

# Chairmans Chat...

Welcome to the "Winter/Spring" edition of Members News. We have our AGM to look forward to in a couple of weeks time and hopefully some good spring fishing. The cod have been there this winter but a short spell on the big tides at the end of November saw the best of it. Personally I've had a great winter with 28 cod from the beach, average size has been circa 6lb with a best of 9lb 12oz. Last year we had a good spring run of codling in late February and March. The Boats, Dengemarsh and Galloways fished very well 3 up and 2 down so if you haven't seen a cod yet, don't give up and you certainly don't have to fish with the crowds! Not wanting to wish my life away....but.....there should be a few real lumps around next winter!

This spring from March sometime should see an influx of plaice behind the power station and at Dengemarsh if the water is clearish. Fish 3 hours up and 3 down for the best action with lugworm on clipped down size 1 rigs and whack it as far as you can. The bass arrived in April last year in East bay (lifeboat station area). Straight lug again fishing from just after low water up to high and a couple of hours after are best. There were a LOT of thornback rays last year at Galloways and Dengemarsh in May/June on bluey or squid baits plus quite a few smooth hound if you used crab. 3 up and 2 down were best times.

July will see us allowed to take 1 bass each per day again. In case you haven't heard, it is now illegal to kill any bass between January and the end of June. With a fine of up to £50,000 on offer for offenders, it really isn't worth taking the risk! They are good sport on light tackle though so I'll still be fishing for them late spring onwards, but experimenting with course tackle and 2oz leads. Lugworm is by far the best bait, but if you don't mind not getting a bite, try a whole squid close in for the chance of a fish of a lifetime!

Hopefully we will have some good weather this summer and we can have some fun with mackerel and garfish in August and last



September saw my first codling of the year in a DAA comp which helped me to 3rd place if I remember correctly.

I actually managed to win a match last year with 2 thornback rays and 4 smooth hound from Galloways in May on squid baits and a friend of mine actually caught 18 thornbacks in one session at Galloways last year. Check with our Vice Chairman Tony Hills at Seagull Tackle for firing times and access. As always, please make sure the EA road gate is kept closed and do close it if you see it open. In case you aren't aware, the gate and road are owned by the Environmental Agency and they grant us access on the basis we KEEP THE BLOOMIN THING CLOSED!

That's it from me now until the Autumn edition. If I don't see you at the AGM, tight lines.

Simon Newman DAA Chairman.

## 9PAAgenda on the website Events Page OR F EYSHAM HA @ 7.30 pm H ш 2 ш (5 dav 18th March 2016 D ON SEA TN29 ANN

#### **Membership matters**

#### Membership Fees.

The general membership fee for 2016 is £10.00. Senior membership for 65yrs and older on date of joining is £5.00. Free membership for Juniors under 16 years at the date of joining is available through Jim McMurray 07890 003472

or Terry Carpenter 07866 514138.

2016 membership renewal is due from 1st

March, membership can be renewed by post to

Richardson Fish Shop, The Pilot Pub, Dungeness Micks Tackle, Hythe.

Your fees continue to support our annual donation of £2,000 towards beach cleaning. We continue to donate each year £300 to Dungeness RNLI to maintain the crew outfit we funded in 2013.

You can help to minimise our administration costs by providing a current email address. If you have not had a recent email from me then you are not correctly in the web-mail contacts. All my mailing is sent out 'blind' copied so that your addresses are not available to others. Regards **Malcolm Jones** 

#### the PO Box and at the following outlets: Seagull Fishing Tackle, Greatstone. Shingle Recycling This is a massage

# This is a message from the Environment Agency...

Please be aware that the Environment Agency are extracting shingle from the beach at Dungeness. The shingle is being used for coastal defence at EDF Energy's power station, and at Jury's Gap near Camber. The extent of the extraction area is shown below. Please

be aware that the Environment Agency will be operating construction equipment in the extraction area, and delivery vehicles will be



operating on the Dungeness Estate Roads. The shingle extraction will be carried out from Monday to Friday each week, from 8.00am to 4.00pm each day. The shingle extraction will continue until March 31st 2016. For your own safety, please do not fish in the extraction area and please be aware of site traffic. Two areas have been set aside for parking by anglers, as shown above.

The Environment Agency have installed several wooden trackways to allow construction vehicles to access the extraction area. Anglers are welcome to use these for pedestrian access only, outside of the working times of Monday to Friday each week, from 8.00am to 4.00pm on each day.

#### **Dengemarsh Road**

National Grid is refurbishing the overhead electricity line that runs between its substations in Dungeness and Sellindge. National Grid will be starting the work in March 2016 and plans to complete it by the end of the year.

Some road and footpath closures will be needed to ensure the work can be carried out safely. These will be agreed with Kent County Council/the landowner beforehand. The details of the closures, including dates, are still being discussed and National Grid will keep the local community updated. Maps will be available showing the footpath and road closures that are being requested by National Grid around Dengemarsh Road and the associated fishing facilities. While the closure dates would be granted for six month periods, National Grid would only close individual roads and footpaths for as long as is necessary to do the work. This is usually for no longer than two and a half weeks at a time. The requested closures 10 April 2016 and 9 October 2016. At the moment, it is expected that one set of closures would take place in May and a second set would take place in September.

In addition to the closures required to carry out the overhead line work, the lower section of Dengemarsh Road (HL40) requires a closure so that pot holes can be filled in. Again, dates are not confirmed, but early March has been identified as a potential time.

Local people will be informed of the specific closure dates nearer the time and signs will also be put up.

### **DAA Match update**

Hello all members, The 2015 league was in my opinion the best years fishing match wise we've ever had, with some great numbers... numbers of fish, and quality of fish caught, in all we averaged 20 anglers per match which is slightly higher than previous years which shows the league is on the up still, congratulations go out to Nathan Elliot for becoming the league Champion and



Dave Wood-Brignal for finishing Runner up... Hopefully we can continue to grow on the match side...

We fished two opens, one at the end of the summer which was a charity match in conjunction with Steve and Kim Field and we managed to raise a very good amount for MS, a well worthy cause.

I also did a boxing day cod open which was won with a small codling caught by Cieron Bull, however only 9 anglers turned up, so I'm not



Every DAA member over sixty is welcome to take part is this friendly series of monthly matches held on Wednesdays if you need more information just call Tony on 01797 366837. Special thanks to Alan Rudkin for compiling this years fixtures.

#### **DAA Veterans 2016 Fixtures**

| Date          | Fishing         | High Water |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| February 17th | 5.00 to 8.00pm  | 6.30       |
| March 16th    | 3.00 to 6.00pm  | 4.36       |
| April 13th    | 2.30 to 5.30pm  | 4.10       |
| May 11th      | 1.30 to 4.30pm  | 3.00       |
| June 29th     | 5.30 to 8.30pm  | 6.55       |
| July 13th     | 5.00 to 8.00pm  | 6.25       |
| August 10th   | 3.00 to 6.00pm  | 4.30       |
| September 7th | 1.30 to 4.30pm  | 3.00       |
| October 5th   | 12,30 to 3.30pm | 2.00       |
| November 9th  | 5.00 to 8.00pm  | 6.20       |
| December 7th  | 2.30 to 5.30pm  | 3.50       |

sure if it's going to be a yearly event, If anyone wishes to come down and enter the league its £5 per match, and the fixtures and my contact details are also in this newsletter. Tight lines for now. **Steve Harvey** 

### 2016 Match List

Here are the selected dates and times for 2016 all Sundays unless indicated.

| BOOKING IN |      |                | FISHING TIMES |              |  |
|------------|------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| JAN        | 10th | 2:30 - 3pm     | 4 - 8pm       | ROVER        |  |
| JAN        | 24th | 2:30 - 3pm     | 4 - 8pm       | ROVER        |  |
| FEB        | 28th | 10:30-11am     | 12 - 4pm      | ROVER        |  |
| MAR        | 13th | 10:30-11am     | 12 - 4pm      | ROVER        |  |
| MAR        | 19th | 4:30 - 5pm Sat | 6 - 10pm      | ROVER        |  |
| APR        | 3rd  | 3:30 - 4pm     | 5 - 9pm       | DENGE        |  |
| APR        | 17th | 3:30 - 4pm     | 5 - 9pm       | DENGE        |  |
| MAY        | 1st  | 3:30 - 4pm     | 5 - 9pm       | ROVER        |  |
| MAY        | 29th | 12:30 - 1pm    | 2 - 6pm       | ROVER        |  |
| JUN        | 4th  | 6:30 - 7pm Sat | 8 - 12am      | ROVER        |  |
| JUN        | 18th | 5:30 - 6pm Sat | 7 - 11pm      | ROVER        |  |
| JUL        | 3rd  | 2:30 - 3pm     | 4 - 8pm       | SAMPHIRE HOE |  |
| JUL        | 16th | 5:30 - 6pm Sat | 7 - 11pm      | ROVER        |  |
| AUG        | 13th | 4:30 - 5pm Sat | 6 - 10pm      | ROVER        |  |
| AUG        | 28th | 5:30 - 6pm     | 7 - 11pm      | ROVER        |  |
| SEP        | 11th | 3:30 - 4pm     | 5 - 9pm       | ROVER        |  |
| SEP        | 25th | 3:30 - 4pm     | 5 - 9pm       | ROVER        |  |
| OCT        | 9th  | 12:30 - 1pm    | 2 - 6pm       | ROVER        |  |
| OCT        | 23rd | 2 - 2:30pm     | 3:30-7:30pm   | ROVER        |  |
| NOV        | 6th  | 11:30-12pm     | 1 - 5pm       | ROVER        |  |
| NOV        | 20th | 11:30-12pm     | 1 - 5pm       | ROVER        |  |
| DEC        | 4th  | 10:30-11am     | 12 - 4pm      | ROVER        |  |
| DEC        | 18th | 11:30-12pm     | 1 - 5pm       | ROVER        |  |
|            |      |                |               |              |  |

24 APRIL SPRING OPEN 3 SEPT SOLE OPEN (DETAILS CLOSER THE TIME)

All booking in to be done at the EA Gate except any match fished at pirate springs,Littlestone, Dengemarsl or Galloways.Contact Steve Harvey on 07786538103. SIZE LIMITS FOR 2016-Whiting 29cm; Dabs 23cm; Bass 45 cm; Cod 45cm.Be prepared for venue change in case of adverse weather on day of match.

#### **Junior Fixtures 2016**

Sat 13th Feb 12 - 3 Sat 12th Mar 11.30 - 2.30 Sun 10th Apr 12 - 3 Sun 8th May 11 - 2 Sat 25th Jun 12 - 3 Sun 24th Jul 12 - 3 Sun 21st Aug. 12 - 3 Sun 18th Sept 12 - 3 Sun 16th Oct 10 - 1 Sat 19th Nov 12 - 3 \* sat 17th Dec 11 - 2 \* Xmas comp

Please note booking in is 1/2 hour prior to the stated start time at the pilot car park. Membership is free new members welcome.

### **DAA Junior Club**

Welcome to the D.A.A Junior news page. After a good years fishing we had some good catches despite the weather trying to upset us, The juniors fished at Littlestone, Taylor Road and Dungeness in all sorts of weather.

The waterproofs and beach buddies that Shepway Council gave us a grant for come in handy.

We took the juniors out for a days boat fishing courtesy of the Varne Boat club.

We held a Junior Open which was well attended, the prizes for that were kindly donated by Seagull tackle, Micks tackle, Mighty Bight, Gemini tackle, plus members of D.A.A who gave tackle and a big thank you to Aiden's dad who donated the trophy's for the Open.

The juniors had their Christmas competition in early Dec on a rainy day at Littlestone at which everyone caught fish, then afterwards junions went to the Pilot Pub for a meal and prize giving. The meal was donated by Arron the boss who also donated a large shield for the juniors for which we are awarding yearly.

The prizes donated were 2 rods, a reel plus the D.A.A gave a seat box, headlamps. gift vouchers and tackle in the shape of line, weights, and other bits.

Here's hoping next year will be even better, most of the comp's will score points for the annual trophy.

So if you are 16yrs or younger why not give the D.A,A Juniors a try. We have some rods and reels to use if you haven't got your own. So come along and fish with a friendly club that cares about its members.

Contact: Jim McMurray 07890 003472 or Terry Carpenter 07866 514138.





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