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Editor's Bit

Here we go another year and lots of sunshine for once (okay as I write this the bad weather has set in again). Last year I gave two new cups to the club; these were to be presented to the club member who managed to capture the most species throughout the year from shore or boat, in or out of competition anywhere within the United Kingdom. Well to say I was a little disappointed with the entries is an understatement; I had two seniors enter and NO juniors (there are two trophies one each for senior and junior). I have been told that many people did not know about these trophies. The form and rules to these trophies are contained within your membership pack that you receive each year when you join the club. Also if you do fill out the form please do send it in even if you think/know someone has beaten you as I am trying to compile information about the time of year fish appear and where. Also if you do catch a fish from the boat can you put a B beside it; thanks.

Now another moan about members not reading their packs properly. Some members have asked how to get into contact with certain committee members i.e. boat sec, shore sec, junior sec and so on, well surprise surprise all these contact numbers are on the back of your membership card. As well as the website and forum we now have a presence on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=78327636719#!/group.php?gid=78327636719>

Quarterly Draw Winners

1st J Hunt

2nd G Reed

3rd J Peters



IT WAS YOU

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive your quarterly newsletter via email, please email me at richardbridport@hotmail.com or via the contact page on the website.

SHORE REPORT

Thursday night matches in January fished very well with a few dogfish and pout hanging around, Lyn Mudford fished the match on 27th January at Burton Bradstock and caught a fine codling 3.5lb, but PJ Wheeler found four dogfish and pout in front of the car park to take top honours, Lyn came second and collected the heaviest fish pool. In February we stayed to the west to fish Seatown and Eype, these rocky areas will always hold a few species, even the weather held good, attendance stayed around the 20 mark.

March 20th we fished Lyme Regis, Frances Kitchin won the match with a good catch of pout and rockling and the only dogfish of the night, to collect first and heaviest fish pool, well done Frances.

Andy Neal Rovers have been well supported for a difficult time of year; the weigh-ins have been close, with just a few grams making a difference. Sunday daytime match on 6th February at West Bexington was cancelled due to bad weather, but on March 20th at Cogden 21 members and three guests turned up to catch plaice and dabs, which all week had been caught in large numbers, but as usual we were too late, 5 small plaice, 2 rockling and 1 flounder were caught. Mark Kershaw came first with his flounder 290 g.

On January 23rd the Poole rover was fished by 24 members on a fine sunny day, but as usual flounders were scarce, but Hugh Rathbone weighed in with a flounder of 570 g caught at Rocky Park to take the honours. Well done to Lea Windsor who caught a 1 kg 500 g plaice at West Bexington on

13th March. Hopefully soon we will see a few mackerel return with the bass following behind.

Good Fishing

Simon Bowditch

FISH RECORDER

As I write the sun is shining the sea has been calm and the fish have been biting, plaice arrived early this year with some members catching them in January. Also dabs, dogs, and the odd cod, ray, whiting etc, one of our members has told me he has already caught 15 species.

This brings me onto Tiny and his species trophy as it is beginning to create considerable interest with a number of members who are targeting species, enhancing their pleasure fishing experience.

There are two annual trophies one each for senior and junior, full details are on the form you received with your 2011 club starter pack.

Go on; see how many species you can catch in a full year.

SPECIES & HANDICAP LEAGUES. Top 5 prize positions as at end of February. (To qualify fish 10 matches)

SPECIES LEAGUE	Points	HANDICAP LEAGUE	
P J Wheeler	28	K Woods	52
H Rathbone	26	J Coombs	51

O Mears	25	H Rathbone	47
A Cullingford	23	T Colls	43
P House	19	S Fowles	42

None of the above are qualified

Sea Angler Penn Clubman League

2010/11 final result (finished 28th February)

WBSAC A Team 62 points

WBSAC B Team 70 points

I have entered two teams to compete from 1st May 2011 to end of February 2012, these have been chosen on merit; taking into account the number of times members fished Thursday matches, and the number of points scored during 2010/11.

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A Team	B Team
P J Wheeler	S Bowditch
A Cullingford	D Cornick
O Mears	H Rathbone
P Maggs	S Harwood

Reserve P House Reserve C Harwood

My fish of the Quarter goes to O Mears (yes he is at it again) for his 770gm 113.23% specimen whiting the only specimen registered so far this year.

Full details of current leaders for all cups trophies etc, are displayed on the CLUB WEB SITE and in the notice board at the ANGLING CENTRE. West Bay.

Regards, good luck and very tight lines.

Dave Cornick

BOAT REPORT

The boat fishing season was kicked off with a very enthusiastic start with 19 Anglers signing on for the first match on the 17th of May. This included some new members from as far away as Swindon which was great to see.

The match was fished in perfect conditions with sun and light winds all the way. The fishing was steady for this time of year with the usual West Bay bits and pieces being caught. Among these were a couple of cod, congers and a few plaice which is a good sign for the months ahead.

Robert Stevenson took the honours on the day with the heaviest bag, his father Graham had the most species with 7 and yours truly had the best fish with a dogfish.

Many anglers weighed and returned their fish on the boat which helped to speed up the weigh in on shore and more importantly do their bit for conservation. We hope to have more anglers/skippers of boats with a set of certified scales so all anglers can do this on match days. If you would like to get your scales certified please contact myself or Hoot who will be pleased to organise this for you.

all the Best

James Barr

PRESENTATION DINNER

The club's annual presentation dinner took place on March 5th, once again the event was held at Highlands End Eype, sixty one members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal and danced the night away.



Chair Rod Barr opened the proceedings by thanking Hoot, Tiny, James, Lisa and Simon for all their work towards the evening and Highlands End & the staff for the wonderful meal. Rod then announced that Connor Hallett had been chosen to represent England in Northern Ireland later this year as a member of the Junior Shore fishing Team.

Rod then called each recipient up in turn to collect their awards from the club's President Fred. This year the member who won the most awards was Oliver Mears who fished his last year as a junior in , he will now move up into the senior section, but I am sure he will once again give them a run for their money. 2010 saw three new trophies added to the list, the first was the Stephenson Trophy, this was presented to the club by Graham Stephenson to be awarded annually to the member catching the heaviest bass from a boat. This year's winner was Graham Stephenson himself, he did feel a little

embarrassed by winning his own trophy but he well deserved it as he caught a fine bass of 2 kg 805 g. The other new trophies were the Species Trophy (one for the seniors and one for the juniors) this was presented to the club by Richard "Tiny" Daw, and is presented annually to the member catching the most species anywhere within the United Kingdom from shore or boat, the senior winner Phil Maggs who caught 42 different species. There was no junior winner as none entered this year.

When it came to the Clubman Shield, which is presented to the member who has attended club events throughout the year, the committee decided the recipient should be Steve Harwood. Next Rod handed the floor over to President Fred Bowditch so that he could hand out the President Cup, this cup is presented to the member who has worked hard for the club or promotion of the club, the recipient is chosen by the President of the club. Once again it was a difficult decision for Fred as there were at least three worthy recipients for the trophy, these included Steve Harwood, Adam Cullingford & Rod Barr. Chose Rod Barr as the recipient for the trophy, for all his hard work previously as Boat Secretary and now as chair and in organizing the crabbing competition in aid of the RNLI.



Rod Barr being presented the President Cup by Fred Bowditch, Club President.

JUNIOR REPORT

It's that time of year again, the Junior Season is upon us yet again. The Fred Tolley Memorial match and first match of the year took place on 16th April. This year the match was complicated by the fact that it was also the postponed last match of 2010 (the last of the Jurassic League had to be called off due to snow and ice) so we headed off to the Salthouse afterwards to present the prizes that should have been given out at Christmas time. The result from this match was added to last year's league and prizes were awarded accordingly. Because Ollie Mears is now a senior it was considered unfair not to allow him to fish as he would not be able to complete the Jurassic League and indeed the last match of his junior career. With this in mind the committee gave him special dispensation to fish this as a one-off. Obviously new members fishing would not have had weights from last year but still won a prize for taking part. Whilst on the subject of the Jurassic league, I thought I should report on the Junior v Parents match that took place on 20th November: the match was well attended with nine juniors and twenty two seniors signing on. Twenty three weighed in and it looked as if P.J. was going to clinch it but he was knocked into second place in the final minutes when Andy Preston landed a nice legal flounder of 358g; congratulations Andy. Top junior on the day was Kyle Napier who was fourth overall with Craig Horton taking third spot. The juniors were certainly hammered by the seniors this time as they took the top three slots; the next best junior was Adam Chudley who placed tenth overall (you could argue the juniors were considerably outnumbered though!).

Back to the first match and the weather was kind to us with a good turnout of eleven juniors on the day; eight weighed in with predominantly flounders being caught. The match was won by Ollie Mears with new member Aaron Hughes second, and Jake Preston third. The Jurassic league itself was in fact won by Adam Chudley but sadly Adam has not joined this year and was not present so the trophy could not be presented. Adam had accumulated a very healthy lead in the autumn (with a total weight of 2482g) and could not be caught by Ollie who attained 1313g total for second place after the April match with Elliot Joy taking third spot with 485g; so well done to Adam.

We had a great prize table this year, thanks mainly to Tiny's generous donations with additional prizes donated by Cliff Rooney, John Coombes and a chap

whose name I have lost (sorry), many thanks to these sponsors. I have already started collecting prizes for the end of this year (thanks P.J.) so if any of you have anything surplus to requirements that might be suitable, big or small, then please let me know. Finally, I must make a big thank you to Hilary who provided great hampers for the top three winners, supplied drinks and nibbles for afterwards and set up the Salhouse ready for the presentation. A big thank you also goes to Andrea Joy for transporting prizes and food and for taking on table and kitchen duties.

Next some good news: as most of you know, Connor Hallett was on the England squad last year but this year he has made it on to the team! Congratulations to Connor who will be fishing in Ireland this year as part of the Home International Team. Unfortunately this is a costly affair so Connor is raising funds by doing a sponsored cycle ride at the leisure centre; anyone who wishes to support him can get the details at the Angling Centre or on the club's website. (Connor has probably completed this by the time of reading).



Connor doing his sponsored ride.

Everything is in place for the Junior Matches. We have permission from the council, usual rules apply. I have some good news regarding our sponsorship: the new owner of the Watchouse Cafe, Jan, has agreed to carry on sponsoring us with a child's meal up for grabs for the winner of each match. We are also to carry on with the food run, with prices again subsidised by Jan, many thanks. Next match is 28th May, hope to see you all there.

Cheers,
Hoot.

CHESIL CHAMPS

The 39th annual West Bay Sea Angling Club Chesil Champs took place on Sunday 3rd April. Eighty seven competitors signed on at Freshwater Beach Holiday Park to fish, the anglers were allowed to fish anywhere between the Jurassic pier West Bay to the Flag Pole West Bexington. Although Freshwater beach is normally private, it was opened up for this competition with quite a few of the competitors deciding to fish the beach. The day started sunny with an easterly wind, but later on the wind veered round to the south west 3 - 4, luckily the rain held off to just after the weigh-in.

Out of the eighty seven competitors, twenty seven managed to catch some weighable fish, with many of the fish coming from Freshwater, Cogden & West Bexington beach. The fish were mainly dogfish, flounder, plaice, rockling & wrasse, competitor managed to catch a small eyed ray of 1 kg 195 g which was the best fish on the day.

The overall winner of the competition was Mark Ayles from Weymouth with a weight of 1 kg 855 g, just beating Malcolm Stote by 45 g. Mark's catch was made up of one dogfish and a small eyed ray. Mark also won the optional super pool which this year was worth £320. The top lady had to be drawn out of the hat as none of them caught weighable fish, the winner was Amber Wren. Top junior was Jake Preston with rockling. The prize table went down as far as 20th position.

1st: Mark Ayles 1 kg 855 g small eyed ray and dogfish.

2nd: Malcolm Stote 1 kg 810 g 2 dogfish.

3rd: Dave Chidzoy 1 kg 760 g 2 dogfish & 2 plaice.

Top Lady: Amber Wren (drawn out of hat).

Top Junior: Jake Preston rockling.

Heaviest Flat Fish: N Nidd flounder 440 g

Heaviest Round Fish: Mark Ayles small eyed ray 1 kg 195 g

Super Pool: Mark Ayles £320 payout.



West Bay Sea Angling Club would like to thank Freshwater Beach Holiday Park for the use of their venue and beach, The Angling Centre West Bay for donating the rod and reel and the competitors for taking part.

