

# HAVE YOU RENEWED FOR 2008

You can renew your membership, pop in to Seagull Fishing Tackle at Greatstone to renew your membership. The deadline is the 6th of February (the AGM).



*Remember if your membership lapses and if the club has to limit it's membership you will have to join the queue!*

The membership has been held this year again to £5. Of that £2 is 'ring-fenced' for the Romney Marsh Countryside Project to part fund the beach cleaner at Dungeness, this we believe gives fishermen more 'ownership' of the point. Keys to the barrier are available as usual to members from Richardson's Fish Shop (opposite the Pilot) and at Seagull Fishing Tackle Greatstone. **Affiliated Clubs wanting to use the road must for their matches must book through our chairman Phil Tapp to avoid over crowding.**

## Can you help

If you can help run the Club in any way...  
don't be shy give Tony a call on 01797 366837

DUNGENESS ANGLING ASSOCIATION C/O 31 TAYLOR ROAD, LYDD-ON-SEA, ROMNEY MARSH, KENT. TN29 9PA



# NEWS WINTER 2008

# COD ALIVE

Great News for the third year in a row we have had more Cod on the road at Dungeness. Some anglers have had up to 15 Codling during a session. Fish between 2lb and 5lb have been common...wait till next winter with fish between 3lb and 8lb and heading into double figures!

## 2008 AGM

This years AGM will be held on Wednesday the 6th of February at 7.30pm. Location St. Peters Church Hall, (along side the Church) Roberts Road, Greatstone.

**KEYS...We changed the padlocks last May Day, do we change them again this May Day?**

We need your input so please come to the AGM so that we can get your views to help us plan ahead.

## FISHING FORECAST FOR 2008

**Spring:** Dabs should carry on till March, last year we had a run of Plaice around April with school Bass showing in May.

**Summer:** Bass should be around in good numbers and if get decent weather loads of Mackerel Garfish and Scad. The odd Smoothhound could show as well, maybe a Turbot or two chasing the fry.

**Autumn:** Sole have been a bit thin on the ground over the last couple of years but lets hope this year could be better. This year quite a few Red Gurnard were reported. Bigger Whiting should show but in the last few years we have had them all year round. Bass can only get better with bigger fish year on year.

**Winter:** Codling from late autumn on peaking before Christmas but as this year shows we are still catching Codling right through January! After Christmas Sprat Dabs over a 1lb could be caught!

Dogfish can show at anytime but picking up speed in the winter.

Other species available in their season Pouting, Rockling and Eels.

## MATCHES FOR 2008

Sad to say the turn out for the Matches in 2007 were poor. Steve would like to run more Club Matches but it is down to you! If you would like to fish Club Matches let Steve know. If we can get 10 or more members committing to fish some matches I am sure Steve will organise some events. Call Steve on 07971 325457.

## NFSA

The Club supports the NFSA but to affiliate would cost the Club £3 per member (last year membership would equal £1950). We would encourage all members to join the NFSA as Personal Members

## Beach 60% cleaner

Last years increase in the membership fees from £3 to £5 gave us £2 per member, and with 600+ members this generated over £1200 a year to part fund a beach cleaner/warden for Dungeness. This is now in place and Chris Shaw is doing a great job. Reports into me at the shop tell me Dungeness has never been cleaner...well done Chris and his line manager Owen Leyshon of the Romney Marsh Countryside Project for running a tight ship.

**We need help your help! This years match is at risk due to lack of match stewards. So please make yourself known before the AGM if you can help.**

## *For the Seventh year The RNL* **Dungeness Open 2008**

*Fish for the EA cup!*

Steve Field has kindly agreed to run and organise our annual beach open on Dungeness point. The match will take place on Sunday the 9th of March ( fishing from 9.30 to 14.30)

High Tide: 1149 height 7.8 metres

**DONATIONS TO THE DUNGENESS LIFEBOAT  
100% PAYOUT, PENN QUALIFIER  
BONUS PRIZE BEST COD £500**

Entry fee £10 per person. To book contact Steve Field  
on 07971 325457

**DON'T DELAY..... FIRST COME FIRST SERVED THE  
LIMIT IS 75 PLACES**

**PRIZE GIVING TO BE HELD  
AT THE PILOT PUB  
BATTERY ROAD,**

**Clubs...keep it clean !!**

Be warned any Club holding matches using the EA road without booking through Phil or reported for dumping fish on the EA road will find there affiliation to the DAA being withdrawn and there use of the road being stopped. We cannot allow our access for the majority being threatened by a few Clubs.