

# OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

Charity No. SCO47428

Dear Member

## Work Party Cancelled

You may recall that we were to hold a work party on Sunday 28th November at Torinturk to lay road planings in the track to Loch Nell and make good the damage to which we will have in part contributed.

I have been in touch with the factor for Dunach Estate and they have made better progress than expected in laying the planings which Oban and Lorn Angling Club provided. They are happy to continue to lay the material without our help, so the work party is not needed and is cancelled as a result. AGM for the 2021 Season

## AGM For the 2021 Season

The committee has decided to hold the AGM for the 2021 season at the Argyll House Hotel (formerly the King's Knoll Hotel) on Dunollie Road, Oban. The AGM will take place on Sunday 23rd January at 7pm. An agenda, minutes of the previous AGM (held in 2020 for the 2019 season) and a copy of the accounts for 2021 will be circulated prior to the AGM. As usual the primary purpose of the AGM will be to approve the accounts for the season past and election/re-election of officers and committee for the coming season. The officers of the Club have all indicated that they are willing to remain in post for 2022, but if anyone wishes to put their names forward for election to the posts of President, Vice President(vacant), Treasurer, Vice Treasurer or Secretary, they will need to make this known in writing before the AGM. Their candidature should be supported with the name(s) of one or more nominees who paid a full or concessionary subscription in the 2021 season.

Membership cards will be available for collection at the AGM. The financial year having ended on October 31st 2021, subscriptions are due from now on. If you wish to pick up your cards at the AGM, please pay in advance using bank transfer or Paypal, or bring your subscription on the night. Bank transfer is our preferred option for subscription payments. Even though we are a registered charity and thus get a discount on Paypal fees, we still had to pay over £70 to Paypal to receive subscriptions in 2021. I have attached a membership form for you to complete and either bring to the AGM, scan and email or post to Iain. Even if you have been a member for many years, if you could complete a form we would be very grateful. This will ensure that we have your details correct. As in 2021, Mario has kindly agreed to provide a drop-in service for members to pay subscriptions and collect cards. Cards will be available at The Anglers' Corner from Monday January 24th 2022 for those who cannot attend the AGM. If you pick up your cards from Mario, filling out a membership form will still be helpful to keep our records up-to-date.

### Committee Meeting

We had a committee meeting on Saturday 20th November and reviewed the 2021 Season. The main points which we discussed were subscription rates, boats and leases for the lochs. We will provide more information in the officers' reports for the AGM but the key conclusions we reached are:

- Subscriptions for 2022 will remain the same as in 2021 - £75 for full subscriptions and £55 for concessionary.
- We had the most boat bookings ever in a season, or at least since 2012. The ability to book online may have helped but it still gave Allan a lot of work. He had his Secretary's work to do as well as that of Boat Booking Recorder. Allan has offered to continue to combine these roles, but if anyone is willing to record boat bookings, it would be a blessing.
- We spent more on our fishing leases than for many years, with the additional lochs Na Sreinge and Dhub Loch Mor at Barcaldine from F&LS and a new lease from Barachander Estate for Nant (east), Loch an Leoid and Loch an Droighainn. This was a good position to be in, because as an angling club, we need waters to fish and with more members, more lochs gives more space and a greater choice of places to go. It does mean that if membership drops off, we could be in trouble so please re-join next year if you can.

### Loch Gleann A Bhearraidh

Iain (Treasurer), Allan (Secretary) and myself (President) decided that the boat at Gleann A Bhearraidh would be at risk of damage if it remained afloat any longer, so on Sunday 21st we went out to the loch, bailed the boat and turned it over for the winter. This is the last boat to be taken ashore. We found the mooring chain had perished, so removed the rope/chain loop and took it back to the Club Hut for refurbishment.

That is all the news for now. I am planning to try and get a day fishing for grayling on the Earn at Kinkell Bridge once the temperatures drop. I like to fish there with the temperature just above freezing and a clear blue sky overhead as this seems to bring the fish on. Often the salmon season closes and the east coast rivers get spate after spate which is not conducive to good sport with grayling.

Yours Aye

Jonathan Anglesea  
President