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# OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

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Dear Member

Here is the latest news from OLAC

## AGM 2019

The AGM of Oban and Lorn Angling Club took place on January 19th 2020 at the Kings Knoll Hotel, Oban. Thank you to all who attended. The meeting featured reports from Acting President, Acting Secretary and Treasurer. For those who would like to read these, I have attached copies to this email.

The full accounts, prepared and signed by the accountants, R A Clement Associates, were presented and approved by the Meeting. The Club showed a small surplus of income over expenditure allowing an increase in members' reserves. Full accounts are available on application to the Treasurer or can be downloaded from the website. We thank R A Clement for the work done producing the accounts which they kindly provided *free of charge*.

Business at the AGM went smoothly. I was elected to the office of President and Allan Coutts to that of Secretary. We now have the following officers elected by members: President, myself; Treasurer, Iain Moody, Secretary, Allan Coutts; Boat Booking Recorder, Jim Grout and Vice-Treasurer, Geoff Blunsum. A revised constitution was approved. For reference I have attached a copy of the new version. The changes apply to the composition of the committee and officers, Section 1. Management.

## AGM 2020

For those who like to plan ahead, the date of the next AGM to wrap up the 2020 season is Sunday 17th January 2021.

## New Committee Members

Following the AGM, we are pleased to welcome Nick Bradbury and David Roch to the committee. Thank you for volunteering to help administer the Club.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be on February 16th 2020 in the Club Hut, Glencruitten Road at 7pm. All members of the Club are welcome to come along and meet the committee without any obligation to become further involved.

#### Subscriptions

The subscriptions for 2020 remain at: £75 for adult members under 65, £55 for members over 65 on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 and registered disabled, registered unemployed or registered students. Under 16s can fish free when accompanied by an adult member.

#### David Graham

David Graham has announced his intention to retire and is selling off the stock from his shop with the expectation that it will change ownership shortly. We wish David a long and happy retirement. He has been a very good friend to Oban and Lorn Angling Club for many years and his cheerful service will be much missed. If you need to replenish your fishing tackle before the 2020 season, head into David's shop as there are bargains to be had. He is however NOT distributing OLAC cards and membership forms. We have arranged that subscriptions can be paid and cards collected from **Abacus Bookkeeping** on Oban's High Street which is a couple of minutes away from David's shop (see below).

#### Abacus Bookkeeping - Subscriptions and Cards

We are very grateful to the proprietors of Abacus Bookkeeping for offering Oban and Lorn Angling Club the facility to pay subscriptions and collect membership cards from their reception at 8, High Street, Oban PA34 4BG. Opening hours are 08:00 to 17:00 Monday to Friday (closed 13:00 to 14:00). PLEASE BRING CASH ONLY FOR PAYMENT.

Membership cards, car parking stickers and Nant gate keys will be available for collection from Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### The Anglers Corner and Other Permit Sellers

For 2020 the only outlet in Oban town itself for Oban and Lorn Angling Club permits will be The Anglers Corner, George Street Oban PA34 5NT. Mario Di Ciacca has been a permit seller for many years and is happy to continue to issue permits and Nant gate keys. The other permit sellers will be (as in previous years) the following: Awe Service Station, Taynuilt; The Barn, Cologin; The Cuilfail Hotel, Kilmelford; Graham's Stores, Taynuilt and North Ledaig Caravan Park, Benderloch.

#### New Members

The Anglers Corner will have a stock of Membership Application Forms, so if you know anyone who would like to join, let them know and they can drop in to see Mario and collect one. The more members we have, the easier it will be for us to keep the subscriptions at their current level.

#### Work Parties

The boats came ashore in good time at the back end of the 2019 season. They will be relaunched by work parties in March. We plan to hold these early in March, weather permitting, We will keep you posted by email nearer the time in the hope that you will come and help out as readily as last year. Good attendance at work parties really makes the work easier and faster.

With best wishes for the 2020 season and tight lines

**Jonathan Anglesea,  
President, Oban and Lorn Angling Club**





Acting President  
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## **Treasurer's Report – A.G.M. 2019**

There are several copies of the Accounts available to see. The Committee members should have already seen them. Unlike last year, when we had a bit of a delay, these are finalised and ready for the Treasurer and Chairman to sign off with the approval of the meeting tonight. R.A. Clements have intimated that they will forward the signed accounts to OSCR.

The Accounts are fairly self-explanatory. If you look first at page 5 you can see that the bottom line of "funds carried forward" for 2018 and 2019, the Bank Balance at the Club's financial Year End, is broadly the same so the Club is relatively stable financially. The observant ones will note that grant income from 2018 was spent on property repairs in 2019.

Page 7 shows that our membership income is down a little. We had fewer full time members, but day ticket sales were up a little. We had a very welcome, nearly £200, income from a raffle for boxes of flies. That was a very generous donation and we are very grateful.

There are a couple of other points that I'd like to make. Firstly, we were not charged rent this year for the Nant lochs. This was agreed with the Forestry Commission because water extraction left the loch very low and virtually unfishable at times. The Office Bearers will be meeting with the Commission soon to renegotiate the lease as the low level now seems to be permanent.

The second point is that, as you will all be aware, David Graham is retiring and will not be selling season permits any more. I'd like to record that David has been terrific to deal with over the seasons. He has been very efficient from my point of view and has helped to make my life pretty easy at the busy, permit selling start of the Season. We will miss him and wish him a long and happy retirement.

For the 2020 season R.A. Clements will be helping to sell season permits and I look forward to working with them. Jonathan may be able to elaborate here.

Thank you.

After last year's AGM here we left the meeting with no chairman and a skeleton committee and to be honest I was worried that our club was facing a precarious future. Jonathan had suggested that he could take on the role of temporary president if I would offer to temporarily cover the secretary post. I agreed with some trepidation but I needn't have worried. It turned out that Jonathan carried out virtually of the secretarial duties while doing the President job, fixing the boats, mowing the grass and repairing the club hut. All while recovering from some fairly serious surgery.

Membership last year was 70, down 7 from the previous year but the same as 2017. We gained 15 new members but 21 existing members did not renew subscriptions. Overall the trend is for membership to decrease and we are definitely an aging club in need of some younger blood. Work parties have been fairly well attended with the boats being moved to their winter positions very efficiently but more help at these events is always appreciated. Thanks very much to those members who helped with this.

The committee met 7 times this year, meetings typically take about an hour on Sunday nights and are relaxed affairs usually involving a bit of chat around the fishing and a small amount of club business. Any member wishing to take part is very welcome to attend and I would recommend this as a way of meeting members or picking up tips on the fishing. The date of the next meeting will be decided today.



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