



# OBAN AND LORN

## ANGLING CLUB

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### Newsletter 2023 - Number 4

Dear Member

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

#### Membership

At the last count, our Club had 64 subscribing members. This is an excellent start to the season and means that we can cover our rents and more. With the trout season less than a month old it is an excellent start to 2023. It is good to see some members who have rejoined after a break. Other clubs have a joining fee to encourage people to remain members once they have subscribed. We don't have one. I think that is the right approach because we have quite a few members who join for a year or two, maybe as students or who work here temporarily, and then move on. A joining fee would penalise them. Maybe you think differently? Please let me know if you have a view.

#### Work Party Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

We had a turn-out that allowed us to go to the Nant Lochs and do the work there that we had planned –

launch the boat at Loch an Leòid and with it, recover the mooring block for inspection before relaying it with a new mooring. Bruce, Bob, Timothy, Natalia and I were all laden going down to the boat and coming back. The old mooring, even without its block, weighted more than the old one. Timothy carried it back and having done so was quite breathless. I moved it from my car to the hut and was the same, so without that assistance, I think it would still be by the loch. Anyway, that is Loch an Leòid with a boat on its mooring for the season. On the way back past Loch an Droguinn we removed its other bilge runner. This was slightly better attached than the first one, but I now have the pair of them in the hut for refurbishing.



Loch an Leòid – it looked perfect but we had to leave...

## Boats

We now have boats available on the following lochs: Gleann a Bhearraidh; Seil; Oude; Avich; Dhub Mòr, Kilmelford; an Leòid; Nant; Middle Sior.

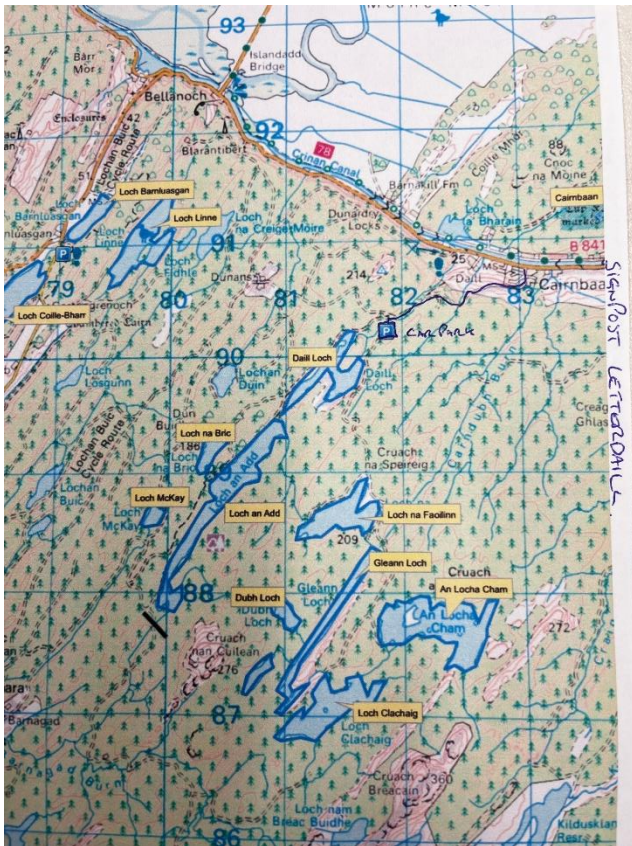
Boats for an Droguinn; Dhu Mòr, Barcaldine; Nell; and Avich Number 2 are still in preparation. Emphasis will be on the boat for Loch an Droguinn because it is close to being ready.

## Hut Work

I shall be free from April 21<sup>st</sup> to do work in the hut on Friday mornings from 11:00. If you would like to come down and help with any jobs, please feel free to turn up on a whim. Or let me know beforehand and there may be cake.

## Competitions

I gave notice of the competitions in the last newsletter but I should remind all members that the first competition against Lochgilphead is to take place on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet up at the usual place and to help anyone who may not know where to go, Archie McGilp, the Secretary of Lochgilphead and District Angling Club has provided this map:



With the following directions:

Cross the canal at Cairnbaan then turn left into "Letterdail" after forestry workshops. Keep left and follow road up the hill (tarmac).

This seems straightforward. Any further information can be provided by our Jim Grout on 07772 288497. It's a fun day out and an opportunity to fish lochs that we would not normally have access to.

## Catch reports

I have heard that Loch Dhub Mòr, Kilmelford has been fishing well from the bank. There were fish moving close in on Loch an Leòid when we were sorting the mooring, which was typical because nobody had brought a rod. Loch Nant should be worth a try because despite its abrupt level changes the head of fish seems to be holding up well.

Yours Aye

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