



# OBAN AND LORN

## ANGLING CLUB

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### Newsletter 2023 - Number 2

Dear Member

Here is the latest news from Oban and Lorn Angling Club.

We were all very saddened to hear that one of Treasurer Iain Moody's grandchildren had passed away after developing a rare brain tumour. We extend our deepest sympathy to Iain and his family. This news came in the same week that my friend and Club Vice Treasurer, Nick Bradbury, was in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary HDU after surgery for cancer. Further to that, members may recall that I had to reduce my Club activities four years ago when I was diagnosed with kidney cancer; I had my annual scan to check that it was still in remission a couple of weeks ago.

For all the reasons above, cancer has been in our thoughts. To show our support to everyone who has been affected, the committee has decided to ask members of Oban and Lorn Angling Club for donations to a relevant charity. We have chosen The Beatson Cancer Charity. The Beatson Cancer Charity has helped many Oban people who struggle with this horrible disease and its consequences. All charities are having a very hard time just now, with the cost-of-living crisis keeping everyone's purse-strings tight. As a charity ourselves, Oban and Lorn Angling Club has a duty to fulfil its stated aims and objectives but we can also show solidarity with others. If you can spare a donation, however small, then it will directly help The Beatson Cancer Charity. To donate and find out what valuable work they will do with your gift, click the link below:

<https://www.beatsoncancercharity.org/donate/>

If you are not happy with online payments, we will have a collection for this very worthy cause at the AGM, or you could leave an envelope marked "Beatson" at The Anglers' Corner.

#### Annual General Meeting

There is less than a week to go now before the Club AGM for the 2022 season at the Argyll House Hotel (formerly the King's Knoll Hotel) on Sunday February 26th 2023. The meeting will start at 7pm prompt. Thus far, I have had one apology for the AGM, but I suspect that this does not mean that all the remaining members will attend. It is only polite to be able to let Tom Hayward know approximate numbers for this event, so please let me know whether or not you will be joining us at the AGM, ideally before Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Iain and I have signed off the final copies of the accounts, but it is important that members attend the AGM to approve them.

## Membership

As I mentioned in the previous Newsletter (Number 1), subscriptions are now due for the 2023 Season. All cards are available for collection from the Anglers' Corner, Oban. If you are going to drop by and pick up your cards, please take the cash payment, or pay in advance online or by bank transfer so that we can email your membership number to confirm. Card payments at the shop are not to be used for membership subscriptions.

## Members Records

Thank you for confirming your details by returning an up-to-date membership application form. If all your details have been the same forever, then at least consider whether we have your mobile phone number. Andy has a hard task in maintaining boat bookings and it will assist him to be able to match missed calls to members if we have an accurate record of your mobile number.

## Work Party Report

The first work party of the year on February 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended, and we got off to a good start by confirming that the boat on Loch Dhu Mhor, Kilmelford had survived its winter afloat. The team brought it ashore, bailed and scrubbed it, checked the mooring and relaunched the boat floating high and ready to fish.

After dealing with the boat at Loch Dhu Mhor, the moorings at Dorlin Point, Loch Avich were dragged out for inspection. They will need attention before a boat can be secured for the season, but at least we know what materials will be needed to reinstate them.

Allan came to a committee meeting at The Hut after the work party and must have retained some energy afterwards, because he launched the Seil boat as he was passing on his way home.



***Charlie, Drhue and Bob bailing at Loch Dhu Mhor while Andy checks the mooring line.***

### Another Work Party

We will hold a work party on **Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>** to launch the Oude boat and if time (and number of workers) permits, we will refurbish the moorings on Avich and put a boat out. We have to assess the damage to the boat that went ashore at the west end of the Loch last year and may have to delay launching that one pending repairs. We need a good turnout for this work party, so that we can also cover the Nant and Sior lochs. If you are able to make it (or not) please let me know. We will meet at the Hut for 10:00, or Oude (10:30) or the Nant Gate (10:45). If we cannot deploy two groups, then we will decide nearer the date which work will be prioritised.

That is all for now. I really hope you can make it to the AGM on Sunday. As a committee we look forward to meeting members who may have ideas about how the Club is run or are just curious to see what we look like. One thing I can promise anyone who is wondering what you will let yourself in for if you attend – nothing that you are not happy to contribute. You can turn up, sit in silence and go home if you wish. But you will be welcome and will have enhanced the meeting with your presence.

In the meantime, remember that once you have your card, the Loch Seil boat is in the water, and the Argyll sea trout season has begun (February 11<sup>th</sup>). Just saying...

Yours Aye

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