



MEMBERS NEWS LETTER

Autumn 2014

Chairmans Chat...



of the point towards Camber I believe. Obviously with health and safety as it is these days, no one will be allowed near to where the heavy machinery is working. We have been assured that only a small area of the beach will be closed at any one time and that activities will be in daylight hours only and that access along the EA road will not be an issue.

The second is the granite fronting of the power station in the same form as is found at Dymchurch. We have been told that it will be shingle fronted which is good news as fishing at high tide from the boulders would be if not nigh on impossible, it would be incredibly dangerous. We are fortunate that our current Vice Chairman and former Chairman Tony Hills (of Seagull Tackle) is not only our local Councillor but also sits on a number of relevant committee's so we can rest assured he will be representing the best interests of the Association and Dungeness anglers in general. Any major developments or changes will be reported on our web site.

As to the fishing, "hit and miss" would be the best description for the last 12 months. A hit when the south west wind has blown and the surf encouraging the bass to feed within casting range and also a hit when calm and settled and the sole have fed, the area behind the powerstation all the way to Galloways delivering some great specimens well over 2lb.

We'll that's it from me. Tight lines and stay safe and I hope you get "the lunker" this winter.

**Simon Newman Chairman
Dungeness Angling Association**

Welcome to our 2014 newsletter. It's been a great year for the DAA so far. The clubs new Junior development Committee has done a smashing job initiated a series of "fish in's" for both experienced and novice juniors. The "World Dab Fishing Championships" survived the atrocious winter storms and despite having to be rescheduled, again raised over £4000 for the RNLI. Our regular club matches continue to be very well supported. If you've never fished a competition and are interested in giving it a go, don't hesitate to contact Stephen Harvey our Match Captain and come along and give it a try. They are very friendly informal events and only cost £5 to enter with all the entry fee's being paid out in prize money.

Also positive, is that the "EA Gate" has on the whole been very well behaved although it would be good if it wasn't left open quite so often, especially on weekends it seems!

This year we will also face a couple of new challenges. The first is the resuming of shingle movement from the boats area east of the point. If you fished Dungeness in the 90's you will remember what it is all about. In summary there will be dumper trucks and excavators taking shingle from the boats area for re-distribution west

NEWS IN BRIEF

■ **Den's tackle in Hythe is now a key outlet. Outlets are now Seagull Tackle, Richardsons fishmongers, The Pilot, The Spar on Taylor Road (open 6-30am - 9pm), Micks Tackle (Hythe) and Dens....or buy your own...see the DAA website for details.**

■ **Reduced rate for retired members in 2015: It was agreed at the AGM in March that Senior members (65 and older) will pay a reduced membership of £5 per year.**

■ **Junior members (16 yrs and younger) will receive free membership.**

■ **NEXT AGM: Friday 27th March 2015. Heysham hall, Taylor Road 7.30pm.**

**REMEMBER
to show your
membership
card when
requesting
a key.**

**No card
= No Key!**

Views from the Gate

I am pleased to report that it has on the whole been a good year for the gate.

We have had 2 locks vandalised and as the modus of operation was the same in both incidents, we can safely assume it is only one bad egg. We have also conducted a number of spot checks at the gate this year and fortunately all keyholders were also carrying their membership cards. Slightly more concerning is the number of keys that have gone astray this year. May I remind all members that the key outlets will not issue a key unless you show your membership card,



a policy that from now will be vigorously applied! If you have lost your card, please send a stamped addressed envelope to Malcolm Jones our membership secretary and he will send you a new one (use the DAA postbox address as found on the DAA website). May I also remind members to please make sure the gate is closed behind you.....even if you found it open when you arrived. The Environmental Agency who own the gate have made it a condition of access that the gate is kept closed at all times. Dens tackle in Hythe is now a key distributor, as are the Pilot, Richardsons, Seagull tackle and the Spar in Taylor road (opposite the toilet block on Coast Drive), the Spar being a great new addition, opening 6.30am - 9pm.

Simon Newman Master of the keys.

Shingle Recycling

The reason the DAA was formed was to maintain access for disabled & elderly fishermen to the beach at Dungeness.

When anglers lost access to the Coastguard lookout tower, Phil Tapp (our founder) had a chat with the EA workmen moving the shingle on the borrow pit road to allow our members to park closer to the beach and agreeing with Romney Marsh Countryside Project to help manage and book matches to ease over crowding and so we got the DAA on 'the road'.

The EA have been recycling shingle from the 'borrow pit' since the nineteen sixties. They stopped in 2005 when the planning permission ran out and was not renewed by KCC.

As you might be aware the EA and EDF



reapplied to start moving shingle again, this was agreed earlier in the year by KCC on the basis that movement would be allowed between October to March for the next twelve years.

I have been negotiating with the applicants on behalf of the DAA. The EA has guaranteed me the use of the road while shingle is being moved, the planned operation times are 8 to 4.30 Monday to Friday.

They intend to work in a hundred metre units allowing beach access on the rest. They will construct a compound to 'store' their equipment to keep it safe.

The trucks will be convoyed out with shingle aboard to maintain safety, we will still have access in between.

The start date is in October but it could be later depending on the 'paperwork' being completed as well as the need for shingle. As information becomes available I will inform members via the website and Facebook.

Tony Hills DAA Vice Chairman

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DAA Match update

Hello members, the matches this year have again been very well attended, with an average of 15+ anglers. They have been hard going but this hasn't put the anglers off, mainly in my view because of the 'friendly' nature they are fished in.

June, July and August has seen some of the hardest conditions in recent years, but as I'm writing this the fishing has started to improve. Early reports of codling (in August) along with bass, flounders and larger whiting have started to move inshore which all bodes well for the autumn matches, will the cod turn up?...nobody knows but early indications show they may well do, so its fingers crossed. If you fancy a go at the matches, please don't hesitate to turn up on the dates shown, or contact me for details, hope to see you soon on the beach, in future, tight lines for now.

Steve Harvey DAA match captain.



EVERY MEMBER
IS WELCOME

Result of DAA Match 31st August 2014 - Full Rover 16:00 - 20:00

	Name	Fish	Weight		Heaviest		Points		
			LB	OZ	LB	OZ	Place	HF	Total
1	Gavin Smith	9	6	12			10		12
2	Michael Smith	9	4	0			9		11
3	Cieron Bull	3	3	12 1/2			8		10
4	Alex Veel	10	3	9			7		9
5	Paul Gunner	8	3	1/2			6		8
6	Dave Wood-Bognall	6	2	12 1/2			5		7
7	Nathan Elliott	7	2	12			4		6
8	Mike Richardson	4	2	12	1	10	3	5	10
9	John Allen	6	2	10			2		4
10	Steve Harvey	3	2	0			1		3
10	Colm Brennan	3	2	0			1		3
12	Scott Strudwick	3	1	13 1/2					2
13	Martin Swinyard	3	1	3					2
14	Paul Mortlock	3	0	13 1/2					2
15	Malcolm Jones	1	0	10					2
16	Steve Foster	1	0	7					2
16	Steve Field	1	0	7					2
18	John Smith	1	0	5 1/2					2
19	Tony Hills	1	0	4 1/2					2
20	Ian Harris	0							1
20	Dave Knott	0							1
20	Simon Newman	0							1

Dogfish, sole, whiting, dabs and a codling weighed in. NW breeze backing SW later.

Next Match - Sunday 14th September - Full Rover
Booking in 2:15 pm to 3:00 pm - fish 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

	Name	Points
1	Paul Gunner	130
2	Michael Smith	98
3	Alex Veel	95
4	Dave Wood-Bognall	94
5	Gavin Smith	88
6	John Smith	61
7	Nathan Elliott	58
8	Martin Swinyard	58
9	Colm Brennan	51
10	Steve Field	47
11	Mike Richardson	46
12	Steve Harvey	43
13	Simon Lacey	40
14	Matt Summerfield	37
15	Cieron Bull	34
16	Tony Hills	33
17	Simon Newman	31
18	Paul Jarrett	30
19	Scott Strudwick	20
20	Darren Brooks	18
21	Malcolm Jones	17
22	Joe Loftus	15
23	Graham King	14
24	Greg Dixon	13
25	Steve Foster	12
26	Darren Mills	11
27	Dorian Partidge	10
28	Richard Yates	8
29	Paul Mortlock	6
30	John Bnon	6
31	John Allen	4
32	Mark Parnell	3
33	Terry Carpenter	3
34	Chris Hendry	2
35	Tom Smith	2
35	Jim Kershaw	2
37	Jim McMurray	1
37	John Linton	1
37	John Smussen	1
37	Adnan Watson	1
37	Paul Strudwick	1
37	Mark Cross	1
37	Bob Holdstock	1
37	Dave Quigley	1
37	Ian Harris	1
37	Dave Knott	1

2014 remaining match dates
14th September fish 4 to 8pm
28th September fish 4 to 8pm
5th October fish 4 to 8pm
19th October fish 4 to 8pm
2nd November fish 4 to 8pm
16th November fish 4 to 8pm
7th December 4 to 8pm
Christmas Bonus Match
21 December fish 4 to 8pm
 All the above matches are 'Rovers'
 booking in between 2.15 to 3pm
 on th EA road.



Gavin Smith with the first codling of the season in competition

Tronixpro World Dab Fishing Championships

Sunday 8th Feb 2015 Fishing 11am - 4pm Registration: Dungeness Lifeboat Station from 8am.
Breakfast rolls and Hot Drinks available. BBQ afterwards.

DAA Junior Club



Jim McMurray, in conjunction with Paul Gunner, Alex Whittlesea and Terry Carpenter have inaugurated a DAA Junior Club following the very successful Junior Open held in September 2013.

Membership is free to all 16 years and younger and three matches have already been fished at the Lifeboat Station. As an incentive to try sea fishing 10 sets of rods and reels have been purchased for use by those without any tackle at the present. Also for the first two matches

free bait and rigs were also supplied.

Further matches have been arranged for 12th October and 9th November subject to acceptable weather and conditions forecast. Meet 10-00am – 10-30am in the Pilot Pub car park for all matches.

Any further information can be obtained from Jim on 07890 003472 or Terry on 01797 458242. Regular updates will also be posted on the website Junior page.

Your 2014 Committee

Chairman - Simon Newman

Vice Chairman - Tony Hills

Treasurer & Membership Secretary - Malcolm Jones

Secretary - Geraldine O'Riordan

Match Captain - Steve Harvey

Committee Members

Alan Rudkin Paul Gunner Jim McMurray Terry Carpenter Alex Whittlesea