



OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

Charity No. SCO47428

Dear Member

I am writing to wish you a Happy New Year and update you on our Club's progress.

AGM postponed

The current Covid-19 restrictions will not be reviewed until January 26th, which means that the present ban on indoor gatherings of more than three households will prevent our holding the AGM on January 23rd. We have therefore decided to postpone it and reconvene later when the restrictions have been lifted to permit an AGM. The committee has agreed that the AGM will take place on or before April 10th and notice of the date and location will be sent to all on or before March 15th 2022. We apologise for this, but have no alternative given the measures put in place by the Scottish Government to suppress the Omicron variant. If the ability to hold an in-person meeting is not restored by those dates, we shall have to organise a Zoom meeting; appropriate instructions and links will be sent out in order to allow all members to participate via PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. We hope to avoid this, but it will provide a means to hold a meeting which might otherwise not be possible. Let us hope that this is not needed.

Membership Cards

As you will also recall from the last Newsletter, membership cards were to be available for collection at the AGM. Having had to postpone the AGM, all membership cards and car stickers have been passed to Mario and are now available for collection from The Anglers' Corner. As stated in the last Newsletter, subscriptions are now due. Full subscriptions are £75, Concessionary subscriptions are £55. If you pick up your cards from Mario, filling out a membership form will still be helpful to keep our records up-to-date and I have attached one for your convenience. Unless you pay online before going to Mario's, please pay by cash. This is still our preferred option because it is easy for Mario to deal with and there is no need for us to confirm that you have paid. All members who have paid to date have had their cards posted so if you have already paid by BACS or Paypal, the postie will be bringing yours! If you want to pay online before going to Marios, you must email us in advance so that we can ask Mario to issue your card. If you live away, please let us know that you need your card posting and we will do so on request when you have paid.

Committee

All members of the Committee have indicated that they are willing to continue in their present roles, with one change in that we are pleased to welcome two new members who

offered their services. Charlie Limond has been a regular at work parties for several years and has already done a lot for the Club. Andy MacDougall has volunteered to take on the office of Boat Booking Recorder. This will relieve our Secretary, Allan Coutts from doing two jobs. You will see that thanks to the miracles of technology the phone number and email for boat bookings will stay the same, but Andy will be the contact for bookings in the coming season.

Fly Tying Kit Auction

A former member of the Club has very generously donated his extensive and one might even say luxurious fly tying kit to the Club. The committee have decided to sell it to raise funds. We hoped to auction it at the AGM but given the uncertainty as to their being an AGM we may also seek sealed bids in advance of the AGM when it happens. This kit will feature in more detail in the next newsletter as it needs several photographs to do it justice. Suffice to say that there are vices and fly tying instruments, a huge variety of materials including feathers, hackles and whole capes, furs, silks, tinsels, fibres and many boxes of hooks of all patterns and sizes. The whole is contained in a carry-all making it portable and compact. It comprises all one would need to take up the hobby of fly tying to a high standard and tie flies for all manner of fly fishing. Watch out for full details in the next newsletter!

I hope that this finds you well and looking forward to getting out to the lochs as soon as March 15th arrives. Meanwhile we just have to look forward and lay our plans. The Thurso opened for salmon this week and the Earn and Tay will have their opening ceremonies at the weekend. The days are getting longer...

Yours Aye

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