

Andy's Angle

Welcome members old and new to another round up of what's happening in *YOUR* Association!

WE CAN WORK IT OUT!

You may remember last year that our annual competition for the **TRE-POL-PEN** trophy against our friends from the Mounts Bay Angling Society ended in some controversy. This was due to some new members of the M.B.A.S seemingly breaking the rules of this particular competition by not fishing at the same mark as their opposite number from our team. The lads from the M.B.A.S caught some good fish where as our lads who were at the agreed venue did not! The fish caught at the 'incorrect' venue meant that the M.B.A.S won the competition and this was queried at the weigh in. After a business like discussion it was agreed by the two team captains and club chairmen that the rules had indeed been broken, but this had only happened due to the individuals involved not fully understanding the rules of this competition. After the discussion the two team captains shook hands and it was decided that the result on the day should stand leaving the M.B.A.S as winners of the **TRE-POL-PEN** shield in 2003

The important thing was that we all left on good terms with an undertaking to get together in order to revamp and reprint the rules to stop this kind of thing happening in the future. Recently as promised representatives from the M.B.A.S joined some of our number around the table, and over a pint or two put down in black and white the rules that will be used in this seasons battle for the TRE-POL-PEN Shield. Like the man on the TV said 'IT'S GOOD TO TALK!'

WE CAN'T WORK IT OUT!

In my last newsletter I reported that we had received a letter from the Carnell Green Angling Club saying that they did not want to fish us this year in what is normally the annual W.Irland competition. No reason was given for this in the letter so in my capacity as Association Chairman I contacted Mr Mike Negus the Chairman of the Carnell Green A.C with a view to finding out their reasons for this course of action.

Mike very kindly came around to my house and during an informal chat indicated that absolutely nobody in his club wished to fish against us. When I enquired why this was Mike explained that his members had been upset that we had apparently 'nicked' the date for their open festival (a competition that is well supported by our members) last year and also that they were unhappy that the identification of a fish weighed in on last years W.Irland competition had been queried after it had been weighed.

I apologised to Mike on behalf of our Association if we had indeed clashed with their date and assured him that if this was the case then it had been purely accidental, I further explained that we always try to work out our dates to avoid clashes with any other clubs competitions. On the subject of the identification of the fish in last years W.Ireland competition I had to say that my recollection of the events were rather different to his! I mentioned to Mike that I felt that if his club had a grievance about either of these events surely it was better to bring them up at the time and work them out rather than wait until months afterwards when events get hazy in the mind. I told him that I felt that to let things get so bad that his club did not wish to fish us was silly.

I went on to say that no matter what had happened in the past we could take steps to ensure there are no misunderstanding in the future I suggested that representatives from our two clubs could get together each year to jointly arrange dates to stop the possibility of any clashes. I also suggested that we could re-vamp the rules of the W.Ireland competition to include action to be taken if there is any doubt regarding the identification of a fish or any other rule changes or clarification felt necessary. This I said would hopefully stop any misunderstandings and safeguard the future friendship between our clubs.

Most of all I explained to Mike that the friendship enjoyed between our clubs over many years was too good to let go and asked him to approach his club and ask them if some representatives would meet with us to hopefully sort out any grievances. After an hour or so of friendly constructive talk Mike left promising to do this but said he could make no guarantees as to the position of his club, which I fully understood. The day after our meeting I wrote to Mike thanking him for taking the time to talk to me and reiterating the points we had discussed. At the time of writing this was over 3 weeks ago and since then I have heard nothing, perhaps it's not good to talk after all!!

HAT RICK!!

When Nicky Pryor returned to the scales with a Shore Rockling of 0-15-0 on the 23rd of March he became a triple winner! Nicky's Rockling not only secured him a plaque as the winner of our March friendly competition, but also the first prize in the County Angler open competition held over the same weekend. He also picked up a fantastic Abu beach rod worth £160 as the winner of the County Angler specie hunt. This specie hunt was run over the course of the 6 County Angler open competitions held during the winter, and the prize was given to the angler who caught the most number of differing species. Nicky won this with a grand total of seven differing species which is a good total but all the more commendable as Nicky only fished in two of the competition a fantastic achievement well done Nicky!!

Second in the County Angler open was another Association member Steve Savage with a fine Mackerel of 1-7-0. Bringing up the rear in third place with yet another surprise L-s-d of 2-6-0 was yours truly. Thanks to Jon at the County Angler for running these competitions that help keep the enthusiasm going during the cold winter months.

THERE ARE MONSTERS OUT THERE!

Yes there really are and some of them are being caught, the usual run of spring mackerel are showing at Porthkerris along with the usual crowds. Some excellent bags of Mackerel have been taken which is not unusual but what is unusual is the reported size of some of these fish. Reports have reached me of several fish over the magic 2LBS with the best scaling a monstrous 2-8-0 and falling to an angler from the Helston Club!

FIRST CAST SUCCESS.

I love it when a plan comes together so when Steve Badcock and I bought some king rag worm and headed off in search of plaice I was delighted to see him catch a orange spotted beauty on his first cast. I was even more delighted when he again caught one on his second cast. I then started to catch and quickly caught him up with our final score Steve 2 spotted beauties and two Pollack to my 7 beauties and two Pollack. I also managed the biggest fish of the day with a beauty of about 2-6. The only difference was Steve's spotted beauties were Plaice and mine were all yes you've guessed bl**dy DOGFISH why do they pick on me!!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO!

A fair entry of 11 anglers signed on for our April Plaque competition. The weekend before this competition I had again gone fishing for plaice and this time actually managed to catch two and what's more Steve didn't catch any, AND I didn't catch ANY DOGFISH HOORAY! So it was with this in mind that I decided that I would win the April Plaque with a plaice so off Steve and I go with a foolproof plan. Back at the weigh in I was disappointed that only four anglers came back, and even more disappointing was the fact that I had the only fish which meant that I win this years March Plaque with a fine fish of 2-1-6. Oh ye it was a dogfish not a plaice, well what did you expect!

SMASHING IDEA !!

Spring is in the air and if you are like me you must be thinking about putting in one or two trips in search of mullet. I really enjoy mulleting, but have to confess that I find mincing Mackerel to make up 'browse' a real bind. At our last meeting down at the St Michaels Mount Inn Barrripper Nicki Pryor shared his idea with me on how to make 'browse' making easier. Nicki explained that he is lucky enough to live on a rather busy section of road, so when he is planning a Mullet season all he needs to do is place 10 or 20 mackerel in the road outside his house before going to bed. Next morning he gets up nice and early and scrapes the nicely minced Mackerel off the road between his house and Falmouth and into his 'browse' bucket job done simple! He went on to say that it apparently also works with cats!! (Only joking!)

EGGTRAORDINARY FISH!

Our annual four-day Easter open competition produced some really excellent fish this year. Despite a slightly lower entry than the last few years possibly caused by the

CFSA starting to run a very similar competition, the quality of the fish was fantastic. Forty anglers signed on to fish this year and exactly half of them weighed in fish.

Top fish was a fantastic Thick Lip Mullet of 6-3-5 155.182% that was taken by Kevin Lenderyou of Falmouth who walked away with £70 for his trouble but I'm sure he would have been delighted just with the fish! Chris Wills of Redruth secured the 2nd prize of £40 with a lovely Guilt Head Bream of 3-12-14 138.332%. In 3rd place was our old friend 'F.J' Williams from Carnell Green with a nice 3 Bearded Rockling 2-4-11 130.982%. In the final prize position with a fine fish that would have won many competitions was Rob Instance of Falmouth with another lovely Mullet of 5-2-9 128.997%.

In the junior section Camborne brothers Dorran and Kian Williams took the honours with Dorran winning two reels for his L-S-D of 2-4-1 and Kian collecting a reel for his L-S-D of 2-1-0. A big well done to all our winners and thanks for their support.

YOU NEVER KNOW!

My son Martin and I went to the Saturday Morning Weigh in for our Easter competition and witnessed the fine Guilt Head Bream and Mullet Caught by Chris Wills and Rob Instance being weighed. Martin decided that he to would catch a Guilt Head and despite my warnings that I felt it was a long shot, he purchased some worms and badgered me into taking him down to Carnsue Pool Hayle.

I dropped Martin off and informed him that I felt he was wasting his time (I'm always the optimist!) About 10 minutes after I got home the phone rang and it was Martin on his mobile to inform me that he had caught one, so much for my warnings he said. The only thing was that his fish was not a Guilt Head but a rather nice fat out of season Flounder of 2-3-15! It just goes to show that sea angling is a funny old game and you never know what's out there!!

MY LUCKY DAY!

The Tuesday after the long Easter weekend I was due to go back to work on the late shift IE starting work at 2.pm, I spent most of the morning doing some work on my boat. My brother Steve had very kindly taken Martin with him and his two boys Kian and Dorran for a days fishing out at Porthkerris where they hoped to catch some big Garfish. At about 12.30 my phone rang and on the other end was my boss who informed me that they had no power so it was not worth me coming in so I could have the day off, excellent my lucky day!!

After a chat with my wife Linda we decided that we to would go out to Porthkerris, as it was such a nice day she would read her magazines and Michael my younger son who is not too keen on fishing could play with his cousin. We arrived out there and were amazed that it was almost deserted. Spoiled by all the space I set up two rods one with a float and the other to spin with. The fishing was quite slow with only the occasional Mackerel falling to my spinning rod and the float not doing anything. Michael amused himself trying to fill in the sea with rocks!

After a few hours both Dorran and Kian had caught a nice Garfish each all I had managed was about 8 Mackerel. After a while Linda came down on the rock and had

a go with my float rod, I warned her that nothing much was happening but as she is generally quite lucky we were both optimistic, however on this occasion her luck did not work and she caught nothing.

As it had been a good hour since anything had been caught we decided to start packing up, I would fillet the Mackerel while Linda continued to fish with the float. Michael now probably running out of rocks joined us asking that as I was not using the spinning rod could he have a go? I said he could but warned him it was low tide so he would have to wind quite fast.

On Michael's second cast he announced he was stuck in the bottom so I took the rod from him expecting 'a fast pack away' however it pulled out intact so I handed him the rod and went back to my filleting. A few minutes later Michael announced he was stuck again and I took the rod expecting to pull for a break out. As soon as I took the rod it was obvious that the bottom was pulling back! So I handed the rod back to Michael who struggled to continue winding in, my light spinning rod was hooped over like a car Ariel then it came into sight! It was the biggest Garfish I have seen for ages, Michael dragged it out and I grabbed it and put it in a pool where we both stared at it amazed. Is that a big one dad Michael enquired? Yes it was and later the scales revealed it to weigh 1-14-14 a new Association and county junior record! Both Doran's and Kian's Garfish would prove to weigh over 1 -8-0 and me well I didn't actually manage to catch any Gars at all, well it was MY lucky day!

PORTHKERRIS

As promised Brian Collick chairman of Redruth AC attended our April meeting. Brian went into great detail to explain steps that are being taken to ensure access to the popular angling venue at Porthkerris is not restricted. Legal steps are being taken by St Kevern Parish council in order that the road leading to the quarry at Porthkerris is available at all times and access is not restricted by a locked gate. Brian explained that as unrestricted access has been enjoyed for over twenty years there is a legal right for it to be continued. This legal right may have to be proved in court and with this in mind Brian will provide forms that include a signed statement to the effect, that an individual has used the access road for at least twenty years. At our meeting Brian was asked to provide twenty such forms that will be filled in by members of our Association and handed back to St Kevern parish council to be used in any forthcoming legal action. Brian did however emphasise that this action is only to ensure access at all times and cannot affect the owners right to charge for parking ECT.

CFSA CLOSED DINGY COMPETITION.

If you own or have access to a boat of under 18ft and enjoy competition fishing this competition could be the one for you; details as follows;
TO BE FISHED BETWEEN JUNE 1ST AND JUNE 30TH

ENTRY FEE £2.00 PER ANGLER COVERS SINGLES AND PAIRS.

COMPETITION CONFINED TO SINGLES AND PAIRS.

1. ENTRY BY FORM ON A PRE-ENTRY BASIS TO BE WITH CFSA RECORDER BY MAY 20TH 2003. CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO THE CORNISH FEDERATION OF SEA ANGLERS. (Payment to Ralph Elcox please)

2. BOATS MAY NOT EXCEED 18FT IN LENGTH.

3.FISH ON NOMINATED DAY AS CHOSEN BY INDIVIDUAL ANGLER. CFSA RECORDER TO BE NOTIFIED DAY BEFORE DEPARTURE; RETURN IN DAYLIGHT HOURS.

4. THE POINTS SYSTEM SHALL BE USED TO DECIDE THE WINNERS, IE THE HEAVIEST FISH OF EACH SPECIE SHALL BE AWARDED 5 POINTS AND IN DESCENDING ORDER OF WEIGHT 4, 3 AND 2 POINTS ALL OTHER FISH SHALL BE AWARDED 1 POINT EACH. THE WINNER OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND PAIRS COMPETITION SHALL BE THOSE WHO HAVE ACCUMULATED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS. ONE FISH OF EACH SPECIE SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

5.CLUB RECORDERS TO SUBMIT RETURNS TO CFSA RECORDER BY JULY 7TH ON A SEPARATE RETURNS FORM.

If you want to enter this competition please contact Ralph Elcox who will send in our entry form.

A BIG THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who sold raffle tickets and gave prizes for our Easter draw with your help we raised a very useful sum of £ 130.00. It was a shame that still quite a few members not only did not sell or even buy a ticket but did not return their unsold tickets to give someone else a chance to sell them!

ITEMS FOR SALE.

DIAWA STX Bass rod unused £120 Tel Phil Knuckey on 01209 821143
ABU 6500 Elite good condition £40.00 & Shimano Corsair CS300 similar to ABU 5500 £30.00 Tel Andy Green 07970 651435.

WHAT' S ON?

MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON THE 2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE ST MICHAELS MOUNT INN BARRIPPER AT 8.00PM.

JUNE 1ST J.K.MOTORS PAIRS COMPETITION.

SHIELD AWARDED TO THE PAIR OF ANGLERS CATCHING THE BEST TWO SPECIMENS. SIGN ON AT THE COUNTY ANGLER 09-00 – 1200 WEIGH IN AT THE ST MICHAELS MOUNT INN 7-30 PM – 8.00PM.

14TH AND 15TH JUNE CAMBORNE ANGLING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL OPEN FESTIVAL.

29TH JUNE HUNT THE SPECIE PAIRS COMPETITION.

WON BY THE PAIR OF ANGLERS CATCHING THE MOST NUMBER OF DIFFERING SPECIES SIGN ON COUNTY ANGLER 09-00 – 12-00 WEIGH IN AT ST MICHAELS MOUNT INN 7-30 PM – 8-00 PM

27TH JULY HUNT THE SPECIE SINGLES.

DETAILS AS PAIRS

Well that's all for now hope to see you all soon at our for th coming competitions and meetings.

Good fishing

Andy