



OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

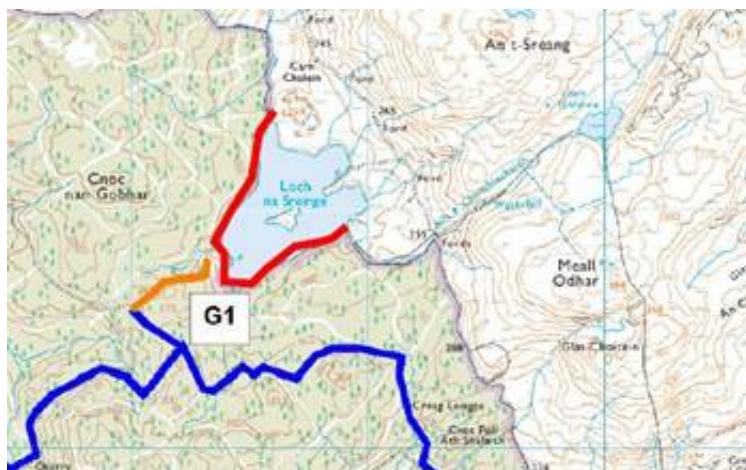
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Dear Member

This newsletter will I hope tell you how we are placed as we move to Phase 3 of the lockdown in Scotland, and give you an update on the fishing. Also, we have a new loch to fish!

Loch na Sreinge

The Club is pleased to be able to confirm that Forest and Land Scotland have added this loch to our leases until 2025. Mapping will be added to the "Guide" as soon as I can edit it. The fishing is from the bank only at present, and our consent does not cover the whole of the perimeter. Signage will be placed on our boundaries as soon as possible but members should fish the southern and western banks only. Access is from the forest road A to Loch Dhu Mor via a quad track off to the right as you traverse the hill above the Loch at G1. Please park above the quad track and do not obstruct either the forest road or the track itself. Remember to leave your car ticket for 2020 visible on the dash. Please see map below:





Loch Nell

As you will recall from earlier newsletters, the Covid-19 lockdown left our boat launching suspended before it was complete. Following on from this I mistakenly reported to our Boat Booking Officer Jim Grout that the Loch Nell boat was afloat. This is not the case and I apologise for the error, especially to the member who booked it and was unable to fish. I am very sorry for the confusion. We hope to have this boat in the water soon, now that we are able to assemble in sufficient numbers to turn boats. See work parties notice below.

Can I ask members to be sure to observe the fishing limits on Loch Nell as shown on the map printed on page 17 of the Guide to Fishing 2020? The landowner of the part of the loch to which we do not have access is concerned that visitors may be fishing his water claiming to have OLAC permits. As a full member you are entitled to fish Loch Nell, whereas temporary members do not have any access, but the permission we have does not cover the whole of the loch. The map (attached below, exclusion zone hatched in red) clearly shows the limits and these must be respected:



Boats

Whether you are a boat fisher or not, the Club needs its boats to be able to offer members and particularly temporary members this means to fish. Only from a boat can they experience classic "loch style" fishing in the places it was first developed. Without our boats, Oban and Lorn Angling Club would be both figuratively and literally poorer and it has saddened me to have been prevented from doing more work on them this year. This can now change as the lockdown eases.

To recap, the status of the boats is as follows:

Afloat and available:

Avich ("left") - aft thwart missing and a temporary repair in place; to be fixed.

Avich ("Anna") - slow leak from deck seal on PHS aft of rear thwart; to be resealed but needs hauling out to drain the ballast space.

Sell
Glenn A Bhearraidh
Oude

To be launched ASAP:

Loch an Leoid
Sior Loch
Nell

In the hut for repair:

Loch Dhu Mhor

Ashore beside the loch but with no moorings accessible:

Nant boats x 2

We may deploy these elsewhere (Loch Dhu Mhor, Avich, Loch an Leoid) but recovering them from their shore berth will be difficult, to say the least.

We therefore need to convene work parties in the next week or so to launch the boats that were not turned in March.

Work Parties

Allan Coutts and Iain Moody are free to form a work party on Thursday 16th July to launch the Loch an Leoid boat. At least one other person is needed. Please let us know if you can help ASAP. The party will meet at the Nant Gate at 11:00am. Please let me know if you are able to join the work party on Thursday. It will be effort wasted if Allan and Iain get to the Nant gate and nobody else shows up! Alas, I am back at work full time or I would be there and ensure the boat gets launched.

If more can attend on Thursday it may be possible to get the Nell boat in as well. Failing that, an evening session to turn and launch the Nell boat would seem to be a suitable alternative. Please let me know if you could attend at Loch Nell on Friday 17th July, meeting at 5:30pm in the car park at the Club Hut. Before the Sior Loch boat can be deployed I will need to check the trailer. Watch for a further email on this.

Fishing Reports

Finally, some fishing has been possible since we were allowed out for recreation in Phase 2. Allan Coutts had a day on Avich and met with some success, typical fish of 1/2 to 3/4lb taking his flies with a couple of pounders topping the bag. The photo attached is of one of Allan's fish – a beautiful wild catch.





Steve Bignell, a new member, went to Loch Dhub Mor on a dull day and caught four fish from 8 - 12 inches on a Green Peter Muddler on or just below the surface. He also "matched the hatch" and took a fish on a Bibio. Steve went out on a better day weather-wise, covering Loch an Leoid and the Sior Lochs from the bank. Steve fished through the day and had small brown trout from all the lochs he tried and the burn between the Sior Lochs. Steve was fishing on the surface and caught most of his fish on Olive and Brown Dun patterns. Steve sent the attached photos of Loch an Leoid and the Sior Lochs. How lucky we are to be able to fish in such lovely places.





I hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you have been able to get out and fish. With the recent blustery days and more forecast, there should be some good ripples on the water. All we need is the boats sorting to fish them.

If you do go out for a session, please see if you can find the time to take a photo or two and email them to me. It is good to see what is being caught and many members have told me they like to see pictures in the newsletters.

Yours aye

Jonathan Anglesea
President