GLAMORGAN ANGLERS CLUB LTD

SPRING/SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

AGM – Thursday 21st May 2026. 7pm start at the National Sports Centre for Wales, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff.

As we move into Spring it's always an exciting time for Anglers, as we look forward to another warm weather spell and lighter mornings and evenings. As usual our Bailiff Team have been working on waters where needed and making sure that they are kept clean and tidy. Our river Anglers who have joined as full members will enjoy the still waters until the "Glorious 16th of June" when the rivers re-open to coarse anglers. Unfortunately over the late autumn and winter we have seen some heavy rainfall and constant high river levels which have impeded getting onto the rivers, but lets hope the levels will be good for the coming season. The river Taff has had a huge number of coarse fish stocked over the past past few years from below Radyr weir all the way to Gabalfa. Immature Barbel and Chub have been stocked along our stretches in the Thousands and well over 100,000 Roach and a few thousand Bream have been stocked, with the Bream introduced above Llandaff weir. The River Ely has also had a considerable stock of Barbel, Chub and Roach from St Georges down to St Fagans rail crossing. It would be very helpful if members who fish these stretches let us know your catches, you don't have to say exactly where, just a general location.

Good Barbel and chub fishing on our stretch of the Wye and during the Autumn and winter some good Pike have been landed. We have had no reports from the river Trothy at Mitcheltroy.

Our still waters have fished reasonably well and have provided some good sport throughout the autumn and winter.

Llantrythid has had a good stock of Tench, Crucians and Bream and should produce some good bags as the weather warms. Some good bags on feeder tactics and a few decent size carp have been landed.

Treoes pond as usual has fished well during the colder months with some good bags of silvers and during the winter months some excellent Pike Fishing. Carp have been regularly caught with some good double figure fish to the Carp anglers.

Barry ponds as ever is popular with our members and has given good sport when the water warmed slightly. Sues Pond has a good head of large carp, along with some specimen size Bream. Carols Pond has a more mixed species with Barbel, carp, bream, Roach, rudd and tench to target. Unfortunately surface fishing is not permitted on these waters. If you park at Dow car park to access Carols pond, please ensure you leave the car park by 7pm as Dow lock the access gates and your car will be locked in, so if you want to fish late, please park in Sues pond car park which does not have the 7pm restriction.

Pyscodlin Mawr pond has been a little quiet over the colder months, but as the temperatures increased over the past weeks, sport has started to pick up and some decent size Carp and Tench have been landed. Grass carp have also started showing which is a sign that spring is definitely here at last.

St Y Nyll top pond has mainly been a Pike venue through the winter, but as the temperatures increased the Tench have woken up, with some good bags reported. Please be aware that the Pond closes on 31st March and will re-open 1st June, when Tench will be the main target species that members will try hard to catch. New members please note that the bottom pond is out of bounds to Fishing and there are no Carp in the top pond. You must not access the trackway to the ponds before 7am and you must be off the water by dark. Please be quiet when going through the gate next to the house, especially in the mornings.

Seven Oaks is mainly a Carp venue and can provide good sport on medium size fish. We have been advised that there are some decent size roach in the ponds but reports are few and far between. There is a Closed sign on the gate but your club key will give you access to the gate and please ensure that you use the car park and no vehicle access beyond the gate in front of the bungalow.

Groes Faen (Bishops Pond) will be open again to members from 1st April and our head bailiff and some of his team have repaired the pegs and walkway across the bridge. Thanks to the club members who turned out on the recent work party to clear the paths and walkways. If when on this water you are confronted by the farmer, please just be polite and ignore him. If he does get confrontational, call the head bailiff and report the incident. Please also ensure you close all the gates entering or leaving the venue.

Cardiff Bay does offer some excellent fishing for those who give the venue time and effort. It's a case of finding the fish, but once you find them, results can be exceptional.

As always the Club has been investigating the possibility of acquiring either a lease or sale on new waters. Earlier in the year we investigated a new stretch of the Wye, but unfortunately it was not a stretch that we could get more than two or three members on due to most of the stretch being very shallow and fast water.

Roath Park is still ongoing and we are just waiting for Cardiff council to agree the final version of a lease, which although imminent, does seem to take forever to complete. We will advise as soon as we have an update.

We have also been looking at a couple of possible venues and we hope that we may be in a position to make an announcement at the AGM.

If any member knows of or hears about a possible venue, please let us know and we will investigate it.

Secretaries Report – Adrian Corrigan

Firstly I would like to welcome all new members that have joined Glamorgan anglers this season and members who have re-joined you are very welcome. I urge all members new and old to please read the club rules and follow them, GAC have a dedicated bailiff team headed By Brian Dickman who does an amazing job for the club. You will be stopped at some point and asked to produce your club license and have your fishing equipment checked which may include being asked to reel in your rods so the bailiff can check your end rig and hook sizes, Please be patient with the club bailiffs they are only doing their job for the club. The NRW work at Pysgodlyn Mawr has been completed and that area of the pond should now return to normal given time. The NRW have now given GAC permission to remove the excessive growth of water lilies from the pond this will be done later in the season by a specialized contractor. The same contractor has again this year been removing reeds from the swims at both the Barry ponds this will continue until we have the reeds under control. The Otter fence at Llantrittyd has been a big success with no evidence of otter activity on the banks and the pond has had a further stocking of 100 1lb+ Tench and 1500 Crucian carp. A big thank you from the committee must go to Richard Turner GAC chairman for negotiating access to Bishops pool as we have not had access for a few years we are unsure of the current level of fish stock in the pond, thank you to all the members who turned up for the work party at bishops it is greatly appreciated by the club. Work has now been done on the paths and pegs at bishops and it will reopen to members on the 1st of April, however there is still an issue with a farmer who owns the adjacent land if any member is approached by this man please try to not respond to him and report it to the head bailiff asap. Finaly from me the GAC AGM will be held at the national sports centre Sophia gardens on 21/05/26 at 19.00 if you have any question or points to raise at the AGM you can either turn up on the night or email myself at secretary@glamorgananglersclub.co.uk Tight lines to you all.

Junior Angling – Matt Clarke

We are delighted to welcome all junior anglers, both new and returning, to get involved in our upcoming programme of fishing competitions and events. Bringing young anglers into the club and supporting their enjoyment and development in the sport continues to be a real focus for us.

Over the coming months, we have a range of sessions planned, including competitions, different fishing methods sessions, and some exciting new activities. These events are designed to be fun, relaxed, and suitable for all abilities, whether you are picking up a rod for the first time or looking to improve your skills.

All event dates and further details can be found on the club website. If you would like more information or would like to take part, please contact the Matth Clarke, the Junior Secretary via the email address listed on the website or by phone on 07794 532111.

Our first event will be held at Treoes Pond this Saturday(28/03/26). The peg draw will take place at 12:00 noon, with fishing from 1:00pm through to 4:00pm. We look forward to seeing plenty of juniors there and getting the season off to a great start.

Many thanks,
Matt Clarke.

Membership Secretary – Paul Addecott

Firstly, many thanks to everyone who has either renewed or are new members for supporting our club. I appreciate that Clubmate is not easy for many of you to use, but for the club overall, it has helped the club immensely in issuing over 1100 membership cards every year, which is unachievable if it was done manually.

We are working with Clubmate and it is envisaged that from next years renewals there may be the opportunity to move to digital memberships, for which the trials are in progress. It will mean that members would need to install a new app on their phones, but we do know that not everyone is tech savvy, so we will look at giving an option to continue receiving a physical card when renewing.

At the time of writing this update, the Night Fishing Group is full and there is a waiting list. If you wish to be added to the waiting list, please use the Clubmate Comms to apply.

Finally, please, please, please only contact me either by phone, email or Clubmate comms, I will no longer answer whatsapp or Text messages and I do not monitor Facebook.

Could I please ask that if you do call me, do not call before 6pm.

Head Bailiff Report – Brian Dickman

As always I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank the Bailiffs on my team for their ongoing support. My team are out and about in all weathers checking our waters and ensuring that its only club members that are fishing our waters. Thanks to the team who look after our Wye stretch and keep access to the pegs clear. We now have a lady who has just joined the team, so welcome to Rhian, I am sure you will see her around the waters.

I have spent a few days at Groes Faen ensuring the pegs are safe to use and have repaired the walkway on the bridge. As you can imagine, the platforms have been unused for a few years so were in a grim state.

We have had a few issues at Barry ponds of late with a group of youngsters climbing the fence and poaching the ponds and leaving a mess on the pegs they use. If you see them turning up, usually in the evening either call me immediately and I will get some of my team to turn up and deal with them or if you are not on your own and are happy to do so, see them off then pond. Also with Barry ponds could you please ensure that you shut and lock the gates behind you whenever entering or leaving the site.

I have added the current club rules to this newsletter, would you please read them before your next fishing trip, as it is important that everyone abides by them when on our waters.

Glamorgan Anglers Club Rules

Revised 15 November 2025

1. Club permits

a) Membership is from 1 April to 31 March inclusive each year.

b) All members must be in possession of a valid Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Rod Licence and club permit before starting to fish.

c) Club members must carry their plastic membership card while fishing and produce the card when requested by a Club Bailiff, NRW Bailiff or another club member. Any person unable to produce their membership card will be asked to immediately leave club waters.

d) Senior members are expected to check the permits of other people fishing club waters, when possible. If you're unable to check someone who you believe is not a member, or who appears to be breaching club rules, please telephone the Head Bailiff.

e) Members must follow all NRW angling byelaws.

f) No member shall lend or transfer their club permit or access key to another person, on penalty of expulsion from the club.

g) Anyone suspended or banned from GAC, or any other Angling Club, is not allowed on our waters for any reason.

2. Fishing season

a) Our still waters are open all year round, with the exception of Sant-y-Nyll which is closed between 1 April to 31 May inclusive.

b) The Coarse fishing season on rivers is from 16 June to 14 March inclusive.

c) The Game fishing season on the River Taff and Wye runs from 3 March to 30 September inclusive.

d) The Pike fishing season runs from 1 October to 30 March inclusive, or to 14 March on rivers.

e) Fly-fishing for grayling and brown trout is permissible on a club coarse permit during the river closed season, but all fish must be returned immediately.

f) The Head Bailiff or the committee may close waters at their discretion with an emergency bylaw, if needed.

3. Personal conduct

a) Members must respect the environment and wildlife at all times.

b) Leaving tackle unattended with bait, or hook, in the water is prohibited. You need to be within 3m of your tackle, with your rods no further than 3m apart. All rods and fishing tackle must remain within the same peg or swim.

c) Members must remain within the boundaries of club waters and must not trespass.

d) Members must not interfere with the flow, in or out of any club water, or any device that controls such flow, without the committee's permission.

e) Boats are banned on all club waters, except for authorised work. The sailing of any model or remote controlled craft, including bait boats is prohibited on all club waters.

f) Fishing is permitted from the bank only. Members can wade in rivers at their own risk and must take care when doing so.

g) The use of night or dead-lines is strictly prohibited and anyone caught setting them will be prosecuted.

h) Swimming, camping or caravanning are all prohibited on all club waters.

i) No member shall carry a firearm or airgun on club waters without the committee's permission.

j) Uncooperative, aggressive or abusive behaviour towards other members, the general public or officials will not be tolerated. Disciplinary measures will be taken. Members should report such behaviour and obtain witnesses, if possible, if they are threatened in any way.

k) Any member who is fishing under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave immediately, and may be subject to disciplinary action. A bailiff's interpretation of this condition is final.

l) No member is to carry an offensive weapon on club waters.

m) No members are allowed to have dogs, or any other animal, to accompany them whilst fishing club waters.

n) The pruning or cutting of trees or undergrowth is prohibited, unless sanctioned by the committee.

o) The lighting of fires without the permission of the committee is strictly prohibited.

p) Radios and Televisions are prohibited without the use of headphones or an earpiece.

q) If a Club Bailiff asks to inspect your fishing rig, you must reel in and allow inspection.

r) Two or more people fishing on a Husband and Wife Permit (ie Husband/Wife & child under 12) are allowed a maximum of three rods in total. They should limit themselves to one swim, if the fishery is crowded.

s) Only club members are allowed on club waters and no child under the age of 7 is allowed on any club water, even if accompanied by an adult.

t) Only one child under 12 years of age can accompany a senior member. The senior member must accompany the child at all times. The youngster must fish in the same swim as the senior member and is limited to the use of one rod only. Youngsters must not wander unsupervised.

u) Juniors aged between 12 to 16 must have a club junior permit and a junior NRW rod licence.

v) Designated disabled access pegs can be used by all members. You must move off the peg if a disabled angler requires it and there are no other disabled access pegs available. A member may be asked to move by a Club Bailiff.

w) Do not cause any damage to fishing platforms and don't push bank sticks between the planks or screw in stage stands.

x) Members are only allowed on the waters 1 hour before sunrise and must be off the water 1 hour after sunset. Sunrise and Sunset times are published in most daily newspapers and online.

y) Fishing the River Taff between the weirs and the downstream markers is strictly prohibited.

4. When entering and leaving our waters

a) Members must keep disturbance and noise to a minimum at all times, especially near local residents. Please turn your car radio off when approaching club gates.

b) When parking you must be considerate of others and not restrict other parking spaces, access roads and gates.

c) Members must immediately shut and lock gates behind them when entering or leaving a club water to safeguard property, crops and livestock.

5. Fishing tackle

a) Lead weights below 25gms are prohibited unless they are an integral part of a swim feeder.

b) Number 8 lead split shot or smaller may be used. All split shot above this size must be lead free.

c) Only barbless hooks are to be used on all still waters. Micro barbed hooks may be used on rivers.

d) Only single hook rigs are to be used, with the exception of two hook pike snap tackle.

e) The largest hook size to be used on club stillwaters is size 10 as stated on the hook packet.

f) Be very careful when using unsheathed braid as a hook link, this can cut the mouths and flanks of fish. Only use softer hook link braids. Do not strip sheathed braid unless you're sure it is of a softer type (If unsure, ask your tackle dealer).

g) The use of a portable stove is strictly prohibited at Pysgodlyn Mawr, Sant-y-Nyll, Carol's pond and Sue's pond. They can be used on our other waters by senior members only. Please be extra careful when using stoves in dry conditions.

h) Members may fish with a maximum of two rods.

i) Pole anglers can only use a single pole, they cannot fish with another rod at the same time.

6. Fish care and safety

a) It is the responsibility of every member to ensure the welfare of any fish caught and to use appropriate tackle for the fish they intend to catch. Our bailiffs' interpretation is final.

b) All fixed lead and fixed feeder rigs are prohibited. If the hook link does not easily detach from the weight or feeder, then the rig is unacceptable and the Bailiff's decision is final.

c) All members must possess and use a suitable landing net with a minimum of 22" (56 cm) in diameter or along the shortest arm. When fishing for pike or carp the net must be a minimum of 36" (91 cm), and for barbel it must be a minimum of 30" (76 cm).

d) All members must possess and use suitable hook disgorgers.

e) When fishing for carp, pike or barbel, members must possess and use suitable forceps for hook removal.

f) Members must possess and use a suitable unhooking mat or cradle of an adequate size to ensure fish safety. The minimum size of unhooking mat allowed must be 75cm by 35cm and 2cm thick.

g) If you are found fishing without a suitable landing net, hook removal tools or unhooking mat, you will be asked to immediately leave the water.

h) The use of keep nets or carp sacks is not allowed. Using these will be considered as an attempt to steal fish and the offender dealt with accordingly.

i) The use of a gaff and pike gags is strictly prohibited.

j) The transfer of any species of fish to, or from, any water (owned by the club or otherwise) is strictly prohibited, unless authorised by, and conducted under the supervision of, Club Officials and with NRW approval.

k) No member shall remove any coarse fish, dead or alive, from any club water unless authorised by the Committee or Head Bailiff.

l) You must wet your hands before handling fish and not use towels or cloths to hold fish, whether wet or dry.

m) All fish should be returned to the water as soon as possible (with the exception of catfish at Pyscodlyn Mawr).

7. Litter

a) All members are responsible for any litter in their swim, regardless of who left it there. Take a bag with you, inspect your swim when you arrive and remove any litter, tackle and line. At the end of your

session check that you have not left any litter, this includes cigarette ends. Any member found leaving litter will face expulsion from the club.

b) Any bait supplied in cans or tins, such as sweetcorn, meat or hemp, must be emptied into a bait box. The empty tin or can must be kept in your tackle bag and taken with you when you leave.

c) All broken off tackle, including line and hooks, must be retrieved whenever possible and disposed of properly.

8. Night Fishing Group (NFG)

a) Night Fishing Group (NFG) members are allowed to fish at night at Pysgodlyn Mawr, Treoes, Llantrithyd, Sue's pond and Carol's pond.

b) When night fishing at Sue's and Carol's ponds you must use the Wimbourne Road entrance and park in Sue's pond car park. This car park is locked at 7pm.

c) NFG members may use 3 rods between 1 hour after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise. They must have a NRW three rod licence.

d) Only NFG members are permitted to accompany another NFG member between 1 hour after sunset and 1 hour before sunrise.

e) Night fishing is not permitted on any stretches of river leased or owned by the Club.

9. Pike and Perch fishing

a) Pike fishing is only permitted at Sant-y-Nyll top pond, Treoes pond, Sue's pond between 1 October to 30 March inclusive. Pike fishing is permitted between 1 October to 14 March inclusive on the rivers and is permitted all year round in Cardiff Bay.

b) Pike snap tackle must use semi-barbless hooks only. Crushed down barbs are not acceptable on treble hooks.

c) Where lure fishing is permitted, the barbs on lure hooks must be crushed down to minimise fish damage.

d) The use of live fish as bait is strictly prohibited.

e) No lure fishing of any kind is allowed on Treoes Pond, this includes fly fishing, drop shotting, and sink and draw.

f) Wire traces must be used for all predator and lure fishing, this includes drop shotting, where allowed.

g) Predator fly fishing is only permitted in Cardiff Bay and wire traces must be used.

h) Dead baits must be blast frozen.

i) For additional pike fishing tackle requirements, refer to section 6.

10. Game Fishing

a) Members must possess a GAC game permit and an NRW game rod licence to fish for salmon and sea trout.

b) The salmon and sea trout seasons are set and advertised by the NRW and must be adhered to.

c) Foul hooked trout must be returned to the water immediately.

d) All salmon, sea trout and brown trout must be returned to the water unharmed.

e) Spinning on the River Taff is only permitted with a club game permit.

11. Special rules applying to Sant-y-Nyll.

a) No one under 12 is allowed anywhere around the lake, even when accompanied by a senior member. This is due to the danger of deep water and silt by the walkways.

b) A junior club member between 12 to 16 years is only allowed to fish if accompanied by a senior member and they must fish the same swim.

c) Do not pass through the gates before 7am and you must leave before 1 hour after sunset.

d) No stoves or fires.

e) No night fishing.

12. Special rules applying to Llantrithyd.

a) Immediately close and lock all gates behind you and beware of livestock on the track.

b) A maximum speed of 5mph on all tracks down to the lake.

c) Park in the designated area only.

d) No bivvies or day shelters allowed on the grass to the left of the path on the car park bank.

13. Special rules applying to Pysgodlyn Mawr.

a) No lure fishing of any kind, this includes fly fishing, drop shotting, and sink and draw.

b) Any catfish landed must be removed and humanely killed.

c) No stoves or fires.

14. Special Rules applying Carol's Pond and Sue's Pond, Cadoxton.

a) Only GAC members are allowed to fish the lakes and there are no guests or visitor tickets.

b) Dow Corning, who are the owners of both ponds, requires that all Junior club members under 16 must be accompanied by an adult club member at all times.

c) Fishing is only allowed from the marked swims.

d) No person should attempt to fish from the reed beds or conservation areas, or disturb wildlife.

e) If two fishing rods are used, you must use a free spool or baitrunner runner reel on each rod. This includes reels on float rods.

f) A maximum of 3kg of ground bait may be used on any one day, and this includes all particles, pellets and maggots.

g) No fish are to be transferred from one lake to the other.

h) The Dow Corning South Gate car park (nearest Carol's pond) is open from 7am to 7pm. The club will not be held responsible for vehicles locked in this car park after 7pm. When parking in the South Gate car park, all members must display their mobile phone number on their dashboard in case Dow Corning security needs to call them.

i) Parking for Sue's pond is through the gate on Wimborne Road, just before the left hand turn into the Dow Corning works.

j) Alcohol is not permitted on any part of Dow Corning land and this includes our lakes.

k) No fires or stoves.

l) Members must obey any instructions from Dow Corning officials and Site Security.

m) The klaxon is tested at 3pm on Mondays. No action needs to be taken at this time unless the klaxon sounds for longer than 3 blasts.

n) If the klaxon sounds with a long tone for three 3 seconds on, and then 3 seconds off, for five minutes, there is a major incident at the Dow Corning works.

If fishing on Carol's pond which is nearest the Dow Corning works, you must vacate the land as quickly as possible and take shelter, preferably inside a fixed structure. Do not wait to pack up your fishing tackle. Walk quickly to the Eco Centre to take shelter.

If fishing on Sue's pond, you must walk to the car park, open the gate and get in your car and drive to a safe area. Do not wait to pack up your fishing tackle. If you are stuck in your car or on the lake in a dangerous position, contact Dow Corning security on 01446 732350.

The 'all clear' notification will be a long continuous sound on the klaxon.

15. Special rules applying to Seven Oaks fishery

15.1. Personal conduct

a) Only full Coarse members of Glamorgan Anglers Club Ltd are permitted, not Taff only members.
b) Members must not visit the fishery before Sunrise and you must leave before Sunset.
c) No night fishing is permitted and no one is allowed at the fishery between Sunset and Sunrise.

d) Fishing from marked pegs only.
e) The walkways between the two lakes are **strictly out of bounds** for safety reasons.
f) Strictly no drugs or alcohol are allowed on site.

15.2. Conduct when entering, parking and leaving Seven Oaks

a) Please make sure you lock all the gates on entry and exit, including the gate by the bungalow.
b) Parking is only permitted in the assigned parking areas and no vehicles are to be driven beyond them.
c) There are 13 parking spaces on the left hand side of the track. Please park diagonally in a herringbone pattern with your bonnet facing the hedge. There are 3 additional parking spaces on the right hand side of the track, opposite the barn and bungalow.
d) Parking is limited to 16 vehicles. Once the car parks are full there is no alternative parking and you must leave the fishery.
e) All buildings on site are strictly out of bounds.
f) Access to and from the parking areas and to the lake is by the stone path and through the gate.
g) Please complete a catch return and post in the box explaining what you've caught.

15.3. Fish care and safety

a) No bolt rigs or fixed rigs allowed.
b) Barbless hooks only (maximum size 10).
c) Maximum of 2 rods per Angler.
d) Maximum of 1 Kilo of ground-bait or loose feed per day.
e) You must have a landing net of 32 inches, in addition, you may use a 22 inch net for smaller fish.
f) Unhooking mats must be used.
g) No fish are to be removed. Anyone doing so will face legal action and a minimum fine of £1000.
h) Nets must be dipped on entry and exit to the fishery.
i) No Keep nets, carp sacks or retaining slings are permitted.

16. Usage and interpretation

a) The club prohibits the commercial exploitation of its waters or facilities by any other organisation, group, individual or member.

b) Please read Newsletters, club Website and club email communications for any changes or updates to these rules.

c) The Committee's interpretation of these rules is final.

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