



OBAN AND LORN ANGLING CLUB

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Dear Member

Further to the previous newsletter, there are a couple of pieces of information which I need to pass on.

Membership

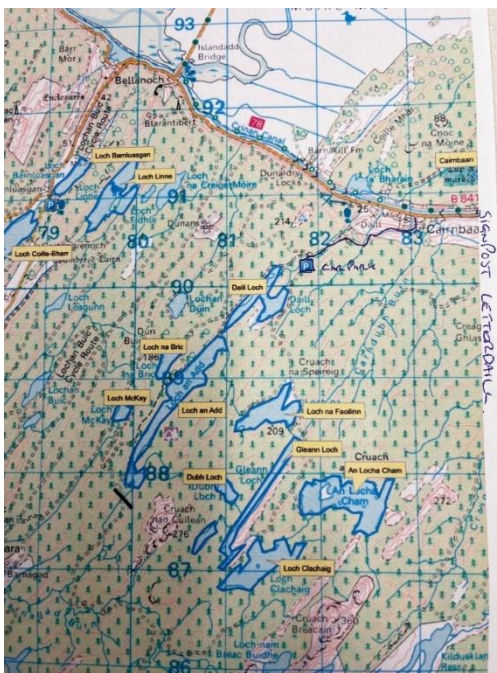
We have been pleased to see the number of envelopes at the Anglers' Corner being collected. We now have over 25 subscribed members. This is a good number, given that the season is still a month away. If you have yet to collect your cards, please do so now – we have rent bills to pay.

AGM

The 2023 season AGM will take place in the Club Hut, Mossfield on March 10th at 7pm. The hut has the advantage that it is close to Oban, has ample parking, and will cost us nothing. The disadvantage is that space is limited, so we will need to have an idea of numbers so that we can provide sufficient chairs and refreshments. Please send me a reply to indicate whether you will or will not be in attendance.

Competitions

Jim Grout has kindly arranged the annual inter-club competitions between our Club and Lochgilphead and District Angling Club. As always, we visit them in April as their guests and they come to us to fish a return match at the Nant lochs in September. Dates of the competitions for 2024 are April 24th and September 8th. Below is an access map for the Lochgilphead lochs showing the meet-up point. Be there for 10:00 and you will have a chance to fish some different water in friendly company. The competitions are not a serious business - the aim is to have fun and win bragging rights - with a meal and some craic after the weigh-in.



Directions:

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

For any further information you need, please contact Jim directly on 07772 288497.

Work Parties

The first work party will take place on Sunday March 3rd to get what boats are fit to be deployed into their lochs. I shall send out a reminder, but the usual arrangements will apply - meet at the hut for 10:00 or the Nant/Oude for 10:45.

Currently the boats to launch are:

Loch an Droguinn

Loch Seil

Loch Oude

Loch Gleann a Bhearraidh - needs the mooring re-laid when the boat goes in. Some juveniles pulled it in trying to get at the boat.

Loch Avich x 2

The Nant boat is a maybe - its keel band is coming away and the Loch may be too high to reach the mooring.

Loch an Leoid needs a longer mooring loop. This will be deployed when the boat is launched but I need to make it up in advance.

The Loch Dubh Mhor boat needs a leak fixing.

The Sior Loch boat has a rotten bilge runner and has a leak as a result.

The Nell boat is still ashore, damaged and awaiting recovery. Members of the committee are planning to go and get it tomorrow 16th.

The boat for Dubh Loch Mor, Barcaldine is still a work in progress. It gets attention when time allows.

Friday Mornings

Ritchie and I have been grinding away (figuratively and literally) in the hut from 11:00 every Friday morning to fettle oars and boats. Progress has been slow but steady and we should have oars, bailers, rowlocks/pins, bungs, and padlocks ready for the boat launches. If anyone capable of wielding a paint brush is free to come and help, we would give you a warm welcome and maybe a cup of coffee as well.

Raffle

Ticket sales for the raffle at the Anglers' Corner are ongoing. So far there has been limited uptake, which is a little disappointing. Surely £5 for a strip of tickets is not too much? Gavin has donated many superb flies, with boxes to keep them in. They would cost hundreds of pounds to buy and these have the advantage of being flies that work on our lochs. Please buy a strip or two towards Club funds. This is money that will directly benefit the Club, so if you forgot to buy a strip, get along to the Anglers' Corner soon.

That's all for now. I hope to see you at the AGM or a work party. Please remember to let me know if you can't be there.

Kind regards

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PS you may recall that in the last newsletter, I reported a problem with the fence at the hut. Drhue, Ritchie and I spent a busy morning taking it apart and reinstating it. Here is a picture of Ritchie supervising Drhue as the old post is dug out.