



OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

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Dear Member

Here is a progress report for the season so far.

Membership

We now have more than 70 subscribing members, which is an excellent number at this point. Some new members have joined, and there are still a number of renewals outstanding, so we may be on target to reach last year's figure of 101. All cards bar a couple of very recent new members' are at The Anglers' Corner for collection.

Work Party Saturday 22nd of March

Thanks are due to John and his friend Stevie who came along and added to the three committee members Andy, Charlie and I. The plan was to sort the Sior Loch mooring and launch boats. We were aiming to put in the Sior Loch boat, Loch an Leoid and Loch an Droguinn. Two out of three was not what we aimed for, but not a bad result. The Sior Loch boat was still leaking, but will be made good this week. The important job was the mooring and that is now relaid after ice displaced it. We shall just lift this mooring and leave it ashore next winter. The Loch an Leoid and Loch an Droguinn boats are now bookable and in good order.

Boats

We now have five boats which can be booked. These are on Gleann à Bhearraidh, Seil, Oude, an Leoid and an Droguinn. The big boats on Loch Avich and Loch Dubh Mhor will be next to go in, assuming we get a decent attendance at our next work party. (see below).



The boat is ready on Loch an Droguinn



Loch an Leoid boat waiting to go fishing.

Work party - Sunday 30th March

After the luke-warm response to the Saturday work party, we will revert to Sunday and hold the next one on Sunday 30th. This one will be heading south so the Nant Gate is not going to feature. Meet at the Club Hut at 10:00 or at Dorlin Point for 11:00. As always, please confirm your plan to attend/skip it. I am very glad to know who is coming or not.

Competitions

Remember that our first competition against Lochgilphead is on Sunday April 20th - four weeks from today. If you are free to come and take part in a friendly match with a hearty meal to round off the day, please let Jim know, his number is 07772 288497.

Lost Property

Someone has found a pair of size 12 chest waders and a small rucksack (containing a red beanie hat) cached beside one of our lochs. If you recognise these items, please get in touch and let us know where you were when you left them. They are drying out in the Club Hut and we can make arrangements for their safe return

Loch Nant

The boat on Loch Nant is fit to go back in, but the loch needs some water. I went out last week to scout for a better place to moor it but there are very few options. There is so little water now that just reaching the



Our Nant boat mooring (zoom to see it on the mud).

water safely from the bank isn't at all easy.

The ground which has stabilised and become firm underfoot over the past few years is now many metres above the water level and the rocky places are loose and steep-to into deep water. There is a very high risk that you would either become stuck in soft mud or slip and take a tumble into water from which you would struggle to get out. **The very strong advice from your committee is not to fish Nant until we give notice that it is safe to do so.**

Catches

Andy MacDougall went afloat on Loch Gleann a Bhearraidh on the second day of the season for an evening session and caught three fish within the first fourteen minutes. An example is pictured below.



A lovely fit loch brown.

This is where local knowledge is key. Andy is sometimes available to share a boat if you would like his expert advice in person...

If you have been out, and I know that at least two members were parked last week at the Sior loch, I hope you had some success. The warm weather has been bringing hatches of chironomids during the day and fish have been moving on the surface. I've seen fish rising well on Seil, Oude, Middle Sior, an Leoid and an Droguinn. I just have not wet a line thus far because the moorings and boats have been taking all my time.

Kind regards

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