to compile catalogue. Sale starts approximately 7.30 p.m.
03 March	Wednesday	Trout season opens.
March	Sunday	Restocking – no date fixed; difficulty obtaining fish of restocking size.
12 Mar	Friday	Annual Dinner - Red Lion Morriston
28 March	Sunday	Small Pond Fishery, Junior Competition. Venue - Contact Secretary or Social Secretary
18 April	Sunday	Llandegfedd - boat trip
09 May	Sunday	MFL Cup, River Wye - Builth Wells.
16 May	Sunday	Restocking; 10.00 a.m. Pontardawe Leisure Centre.
23 May	Sunday	Club day out Elan Valley.
06 June	Sunday	Restocking; 10.00 a.m. Pontardawe Leisure Centre.
13 June	Sunday	Brenig - boat trip.
04 July	Sunday	Llandegfedd - boat trip
18 July	Sunday	Casting Competition Coed Gwilym Park.
23 July	Friday	Sewin competition, meet Fairfield Clydach 9.30 p.m.
03 September	Friday	Sewin competition, meet Fairfield Clydach 8.30 p.m.
5 September	Sunday	Tal Y Llyn - boat trip. (Draycott closed for 2010).
03 October	Sunday	Llandegfedd - boat trip.
08 December	Wednesday	Annual General Meeting.
Nov-March	Monday	Fly Tying, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., followed by a pint and chat.

The Tawe Disabled Fishers 2010 Programme, organised by Richard Hale (Tel 01792 371647) is as follows:

17 March	Wednesday	Paper Mill
14 April	Wednesday	Tyn-Y-Graig
12 May	Wednesday	Eglwys Nunydd
13 June	Sunday	Llys Y Fran
14 July	Wednesday	Paper Mill
15 August	Sunday	Usk Reservoir
15 September	Wednesday	Tyn-Y-Graig

Ray Lockyer
Director & Company Secretary