



# NEWS

## *SPRING 2013*

## A 'KEY' Decision

**Hello all, I'm Malcolm Jones, elected to be your new Chairman (as well as Membership Secretary) at the recent AGM.**

I would like to say a big thank you to Kim and Steve Field for all the hard work they have put into the DAA committee. I hope Steve enjoys his rest from running the DAA committee and finds more time to go fishing. One of the big ideas that the committee has agreed is to give current members the opportunity to purchase a key for the year. This is a trial exercise which we will run from the 1st of May, when the current lock will be changed. The mechanics are as follows ... The key will cost £10 and will last until the 30th of April 2014.

**As a current member you can purchase your key by postal application only to: A Rudkin, Dungeness Angling Association, 20 Coast Drive, Lydd on Sea, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9NL. You should include £10 and your current membership number.**

Please make cheques payable to 'Dungeness Angling Association'. You can still sign out a key from the usual outlets, but for those members who have problems getting to the outlets in opening hours then we trust this will help. We hope this system will work by giving you all the choice and have the added benefit that members will have no reason to copy or fail to return keys.

It has rightly been pointed out that we have a healthy bank balance which is more than we necessarily need to operate the Association. I am going to make it a priority to have an operating budget in place and to pursue ways of investing in youth development and the local community. This has to recognise that we are totally dependent on members joining and re-joining and keeping you informed of how we wisely spend your subscriptions and donations.

Let's hope the weather improves and we enjoy a great year of fishing!

Cheers, Malcolm.



**The 'key' trial for a year**



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£10**

# Your New committee

*We thought you would like to put a face to a name, so here are the guys who will be running the club this year.*



**Chairman: Malcolm Jones**

**Vice Chairman: Simon Newman and 'Gatekeeper'**

**Treasurer: Alan Rudkin**



**Match Secretary Steve Harvey**



**Tony Hills**



**Paul Gunner**



**Jim McMurray**



**Alan Barnes**



**Aaron Roche**

## Committee Members

## The Pilot our 'Club house'

Sue & Aaron Roche when they took the 'Pilot' over committed themselves in getting involved with the local community and as at the time the 'Ship' in Tailor Road was closing down (our previous meeting place) we moved to the 'Pilot' and were made most welcome, so much so that Aaron joined our committee and became a valuable member.

We meet up every second Friday of the month for a few beers and fish & chips (at a special DAA price) a pleasant social evening, all members welcome. We are lucky to hold our committee meetings in such convivial surroundings.

The Pilot has also 'hosted' our open matches like the world famous charity 'dab world championship' even down to supplying a 'dawn patrol' breakfast for the competitors to get them in good 'heart' for the day ahead, needless to say the weighing-in and prize giving are very friendly affairs





# DAA Match update

Hello Members

What a difference a year makes, this time last year we had lovely weather, good fishing with bass and plaice, and this year its been terrible, but we soldiered on with our matches and although the weather has been against us we've managed to fish most of our matches.

Attendances have still been good which is pleasing. This year on our rovers I've extended the boundaries to include Pirate Springs and Galloways, obviously check firing times before planning to fish at Galloway.

We have recently had a match against Seabrook SAC from Hythe which was a charity match, we hope to make this an annual event. This year Dave Wood-Brignal took the honours for the DAA. Although Seabrook won the team event. But most importantly we raised £200 for



Cancer Research UK, which included £100 donation from the DAA. In the hotter months the matches will go to Saturday evenings to try and get some fishing in darkness. If you fancy giving it a go its only a fiver to enter or need information then please contact me (07786538103), many thanks Steve Harvey.

**Sunday 2nd June Rover**

**Fish 4-8**

**Booking in 2.15-3**

**Saturday 22 June Dengemarsh**

**Fishing 7-Midnight**

**Booking in 5.15-6**

**Saturday 6 July Dengemarsh.**

**Pegged**

**Fishing 7-Midnight**

**Booking in 5.15-6**

**Saturday 20 July Pirate Springs.**

**Pegged**

**Fishing 7.30-Midnight**

**Booked in 5.45-6.30**

**More Dates to be confirmed**

## Beach cleaning - a real success

Since Natural England (NE) facilitated a meeting of interested parties down at Lydd, Phil Tapp (the DAA founder) and myself attended. NE had a plan to employ a 'beach cleaner' to help manage the ever growing problem of rubbish on the 'point' and the wider 'Nature Reserve'...a lot of the rubbish came from the angling fraternity! Funding was the main issue and NE was looking for voluntary contributions to get the scheme going. We agreed to help out as did a lot of other local concerns.

That was about eight years ago, Chris Shore the beach cleaner does a great job under the direction of Owen Leyshon who heads up the Romney Marsh Countryside Project and is our 'Shingle Officer'. Owen who manages the use of the estate, we have lots of 'film crews', photographers, fashion shoots etc. Owen also organises rubbish collections as well as running regular voluntary beach cleans which the association supports. The DAA agreed at the AGM to increase its quarterly payments to £500 to give the Romney Marsh Countryside Project our ongoing support.

Over the years we have tried to educate our members, I believe with great success in the importance of not leaving any 'rubbish' behind or interfering with the boats or their equipment. We all want to protect Dungeness, today and for the future. Tony Hills



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# News in Brief

*Keeping members up to date on what's happening*

## Newsletters: Twice a year

The committee has decided to produce a newsletter twice a year to improve our communication with members. This Spring edition will follow the AGM so that we can report on any important decisions made at the AGM and any changes made to the members of the committee. It will also be ahead of the lock change at the gate so will act as a timely reminder. The Winter edition will now be published during January allowing us to announce the League Match winner as well as give a final reminder regarding the World Dab Championship. It will also be nicely timed to remind members of the AGM proposed for Friday, 21st March 2014 and the need to renew subscriptions

in March.

To help keep printing costs down the newsletters will be issued through our e-mail system linked to the website and hard copies only issued to members without a registered e-mail address. If you have Internet access and do not receive the match reports and other information regularly issued by Malcolm then please send a message to [info@dungenessangling.co.uk](mailto:info@dungenessangling.co.uk) with your membership number so that you can be added to the mail database. All of our messages are issued as 'blind copies' so that your mail address will not be disclosed.

## Next Year

2014 membership will commence on 1st March 2014 and end on 28th February 2015. This will be for new members and renewals. Please do not try to renew

after Christmas now that we have moved the dates. The membership subscription will remain unchanged at £10-00.

## Junior training and other activities!

DAA is currently initiating a Junior programme. This is in it's infancy (excuse the pun) and it is hoped that by the next newsletter we will have a framework in place. Any developments will also be announced via the website and facebook page. If you would like to get involved with supporting or helping in any way please do not hesitate to get in touch. As well as currently running a successful match series

and open competitions, we are open to suggestions from our members who would like to suggest other events or activities to be supported by the club. We now hold an informal "social evening" from 7pm in the Pilot every second Friday of the month (fish and chips and a few drinks). If you have any ideas for events/activities, again, please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee.

## Budget for two 'Dredges' per year

A concern raised over the years is the amount of snags around the point caused primarily by the loss of tackle when it gets busy. Over the last couple of years we have with the help of fishermen 'dragged' the point to break up and remove old tackle from the seabed. This has been organised and managed by our new vice chairman Simon Newman. This process has had

mixed results but the committee consider it is important to keep an 'eye' on the beach and be prepared. So it was agreed at the AGM that we would budget this year for two 'dredges' to allow us as a committee to act if the reports indicate that we have a problem with lost leads and line.

## Website...check it out

This just a reminder to members that the DAA website has been up and running for a while now and has been a big success. It has loads of useful information for association members: constitution of the DAA, the

rules of the club, match fixture list and results, association announcements, photos and much more it is really a useful tool...its yours so please make use of it.

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