

Aberdeen and District Angling Association

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Welcome to the Aberdeen and District Angling Association (ADAA)

A brief introduction to the Association for new members

Introduction

Our Management Committee members recognise that it must be a bit daunting at first for anyone new joining our Association to know about it, the fishing's available, the rules, and so on.

This welcome has been produced to try and help you with this, though the best advice is get out there and fish and to meet other members who are always willing to help and pass on their own knowledge and experiences of fishing Association waters.

You will also find things like beats summaries on the Associations website that are also there to try to help you get the best out of our extensive fishing's now available to you.

A short history of the Association

The Association was formed in 1946 when a group of anglers who fished the Pots and Fords beat on the River Dee got together and initiated what became the Aberdeen and District Angling Association.

Those visionary anglers had no water of their own to fish but when, in 1953, the opportunity to purchase the Upper Parkhill beat on the River Don came up, they held an open meeting and were able to raise the sum of £2076.15 by donations and together with an additional loan achieved a successful purchase.

The Association has come a long way since then and has made other purchases on all three of our local rivers to add to those small beginnings. We also leased fishing's we were unable to purchase. The most recent purchase was the Ardlethen beat on the River Ythan which since its opening has provided excellent, quality sport to members. We also currently lease three still-waters which are regularly stocked with rainbow trout.

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ADAA Constitution and Bye-Laws

- The details of these can be found on the website

Objectives:

- To promote angling
- Stop pollution
- To prevent illegal fishing

A brief outline of the management of the Associations affairs

- A Management Committee looks after the Associations affairs
- The President, Vice President, Secretary and potentially 15 Committee members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- Management Committee members meet in the “bothy” Riverside Drive, Aberdeen, once a month, usually the first Monday of the month
- The Associations Annual General Meeting (AGM) is usually held mid- January. All members are welcome to attend and are notified of the details prior to the meeting. Those who attend decide the annual subscription rate for the forthcoming season
- Extracts from the Minutes of Committee meetings and the AGM are posted on the Associations website www.adaa.org.uk

The benefits of joining the Association

You have access to over 30 miles of excellent salmon, sea trout, brown trout and rainbow trout fishing's. There are also discounted River Dee beats. Please see the website for details. There are also Exchange Permits with other clubs. Please see the website and your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet for details.

The extent of waters

The details of this can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet, book of maps, and on the website.

Fishing's and Rules

- These can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet, and on the website.
- Rules structure. The structure of these is that general rules that apply to all fishing's are at the start, specific rules for each river, loch, or fishery next, & specific rules for each beat and, in some cases, pool, last.

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- How rule changes are made. Management Committee members review and set these annually. Changes are usually brought about because of legislative changes, River Board changes, reaction to incidents on the riverbank, and so on. Any changes are notified to members via the AGM Notice and the website.
- River Boards. The River Boards can make mandatory changes or voluntary changes to the whole of the river.

The consequences of rules being broken

The Association has a Disciplinary Sub Committee in place to consider such matters as detailed in the Constitution. Possible consequences are the suspension or the banning of any member breaking the rules.

Other Fishing's available

There are Exchange Permits with other clubs. Please see the website and your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet for details.

Catch Returns

There is a statutory requirement to report all migratory fish caught to the Scottish Government and the River Boards.

The Aquaculture and Fisheries (Scotland) Act 2007 made it compulsory for all fishery owners to make a return of all migratory fish caught on their fishery to the relative District Fishery Board within 28 days of their requesting this information. Failure to comply with this legal requirement can result in a fine on proprietors of £2,500 per beat.

Records on non-migratory fish caught assist in the management of the Associations affairs, for example, stocking policies.

Therefore, all members must report their catches within 48 hours online:

<http://www.adaasales.co.uk/catchreturns.asp>

Details required when on-line or calling:

- Membership Number
- Name (surname)

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- Email Address
- Date
- River / Loch
- Beat
- Species
- Lure
- Weight
- Returned / Kept

Note: there is no requirement to report kelts or any fish under the catch size limit.

Salmon Fishing Effort

When fishing for salmon and grilse on Association waters, even just for an hour or so, you must record if you have not caught anything. The existing catch return system is to be used to do this. You are required to enter the species (enter Blanked (Salmon, Wild) the river/beat you fished without success, the method you fished (that is, fly, worm, or spin) and the weight as 0 (zero).

General Angling Code

The fish. Handling and returning and so on. Guidance can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc. booklet and on the website.

Fishing Conduct. Guidance can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc. booklet.

Safety. Guidance can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc. booklet.

Kelts, Ripe and under size fish

It is illegal in Scotland to kill an "unclean" fish, that is, a kelt that is a salmon or sea trout and has spawned and is making its way back to the sea.

It is a rule of the Association that all salmon and grilse, kelts, coloured fish, ripe fish, salmon parr, smolts, finnock, and any fish under 10 inches must be returned forthwith to the water with the least possible injury.

How to identify a clean Salmon

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Fresh Salmon - Recognised by the pristine condition and bright silver flanks. Fish straight from salt water have loose, easily detached scales and many carry sea lice which drop off within a few days. Hen salmon (illustrated) have a tiny kype on the lower jaw but unlike cocks they retain normal head proportions while in the river



Kelt - Kelts are salmon which have spawned. Usually identified by the thin shape, distended vent and presence of "gill maggots" on the red gill filaments, they are often encountered by anglers in spring when they regain a silvery appearance and can be mistaken for fresh run Springers. Kelts must be returned unharmed to the water.

Gyrodactylus Salaris

This is a parasite that infects the skin, gills, and fins of salmon and trout and some other types of fish in fresh water. Further information, including how to avoid spreading it, can be found on the Scottish Governments website:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/aquaculture/diseases/notifiableDisease/g-salaris>

A leaflet about this is also available.

Website, Forum, Facebook etc

The Association has an active website: www.adaa.org.uk ,Forum, and Facebook page. It also has a Twitter account and is on Instagram.

The website can be used for:

- Recording catches
- Recording salmon fishing effort
- Viewing weekly catch returns

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- Finding out information and being updated on matters related to its affairs, for example, extracts of monthly Management Committee meetings
- Paying your annual subscription
- Buying Association merchandise such as t shirts, hats, badges etc
- Booking boats at Parkhill Fishery
- Booking rods on some beats/ pools
- Booking exchange permits
- Booking guest permits
- Keeping up to date with details of competitions and their results
- And so on and so on

buddies@adaasales.co.uk

The Association also has an email address where there is a group of experienced anglers ready and willing to pass on their help and advice by email. To contact them just email them all on buddies@adaasales.co.uk

Association Events

These, such as Junior days, are as and when organised. They are publicised on the Associations website, forum, and Facebook pages.

Association Competitions

The details of these can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet and on the website. Results are also posted on the website.

Association Merchandise

The details of what you can buy can be found on the Associations website page: <https://www.adaa.org.uk/shop>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

These can be found on the Associations website page: <https://www.adaa.org.uk/rulesfaq>

Keeping in touch

There are various ways to do this:

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- ADAA website
- ADAA Facebook page
- Group email: buddies@adaasales.co.uk
- AGM
- Friday morning at the bothy on Riverside Drive. You will find a few members there most Friday mornings after 11 am

Angling Contacts and useful addresses

The details of these can be found in your annual Fishing's and Rules etc booklet.