

OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

Charity No. SCO47428

Dear Member

A short newsletter to follow on from Number 7. We had a successful, albeit not-very-well-attended work party on Sunday 17th. Many thanks to Alllan, Drhue, Bruce and Iain who turned out on a wet day to put the Oude and Avich boats ashore for the winter. I stayed at the Hut to work on the Loch Dhu Mhor boat and made good progress with the buoyancy boxes that fit under the seats. If anyone doubts the necessity for in-built flotation for the boats, this photo of Bruce bringing in one of the Avich boats should persuade them of the need.

Work Party Sunday 24th October

It would be good to see more members turn out next Sunday 24th when we will be putting the Loch an Leoid and Sior loch boats ashore. A couple of members who could not make the 17th have signed up for 24th, so the signs are good. As ever, please let me know if you cannot make it (and if you can) because hanging around the Hut in case someone comes who has not been in touch earlier just wastes time. If it is more convenient to meet up at the Nant Gate, we will be there at 10:45, but please let us know if you are coming - we are restricted on the number of cars that can use that gate and we will have to go via the Collaig Road if we need to take more than 4 vehicles. We can use the alternative route with 4 x 4s and leave the Nant gate for those in cars with lower ground clearance.

Other News

The film company who wanted to get footage of us using the Club Hut and boat came out to Loch Seil and filmed Nick and myself in action. I caught a small brownie for the cameras but I think we were too far away for the moment to be captured for posterity. The company has donated £300 to the Club in gratitude for our co-operation. They are looking for old photographs of the members fishing, meeting or at the social events, particularly from the 1980s when Malcolm Webster was the Treasurer. They plan to show a montage of Club activities with a voiceover to illustrate the value of the Oban and Lorn Angling Club to Oban, and the impact that its loss would have. If you have any photographs that you think would be suitable, please get in touch. They will be scanned and returned immediately.

Linda Battison from the Barn at Lerags emailed us to warn that the Gleann a Bhearraidh boat was low in the water and in danger of sinking. I posted an appeal to our WhatsApp Group and Peter MacKay kindly offered to go up and bail it that evening. This was much appreciated and averted a potential disaster. Peter sent me the following photo of the boat after bailing.

Peter has very kindly offered to join the committee, which will bring our number up to six. This is still less than ideal, so we are looking for more. It is really important that we have a range of experience to draw on in the committee, so if you could spare a couple of hours every few months, your input would be truly welcome. You will not be pressured to do any more than you are happy to contribute; just attending the odd committee meeting and responding to my emails asking for committee members thoughts does make a big difference. Without a committee we cannot function as a Club. It is going well now - 84 members was the total number subscribing this year - so please consider joining us if you can.

Loch Nell, Loch Seil, Loch Nant and Loch Gleann a Bhearraidh boats will have to be brought out soon. I am away on holiday in the first two weeks of November

and not available on Sunday 31st October. Allan has agreed to go to Seil with a chum and turn the boat there. The Loch Gleann A Bhearraidh boat will need to be turned over soon and can be handled by three members. If anyone is free to go up one evening and turn it, I would be happy to help. Please let me know. That leaves the Loch Nell boat and the boat at Loch Nant that we relocated before it was left high and dry by the low water.

If anyone would like to come out to Loch Nell for an evening trip to bail and turn the boat, that would be a good solution. I propose that we do this on the evening of 27th October. The hour does not go back until Sunday 31st, so we will have daylight if we get there before 18:00. Anyone free then, please let me know as soon as possible - you will recall that we have to give three days notice before driving to the Nell boat. The Loch Nant boat will probably need a full work party to deal with. We shall have more idea after the work party next weekend. Watch this space.

Kind regards

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