



MEMBERS NEWS LETTER Winter Spring 2017/18

Chairmans Chat...

Welcome to the 2017/18 DAA newsletter, there is quite a lot to bring you up to date on! Firstly, apologies for the lack of newsletter over the last 12 months. The reason for this is that the newsletter costs several hundred pounds to print and post and in 2016/7 DAA made a £2000 loss. Our membership last year was circa 250 members down on usual and with our budgets set at the start of the membership year our donations to the lifeboat, litter bins and defibrillator took us into the red.

Fortunately we hold reserves to cover us for such situations so the Association is still on a solid financial footing.

This fall in membership is down to 2 reasons we believe. The Bass ban (you couldn't take a bass until 1st July and only 1 per 24 hours after that until 31st December, now changed to we can't kill any bass at all in 2018!) reduced the number of members who join in the spring to bass fish behind the boats. The biggest fall was in Autumn/Winter when a lot of members join for the cod fishing season which quite simply didn't happen last winter. I know of 2 cod caught from the beach at Dungeness in the whole of last winter, one in October and one I was fortunate to catch in November. As I write this (late November), this winters cod fishing is looking no better. It's not too late for a few to turn up, by the time you read this, we will know. This year our membership is on par with last year (circa 650) and we are on course to break even. Our biggest outlay is our contribution to pay for the beach cleaner (£2,000 per year) which I'm sure you'll agree is an essential outlay in presenting a positive image for Sea Anglers at Dungeness.

Moving on, 3 of our longest standing committee members retired this year. Tony Hills, Malcolm Jones and Alan Rudkin, who between them have pretty well run the Association for the last zillion years. At the last AGM it was voted that all three would receive lifetime honorary membership in recognition to their service and many many hours of work on behalf of you our members. ...and talking of thanks, there are other existing committee

members who richly deserve a bit of recognition for their efforts this year. Terry Carpenter and Alex Whittlesea who put in a great deal of time and effort in the running of our junior section and Jackie Addison who has been up to her neck in treasury and club secretary duties. Jackie, Terry and Alex, we thank you.

Our committee is currently spread very thin and we are actively looking for new committee members to help with the running of the association. Behind the scenes it takes a lot of administration to keep the club running. Do you have some spare time that you could offer to help support the club? We need a Secretary plus help with accounts and the membership database. If you fancy getting involved, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or any member of the committee.

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Looking ahead, 2018 should be an interesting year at Dungeness. There have been a lot of small bass around in 2017 with the odd keeper amongst them so they will all be that little bit bigger next year. There has been increasing numbers of smooth hound caught by accident this year. How many of us use peeler crab or hardback crab at Dungeness? Not many of us...there may be more hounds out there than we think! (A live hardback crab (it has to be alive), elasticated to a hook is an outstanding hound bait and as good as an expensive peeler crab. There are plenty of rays to be had at Galloways and Dymchurch on fish baits and quite a few sole when the whiting leave us alone! I've been told that there are lots of cod out there, but they are out at sea eating herring. Our usual autumn storms have for the second year in a row not arrived so neither have the cod. I think we are the only people in the country wishing for cold stormy weather in September and October!

Well that's it from me. Tight lines for 2018 and happy fishing.



**DUNGENESS ANGLING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 18th May 2018 @ 7.30 pm HEYSHAM HALL, TAYLOR ROAD,
LYDD ON SEA TN29 9PA *Agenda on the website Events Page*

Insurance

Insurance: DAA is a member of the Angling Trust which means if you are taking part in any of our competitions or meets (Juniors) you are covered by our

public liability insurance. If you want to be covered for all your fishing activities it is well worth joining the Angling Trust and you will then be personally covered for all your fishing.

Camper Vans

Camper Vans on the EA Road
A few of our members stay for a night or two in their camper vans while fishing. Unfortunately, the non fishing camper van community has been taking advantage of

our cheap membership and have been using the EA road parking as a cheap camp site. We have been asked to impose a 3 night maximum stay for camper vans with no return within 24 hours.

Membership & Locks

“The membership year and lock change”
To bring everything together, our new membership year, financial year and EA

gate lock change will now all start/take place on the 1st April and shall run through to the 31st March.

New Bass regulations

BASS Regulations update: It is now illegal to take any bass at all in 2018. So catch and release is the order of the day, look on the bright side at least we are allowed to fish for them.

CAN YOU HELP

Do you have some spare time that you could offer to help support the club?

We are looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer to help with the following: Managing our e-mail database/ emailing our members, recording basic accounts and financial details. Systems are already in place and some previous experience of a similar setting would be helpful but not essential, basic computer ability is all that is required. We have between 4 and 6 meetings per year as required.

Committee Contacts:

Chairman: Simon Newman - 07802 415635

Deputy Chairman: Alex Whittlesea - 07748373012

Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Jackie Addison - 07711611588

Veterans Match Secretary:

Terry Carpenter - 07866514138

Match Secretary: Gavin Smith - 07595 470632

DAA Juniors: Terry Carpenter – 07866514138 & Alex Whittlesea – 07748373012

Committee Member: Cieron Bull - 07476969560

How to contact us and keep up to date with what is happening:

Website: www.dungenessangling.co.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/DungenessAnglingAssociation

Email: info@dungenessangling.co.uk **Post:** Almarina, Taylor Road, Lydd-on-Sea, Kent TN29 9PA

DAA Match update

Seniors Match Scene

The 2017 league saw the introduction of a new format, with half the matches being pegged to encourage the return of unwanted fish and making good use of the clubs access to the Powerstations overspill car park. This gave competitors just a short walk over the shingle bank.

The league has been well supported by the regulars, and most pleasingly of all, a healthy smattering of new faces dipping their toe in. At time of writing (mid-November) there has been in excess of 30 participants.

The league table has once again been quite tight, with half a dozen of the regular faces vying for top spot. As the year progressed though, last years winner & runner up have once again emerged as top contenders for the title....it is now almost a certainty that Phil Tanner will take top honours for 2017. Hearty congratulations Phil. Some very consistent fishing through what's been a very tough year! As for the fishing, well it's been rock hard on some occasions with just a smattering of decent fish such as Smoothounds, Plaice, Thornbacks & Bass to accompany the obligatory Whiting & Dogfish.

Finally, a big thank you to the match committee who have kept the league ticking over smoothly this year & the best of luck to Gavin Smith who has been appointed as match secretary for 2018.

If any DAA member wishes to fish any of the matches next year, it's just a fiver entry with 100% payout. Just turn up at the appointed venue/time & you'll be guaranteed a warm welcome...the fishing is down to you! Gavin can be contacted on: 07595 470632.

DAA Veterans League

It has been a steady year with 14 veterans taking part, it's close at the top as we get to the end of the year with a battle between John Wigstone and John Smith...too close to call. After a couple of years of running this successful series, it being well attended by DAA senior members (over 60). Due to the pressure of work I will have to stand down from day to day running of the matches, I still intend to help out where I can.

The plan for 2018, this year the matches will be run by Terry Carpenter (who also runs the Juniors), the format will be the same with a monthly competition fished at 'Littlestone wall',

run on catch and release basis with twelve rounds. As I write this Alan Rudkin is drawing up the match dates for 2018 which we will publish as soon as we can.

So let's hope we have a successful 2018 and invite all you DAA members who are over 60 to come and join us in 2018. Terry can be contacted on 07866 514138.

DAA MATCH LEAGUE DATES 2018

Jan 7th	Rover	11:00 - 15:00	6. 3m
Jan 20th	Rover	19:00 - 23:00	1. 2m
Feb 4th	Rover	12:00 - 16:00	6. 7m
Feb 18th	Rover	10:00 - 14:00	6. 5m
March 4th	Power Station	11:00 - 15:00	6. 8m
March 17th	Tower 23	17:00 - 22:00	1. 0m
April 14th	Power Station	18:00 - 22:00	6. 5m
April 29th	Rover	10:00 - 14:00	6. 6m
May 12th	Rover	18:00 - 23:00	6. 2m
June 17th	Galloways	10:00 - 15:00	6. 8m
July 14th	Dengemarsh	19:00 - 24:00	6. 9m
Aug 25th	Rover	18:00 - 23:00	6. 3m
Sept 16th	Rover	14:00 - 19:00	6. 5m
Oct 6th	Rover	18:00 - 22:00	6. 3m
Oct 28th	Rover	09:00 - 13:00	6. 8m
Nov 11th	Power Station	10:00 - 14:00	6. 6m
Nov 24th	Rover	17:00 - 22:00	0. 9m
Dec 16th	Rover	15:00 - 19:00	5. 3m

DAA 'Vets' 2018 Fixtures

Date	Start	Finnish	H.W.
January 10	4.00	7.00	5.39
February 7	2.30	5.30	3.49
March 7	1.00	4.00	2.25
April 25	7.00	10.00	8.38
May 23	5.15	8.15	6.44
June 3	5.15	8.15	6.44
July 18	2.30	5.30	3.43
August 15	1,00	4.00	2.33
September 5	6.30	9.30	7.55
October 3	4.30	7.30	6.10
November 14	1.30	4.30	3.04
December 19	6.45	9.45	8.14

DAA Junior Club

The DAA juniors had another good year with up to a dozen juniors attending our monthly meets at Dungeness and Littlestone. The fishing has been good with not many blank days lots of whiting caught with the odd bass. The juniors fishing age from 5yrs--16yrs old and are of all abilities from complete novice upwards. We provide all the tackle and bait required and even good quality waterproofs and beach shelters should conditions be a bit cold or damp so there's no excuse not to come along and try sea fishing. If you'd like to bring a junior down to give it a go, contact Terry on 07866 514138. You can find more information on the DAA website or facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/DungenessAngling Association/d](https://www.facebook.com/DungenessAnglingAssociation/d) on 07866 514138.



JUNIOR FISHING

The Dungeness Angling Association Junior Section would like to invite anyone who is age 16 and under who would like to try or enhance their sea fishing skills. We meet every month and provide all the equipment including bait and tackle. We also have warm clothing and beach shelters should the weather be chilly.

We meet 30 minutes before each start time to register all Junior Anglers at The Pilot, Battery Road, Lydd-on-Sea (TN29 9NJ). Membership is free for all junior anglers.

Join us throughout 2018 at any of the following:

Date Booking-in Time Fishing Time

Date	Booking-in Time	Fishing Time
Sunday 18 th February	9:45am – 10:15am	10:30am – 1:30pm
Sunday 18 th March	9:15am – 9:45am	10:00am – 1:00pm
Sunday 29 th April	9:15am – 9:45am	10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 19 th May	11:45am – 12:15pm	12:30pm – 3:30pm
Saturday 16 th June	10:45am – 11:15am	11:30am – 2:30pm
Sunday 15 th July	10:45am – 11:15am	11:30am – 2:30pm
Saturday 11 th August	8:45am – 9:15am	9:30am – 12:30pm
Sunday 23 rd September	8:45am – 9:15am	9:30am – 12:30pm
Saturday 27 th October	10:15am – 10:45am	11:00am – 2:00pm
Saturday 10 th November	9:45am – 10:15am	10:30am – 1:30pm
Sunday 9 th December	9:15am – 9:45am	10:00am – 1:00pm

Anglers please do not forget your food and drink. You will need to sustain your energy levels for catching plenty of fish!

For more information please call Alex (07748373012) or Terry (07866514138). Alternatively visit www.dungenessangling.co.uk

Up to date DAA news events, competition and match results

To keep up to date on the latest news, events and competition results go to our new Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/DungenessAngling Association/](https://www.facebook.com/DungenessAnglingAssociation/) and go to the "posts" page.

For information on how to purchase a key and other good things, details can be found on our web site at:

[Http://www.dungenessangling.co.uk/](http://www.dungenessangling.co.uk/)