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**OBAN AND LORN**

**ANGLING CLUB**

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Dear Member

I can't believe how quickly the month has passed since the last newsletter. With the lockdown easing and fishing now possible for everyone, here is the latest update.

News in Brief

The season seems to have started quietly. Some members have reported catches, nothing outstanding but fish being caught from Lochs Seil, Avich, Loch Dhub Mhor, Kilmelford and Dubh Loch Mor, Barcaldine. Here is one caught by Andre from Loch Dhub Mhor, Kilmelford early on:

And a pretty fish from Dhu Beag by Iain Moody:

I am pleased to be able to report that more than sixty members have now paid their subscriptions for the year, which is a good start and over 15% above our low point a few years ago.

Iain Moody's Treasurer's report for April was consequently of a healthy bank balance and some money in hand to fund boat repairs.

Boat repairs will be needed, because the twelve footer we purchased for Dubh Loch Mor, Barcaldine, has more problems than we anticipated. When I got into the boat to seal a crack in the deck my foot went through it! I have perhaps put on some weight during the lockdown but this was unexpected... I lifted the deck to find that it is, as are all MouldaCraft boats, a thin skin of fibreglass over plywood and the plywood has rotted away to sludge, as have the bearers supporting it. We will have to delay deploying it until I have made some bottom boards, like those in the Loch Oude boat. These will suffice until we can effect more comprehensive repairs.

#### Membership Cards

If you have yet to renew your subscription, cards are now available for collection at The Anglers' Corner on George Street, Oban. Mario Di Ciacca has kindly offered to allow members to pick up cards from the shop, in addition to selling the OLAC day, three day and weekly permits. He re-opened on April 26th after the lockdown and has filled the former Hyro showroom with an amazing array of stock. Phone [01631 566374](tel:01631566374).

### Work Party

We need to have a full work party on Sunday May 9th with the aim of launching the boat at Loch Nant. This will need us to move it down from the road where we left it last year. We also need to run out a new mooring at the location we have decided to use for a "low water mooring". This will have a gabion to secure the shore end and a length of heavy chain providing the anchor. As always, please let me know if you are/are not able to attend. This one will need at least four and preferably six people to do the work. If numbers allow, we will also try and retrieve the mooring on the Sior Loch and site a gabion there to secure the shore end. Please try and make time for at least one work party each year. The Club can only function in its present form if we all pitch in and lend a hand.

### Odd Jobs

There is a lot to do, and so little time to do it in. Aside from the work parties, the grass at the Hut needs cutting, the Hut itself needs a coat of woodstain and so does my new section of fencing beside the MS Centre. If anyone has an odd hour or so to help with these jobs in the evening, I would be happy to open up the Hut and provide a cup of tea.

### Loch Nell

The farmer at Loch Nell is unhappy about our using the farm track by car to reach the boat. While we try to resolve this matter, the boat is only to be reached on foot, parking on the Glen Lonan road and walking almost two miles to reach it. This is not very practical, especially if you want to take an outboard and we are trying to reach a compromise with Lady Denham's estate manager. While this is under discussion, please be aware of the position and do not take your car to Loch Nell.

### Charity Tackle Sale

Bruce Smith, a very long-standing member of the Club has forwarded details of a fishing tackle sale in aid of The My Name's 5 Daddie Foundation, the motor neurone disease charity. Bruce lost a good fishing buddy last year and this is the method chosen by his (the friend's) partner to dispose of his extensive fishing tackle collection. The reels can be seen at <http://www.gamefishltd.co.uk> where they are listed for sale by arrangement with the site proprietor. Enter "Coutts" in the site search box and the reels appear. There are some lovely Hardy reels available. I am quite tempted. The rods are salmon and trout fly specimens from the top manufacturers including Sage, Loop, and Hardy. I have attached a list of these; please contact Jessie Turner by email to: [jessiekinloch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jessiekinloch@hotmail.co.uk) if you would like to make further enquiries about purchasing any of them.

I hope that this finds you in good spirits with the lockdown easing and the prospect of being able to travel to fish getting the juices flowing. My rods will be getting an airing as soon as I can find them,

my trout bag and my reels which all became separated as we moved out of our house and back in again after the landlord refurbished it. They say moving house is one of life's most stressful activities, I say try moving out and back into the same house, after it has been made 50mm smaller in most of the rooms by the addition of insulation! Fishing is now urgently needed for therapy.

All the best, and enjoy yourself on or by the water. Remember to send in or log your catch returns on the website. Pictures are always appreciated.

Regards

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