



February 2021

Dear DAA Member,

We hope that you are keeping well.

As a committee we would like to apologise for the lack of written communication. For those of you who have ever been a part of a club committee, you will know it is not a straightforward job and we as a 'skeletal' committee have had to prioritise tasks, on top of life and a pandemic. Apologies! We aim to be better in the future.

To remind you of who we (The Committee) are:

Chairman, Match captain, Junior vice match captain: Alex Whittlesea
Vice Chairman, Gate keeper, Treasurer: Simon Newman
Membership Secretary: Jackie Addison
Junior and veterans match captain: Terry Carpenter
EDF/RMCP Liaison officer: Tony Hills

All positions will be voted on and we invite anyone wishing to join the committee, to take on an active role, can do so at the next AGM. A date will be announced when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted, when we can all meet. We have plenty that we'd like to achieve as a club and would welcome extra hands!

Fishing & Estate News:

EDF (Dungeness Estate Owners) unfortunately closed the estate during the first wave of the pandemic to control the number of visitors that the estate were seeing and prevent the spread of the virus. At the current time of writing to you, EDF have once again closed the estate. As part of the current lockdown restrictions, we are all advised that we should only fish locally. We as a committee realise that our membership base is not just local anglers, but from much further afield too, including parts of Wales, Scotland, and northern Europe! Therefore, we thank you if you have adhered to the rules. We know that it isn't easy but there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we look forward to seeing you back on the beach at Dungeness.

Fishing wise it has also been another extremely poor winter as far as Cod fishing goes, but there have been plenty of other fish, ready and willing to munch the bait.

For those anglers lucky enough to live locally to the surrounding beaches of Dungeness, we now seem to have a healthy population of Thornback Rays. Sometimes these have been caught in large numbers, with a good few anglers managing ten or more in a single session! Whiting and dogfish have been about in abundance and now as we head into the new year, we are seeing good numbers of Dabs being caught. Yet another positive has been the Plaice fishing, their arrival locally is generally expected in March, so now is the time to tie up a few rigs with a few beads and sequins to attract a spotty or two for when the estate is open, and we are allowed to cast a line!

Membership:

Considering the estate closure's, we at the DAA have decided that the current 2020/21 membership will be extended for a year. If you are a current 2020/21 member your membership will automatically continue for free until 31st March 2022. You do not need to do anything! We just ask that you continue to keep displaying your 2020/21 roundel when fishing at Dungeness.

If you are a 2020/21 member and have lost your membership card and/or your roundel, you can ONLY obtain a new one by sending a SAE to:

Dungeness Angling Association
Almarina
Taylor Road
Lydd on Sea
Kent TN29 9PA

Membership outlets WILL NOT be reissuing lost cards or roundels.

Anyone wishing to join the club who did not have membership for 2020/21, can still purchase membership and a gate key if they wish in the normal way.

This also means that there will be no gate change on 1st April 2021. Your 2020/21 key will continue to work, and you do not need to purchase a new one!

Match News:

DAA Juniors

When they could meet, the juniors had some good fishing at Littlestone wall with a variety of fish being caught. Mainly Whiting but Bass and a Dover Sole also made an appearance! Out of the three matches they managed to fish, Maaleah was top angler catching 7 fish for a combined total length of 179 cm!

DAA Veterans League

A very much shortened season for the vets with most matches cancelled. Top of their league table was John Smith. Congratulations John! Three years in a row!!!

DAA Members League

Again, many of the matches had to be cancelled but a consistent run of form for myself saw me take the title for the first time, so, er, congratulations to me!

No Junior, Veteran or Members matches will take place till Kent is in Tier 1 and Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. At present no dates have been issued for any matches. Please keep an eye on our official Facebook page for updates. It is an open page, so you do not need to be 'on' Facebook to view it.

We wish you all well, stay safe and tight lines!

The Dungeness Angling Association Committee

P.S. If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us:

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