



OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

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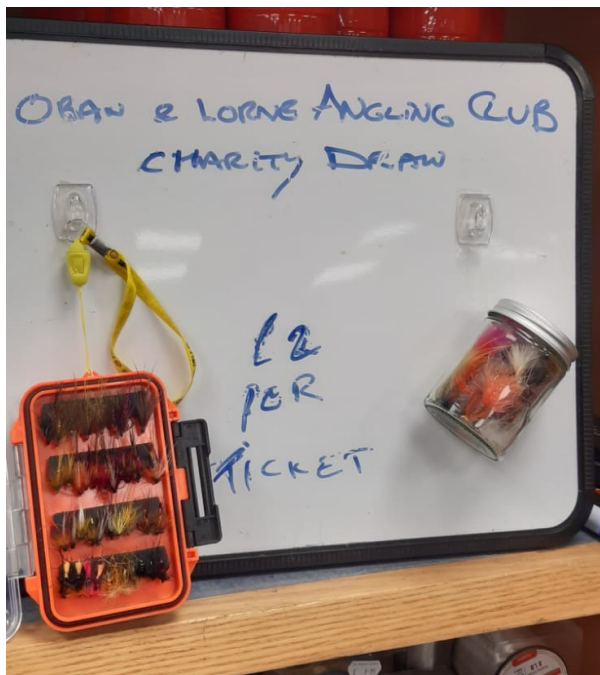
Dear Member

A short newsletter this month and rather late, for which I must apologise. Time has whizzed by and now before we are ready the new season is less than a month away.

CARDS

As confirmed in the last newsletter, Mario has been issuing cards to members from his shop, the Anglers' Corner. We are very grateful for this service and can see from the number of members renewing so far, that it is very popular. As of this weekend more than thirty members have joined or renewed their subscriptions, which is a good number, given that the season is weeks away and the weather has not been encouraging us to think of venturing forth.

RAFFLE



Mario has kindly offered to take ticket money for a raffle of flies, very kindly donated by fly tying maestro Gavin MacLean. We ran a raffle of Gavin's flies a couple of years ago and it raised a good sum for the Club funds. The flies can be seen in the picture above, taken in the shop.. If you renewed early or live too far from Oban to get into The Anglers' Corner, you can buy raffle tickets from Iain Moody - just ping him a payment via BACS or Paypal. At £2 per ticket you could win flies worth many times the ticket price. The jar of lures is the booby prize (second draw) so there are two chances to win! The draw for the flies will be held at the AGM (see below)

AGM

The committee is pleased to confirm that the AGM for the 2021 season will take place at 7pm on Sunday April 3rd, at the Argyll House Hotel, Oban (formerly the King's Knoll Hotel). Just to be clear, this is the yellow building on the left hand side coming into Oban down the Beallach an Righ. We thank Tom Hayward for the use of the hotel for this event.

In addition to the usual agenda for the meeting, we are, as previously notified, going to auction a fly tying kit donated to the Club. As not all members who may wish to bid for this will be able to attend the meeting, commission bids may be sent by email to the Treasurer, Iain Moody prior to the meeting and will be included in the bidding on the night. If you wish to bid, then please ensure that Iain has received notification by midnight on April 2nd. To encourage you to put in a bid, either by email or at the AGM, I have included some photos which I took to illustrate the extent of the gift that the Club has received. This is a superb collection which, from the packet labels, represents many visits to The Glasgow Angling Centre and other establishments. Messrs. Veniard's products are well represented but there are others. I laid out the contents of one compartment of the holdall and covered the meeting room table, then laid out the contents of the other compartment which was as full, if not fuller than the first and covered the table again!. Then I finished by taking a picture of the fly tying vices and the holdall itself. There are hundreds of items; this could give someone a really good start with fly tying, or give an established fly tyer a fantastic addition to their existing kit. It certainly makes my modest collection of tools and materials seem rather modest.

(If this is not of interest to you, then skip forward to the end of the email. There is more!)



Tails, capes, Flashabou and hackles



Capes, wings and hackles



Capes, marabou and hackles.



Chenille, Fritz, wool, Flashabou, hackles and beads galore...



Hackle pliers, scissors, whip finish tools, needles, bobbin holders, silks, hooks, vices, hares masks, larval body wrap, mylar, biots, hackles and more.



Tool tray with hanger and the holdall - it all goes into this - just about!



Large and small lever operated vices.

COMMITTEE

We are holding a committee meeting on February 27th to prepare for the coming season and the AGM. If you have ever considered joining the committee please let me know. There is always work for willing hands, anything from scraping an oar to folding flyers. We cater for all ages and abilities!

WORK PARTIES

As I wrote earlier, the season is fast approaching and we will need work parties to prepare the boats for use. I will include confirmation of dates and times in the next newsletter, but I expect that we will begin to hold sessions from Sunday March 6th. Last year we had all the boats that

were ready to use in their respective lochs after three weekends. It really depends on how many members turn out - please try and come to at least one party. With eighty-five subscribing members in 2021 we should be able to muster enough bodies to do the work in short order.

I hope that this finds you steadily counting down the days until March 15th, if you have not already found some salmon fishing to cool you down. I had a good shooting season, or at least some good company and fun working my labrador, even if the pheasants were few on the ground. Now my thoughts are turning to fishing tackle, boats and outboards. I am toying with the idea of an electric outboard. Not a trolling motor, but a 3HP lithion-ion proper outboard that the makers claim will run for four hours non-stop and push a dinghy for over ten miles on a charge. I'll let you know how I get on, if I buy one.

Kind regards

Jonathan Anglesea
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