

Aberdeen Angling

News from the Aberdeen & District Angling Association

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Sadly, because of illness John Stephen, who usually produces our annual Newsletter is unable this time to put pen to paper. or should I say commit finger dexterity and creative pose to a laptop keyboard in Newsletter production. However, John tells me he is gradually on the mend and assures us that he will soon be fit and active once more and to resume his beat convenorship of the Parkhill beats. We look forward to you returning to the committee John.

That said, I apologise now if my composition is not up to John's usual excellent standard, but I am sure it will give members the low down of

our Associations activities for this past year. First, I must say how pleased I was to be amongst you once more at our EGM held in the Cricket Club at Mannofield, Aberdeen in March. Yes, a little later than our usual AGM date but it enabled us to get through our constitutional business once more that, sadly because of COVID restrictions prevented large groups of people assembling. Feedback from members agreed that this was an excellent choice of location for holding our meetings. The venue was both comfortable and warm with excellent IT facilities enabling presentations by our guest speaker. Further-

more, members could socialise after the meeting, exchanging angling experiences, news and views and of course taking full advantage of the bar facilities. Members should note our 2023 AGM on Thursday the 19th January will also be held at the Cricket club and at this year's event we will also be holding a raffle with some excellent prizes up for grabs. So hopefully this will entice even more of you to attend.

What a year for weather

Well, where should I start the report from? Given the weather just now with freezing temperatures and heavy snow

we are experiencing now in January 2023 perhaps I should kick off the 2022 Newsletter on the weather front? Though the year started very much as the previous year ended with COVID restrictions still having to be observed however, not as rigorous as had to be endured in the earlier months. Fortunately, it did enable us to venture out fishing and not enduring geographical limitations and keeping to limited company.

Although last winter was a mild one with very little snow and frost, our changing weather certainly made up for it as the year progressed. Our first bad weather experience came in the early part of the year with Storm Arwen. The havoc that this storm caused was experienced by all of in some shape or form with power lines broken causing many of us to go without electricity for heating and cooking, trees blown down blocking roads and even vast forest being destroyed as I witnessed whilst driving in the countryside. However, the storm damage I experienced was small compared to others with a couple of fence panels down and a few plains of glass having to be replaced in the greenhouse.

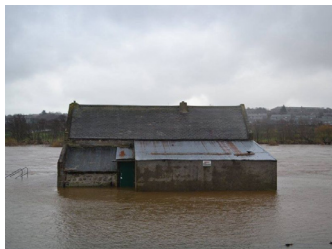


However, many of our fishing beats experienced the wrath of Storm Arwen and in particular the Criuves and Nertherdon Granholm. Here we experienced considerable windblow with many trees coming down both into the

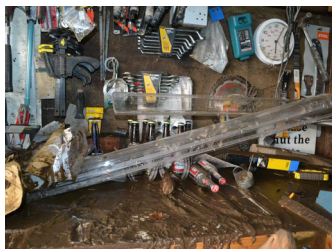
river and on the foot paths along the bank which seriously hampered access and fishing. These problems however big in parts I am pleased to say did not persist for long. Thanks to Nicky and Raymond, who manage our beats and with chainsaws at the ready soon got on top of the problem and made short work of the vast task that was in front of them, as I am sure many of you would have noticed with the amount of cut timber to be seen at various locations along the riverbank. We owe a great deal of thanks to these two chaps who tirelessly tend to the upkeep of our fishing's. Storm Arwen gave us problems with the strong winds in the early part of the year, but this was only one of three weather fronts that gave our Association cause for concern for the year. As we moved into the summer the weather became hotter and even hotter. Fortunately, here in the northeast we did not experience the extreme temperatures as southern parts of England where forest and moorland fires took hold causing untold damage. Even more devastating was that some of these fires became so out of control spreading to neighbouring communities setting fire to houses and commercial properties. However, with this extreme and unprecedented heatwave we endured here in the northeast caused our river levels to drop much lower for the usual time of year, and the water temperatures in river to rise becoming an animal welfare problem. Both high-water temperature and low water levels fish were becoming stressed and especially so on the river Dee. Action had to be taken. On scientific advice many beats on the Dee ceased all fishing on the river until conditions

improved. It was not just proprietors on the river Dee that adopted this initiative as other river proprietors followed this same initiative. Given these actions caused by the weather it was agreed at committee level, that all the Association's fishing's would be closed for fishing until further notice. I know that there were a few of us that disagreed with this decision but being one of the largest Angling Associations in Scotland it was thought that we had to show both leadership and concern for the fish and trust that you understand this action that was taken. Fortunately, it was only for a few days as here in Scotland hot and dry weather could not last for long as the rains came, the river cooled and were soon on the river. From extreme low water in the summer enter the Autumn rains and did the come, and in torrents too especially at the end of the season! However, at this time of the year many of us can experience good sport given these constant water levels enabling good fishing with both fly and spinner. Our catch returns tell us that there were some impressive catches recorded by some members in September and October on all our beats before the high water came. At the end of October and into November we experience heavy rain in the hills that filled the streams and burns and brought the river into a raging torrent. Once again, many beats received a battering as the river raged downstream battering fishing huts and benches in its path reaching a height of twelve feet at Park Bridge as recorded on the Fish Dee page in early November. One wonders what effect this spate would have on early salmon redds, only time will tell?

Bothy flooding



Given the rising level on the Dee it was obvious that the Bothy once more would become flooded, and it did. Whereas we try to mitigate to an acceptable level against the bothy flooding for a few inches that may cover the concrete floor, when the river rises to a level that incurs four feet of water in the interior the damage to furniture and fittings is quite substantial. I think the accompanying photograph will show how severe the recent flooding is to the Bothy and to the damage caused. Although the Bothy is mainly used for committee



meetings and the occasional function such as fly tying, it is also used to store much of the Associations tools and equipment for carrying out bank and riverside repairs. All this equipment along with the



trailer is kept in the garage that sadly, has succumbed to water damage. Whether it is down to climate change or not, we are experiencing floods of this magnitude on the river more frequently with this late flooding being the fourth since the devastation caused by storm Frank. We all owe Davie Knowles the Bothy convenor, along with Nicky and Raymond for salvaging what they can after the flood. It has become obvious, given the limited use of the building by members, together with its annual running costs and considering the flooding, which is becoming even more frequent, that the Association reconsiders whether to continue with the lease of the property.

Association's IT facilities

The uptake in the use of our web site for accessing goods and services that the Association has to offer for both members and guests is, according to feedback, most positive and we continue to improve upon this facility. How easy it is now, once having accessed our website and to click on to a chosen beat and book a fishing session; or arranging a future fishing permit for a friend to take along as a guest to fish our waters; or book an exchange permit with a friendly angling club such as the Inverness Angling Club taking the opportunity to fish their waters when visiting the area. Remember the days when we had to rush into town and to Somers Fishing Tackle shop to book this facility.....? How much easier now, and with these additional benefits are all free as part of your ADAA membership. Our closed Facebook site continues to be a source of chatter and opinions exchanged among members. There has been many a report of good success on the river

being shared among friends or a tip off on advice regarding angling methods. The recent addition to this Facebook page is that members can now advertise for sale any unused or unwanted fishing tackle along with other members, although in its early days it is beginning to show interest.

Events and meetings



The Association once more hosted the Home Nations River International and Committee member and Scotland Team Captain Richard McHattie took part. Here is his report of the day's event.

After a long wait for the 4 Nations Home International match due to the pandemic, it was finally here.

The ADAA stretch of the river Don had been selected for Scotland to host, after it was successfully held there in 2016.

I was Captain for the 2016 Gold Winning Team and qualified through the system to again Captain the 2022 Team. This was a great privilege to be competing on my home river once again.

The river conditions leading up to the match was perfect, settled and the fish were happy. We had lots of stories from all nations of an abundance of fish landed and lost. Most anglers connecting with some of the large resident brown trout our river is famous for.

The catches on match day were incredible considering the pressure the river had been receiving leading up to

the event. With good numbers of brown trout caught and returned along with the biggest brown trout ever recorded at an international match.

Tactics on match day was various modern nymphing techniques adding some traditional spider and dry fly fishing.

After a hard day of competition fishing, with the best river anglers in Britain competing for their Country, Scotland were the winners on the day, with Wales a close second, and myself winning my 3rd Captains Gold Medal.

On behalf of Team Scotland and the other competing Nations, I would like to thank all ADAA members for their patience and cooperation leading up to the event. We as a club should be proud to have been involved in such a prestigious event and show off the excellent brown trout fishing, we have here on the river Don.

As well as the Home Nations the Association held several open club competitions for senior members on all but one of our waters, the Lake of Mentieth. First casts for 2022 were on the 2nd May at the Pots on Fords on the lower Dee and up for grabs was the Jean Reynolds Trophy. There were a further nine competitions through to the season's end with the last one held at



the Lake of Mentieth. Each of the competitions give an aggregate score to the angler depending on their catch. The

overall winner and the ADAA champion Angler for 2022 was Kenny Riddell. Kenny includes more information on competitions further in this Newsletter

ADAA Competitions *Competitions Convenor* *Kenny Riddell*

Our ADAA competitions are not just about winning a voucher and a trophy, or being the ADAA Club Champion, there is also an opportunity to progress to represent your country.

The Senior Club Championship is also a pathway to representing Scotland at International level in the Home international in River and Loch Style fly fishing.

That's right you could follow in the footsteps of ADAA members Mike Cordiner, Richard McHattie & Kenny Riddell where all three have Scottish Caps at River International, Loch International, European and World Championship level both Mike & Richard are National Champions at River International level.

All three started off at ADAA competitions and progressed to represent Scotland by competing against all the regulars who attend the ADAA Senior Club Championship, so I would like to encourage anyone in the ADAA who has that competitive streak to come long to the ADAA competitions and see if you can knock some of the regulars off their perch. You'll be in good company and you'll pick-up some great fly-fishing tips from anglers that regularly compete in the Scottish National Fly-Fishing League (SNFFL) you'll also have the opportunity to see all the up-to-date methods, flies and materials before most anglers do.

Look out for the 2023 Senior Club Championship program

in the diary and on-line at the ADAA web site and make a point of putting the dates in your diary and please do coming along, you could be the next Scottish Champion.

Following on from the above many of us will remember that in the past there were several "Away Days" organised by the Entertainments Committee visiting still water fisheries such as Loch Leven, Butterston Loch to name but two, and I even remember a weekend on Loch Shiel on the West coast. Although these competitions and trips tend to include just a few ardent and competitive members where their total catches caught throughout all the completions are used to crown the overall ADAA Champion, they do not deter any other member who wishes from joining the trip. I go for the sheer pleasure of a change of angling venue without taking part in the competition. So, come along and join our away days, you will enjoy them.



Apart from our senior competitions we once again resumed our junior angling competition. Now held in mid-September at our Millpond fishery ten junior members facing the challenge of changing weather conditions, though that did not deter them, pitched against each other for a netful of prizes. Ash McKinnon and Kenny Riddell, who organised the event were most impressed given their limited experience, but their determination paid dividends as all caught fish,

and everyone went home with a prize – A Somers Fishing Tackle Gift Voucher and a Richard McHattie box of Flies. We are very grateful to the Ardoe House Hotel and Spa who provided a BBQ and sponsored this event.

Tilbouries Day

In June Somers Fishing tackle organised an open day in association with Cadence Fly Fishing UK and Ireland on the Tilbouries Beat on the River Dee. As well as a commendable array of fishing tackle on display to try and buy it was an opportunity for members to meet up with well-known angling experts Ian Gordon, Stevie Munn, Tom Brown, and Danni Moray who many of you will know from reading her informative articles in the Trout and Salmon magazine

River Walk and Talk



In May I along with John Stephen joined a "Walk and Talk" event along the banks of the river Muick in the company of Lawrence Ross, Chairman of the River Dee Salmon Fishery Board and Sandy Bremner Chairman of the River Dee Trust. Here we were given an informative walking talk along various stretches of the river on just a few of the conservation initiatives being undertaken by the Trust that will improve, all be it in time, Salmon stocks in the river. There were trees planted close to the river's edge enabling shade and security of young salmon fry, obstacles such as

carefully placed tree roots and large boulders in mid-stream to offer respite during high water. Although this work is as they say, "work in Progress" it is pleasing to learn that what we were shown on the river Muick is also being carried out on other Dee tributaries. There will be other outings organised like this by the Trust and they are certainly a good day out.

Twin Peakes Day



Saturday 12th of February 2022 was a day to remember, and a great way to start off the season at our club event at the Twin Peaks Fly Fishing school. With casting clinics, one on one lessons, and demonstrations, everyone who attended took a lot of information away with them to put into practice. It was so good to see so many enthusiastic members of the association taking advantage of what the guys at Twin Peaks put on for us! The main highlights were tying demonstrations by local legends Edwin Whyte and Ross Macdonald, sharing their secrets when it comes to fly dressing. Klaus Frimor, LOOP's rod designer, even flew over from Denmark to give demonstrations and talks of the latest tackle! A huge thank you to the team of instructors who came down to offer advice and instruction for the day, The Milton Brasserie for the Stovies, and of course Colin Macleod for the fantastic photography! Hopefully, we will be able to organise more

events like this going forward - as this one was a great success!

Redd Count

Lewis Baxter reports on his recent visit with one of the river Dee scientists in November.

My recent visit with four other ADAA members was very productive and informative. Mark Walker from the Dee Board gave a very detailed report of the life of the salmon from the time the salmon eggs are produced and fertilised in the redds. Mark led us into the water in the Glen Tanar area and proceeded to show us recently produced redds where he had watched the salmon create the redds, then followed by the hen fish laying the eggs and being fertilised by the cock salmon only a few days before our visit. A few grilse were observed throughout the area that was visited. What surprised most of the attendees was the fact that Mark said one red alone would produce thousands of fertilised eggs but unfortunately there is a very high mortality rate before they reach the smolt stage and survival to reach the sea.

Despite the recent floods Mark assured us very little damage would have occurred as the eggs are well protected in their redds.

Mark also gave us an insight into his fish protection and bailiff duties. There will be outings at Redd counting time next year and hopefully on the river Don and Ythan.



Changes to Fishing

There are some changes to our fishing beats this coming season which members should note. We were fortunate that we were given free all be it limited access to fish the Culter Beat and the Ardoe and Murtle Beats on the Lower Dee last season. For this season we hoped that the Association could renew the lease like the one we enjoyed on the Culter Beat two years ago for the coming seasons. However, what was made available to the Association, when considering the fishing availability and costs was considered not suitable. Therefore, the Association will not be fishing Culter, Ardoe and the Murtle beats for season 2023.

ADAA Beat Convenors Reports

*Catches for all ADAA beats can be seen on the 2022 catch returns on the ADAA website
Report by Beat convenor
Lewis Baxter*

LOWER PARKHILL, NORTH BANK, LEFT BANK

There was very little Spring fishing for Salmon this season according to catch returns. However, there were a few reported catches towards the end of the season along with the odd sea trout. Trout anglers were well rewarded and especially so in the late evenings with trout up to three pounds.

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*Report by Beat Convenor
Lewis Baxter*

Many members were familiar with the beat from having held syndicate rods in the past and must be pleased when the Association arranged four rods to fish the beat daily through the season. Although parking presents a problem being at the top end of the beat, access to the bottom pools

requires members a fair walk. However, the path along the bank presents no problems also enabling easy access to the waters edge. The south bank has received little bank-side management over the years, and it is anticipated that paths will be cleared during the winter months along with overhanging branches to improve angling. Although the beat was fished hard in the early months of the season it was towards the end of July that the first sea trout was caught. Come August and through to the seasons end in October the beat came alive with excellent catches of sea trout, grilse, and salmon, with one lucky member having seven grilse in two days fishing. However, hats off to Vice President Kenny Riddell who popped down to the river for a couple of hours and landed a 25lb fish.



*Reports by Robert Patterson
Kemnay and Pitcaple Beat Report by Beat Convenor Robert Paterson*

The addition of the Pitcaple beat to the ADAA waters, has proved to be a big success. Although a relatively short stretch of water it has some excellent trout fishing and several deeper glides and pools that complement the Kemnay beat by fishing well in lower water conditions.

Due to the relatively mild winter in the North East of Scotland last year, the early season trout fishing started well. Good catches were recorded from both the Pitcaple and Kemnay waters. As the trout fishing was reaching its peak in early May, however many windy days impacted the dry fly fishing although spiders, weighted nymphs and streamers continued to fish well. As the season progressed the quality of trout caught continued to improve with several specimen trout in the 3-5lb range released from both beats.

Low water through April and May limited the numbers of spring salmon seen in the beats and the first fish was landed from Pitcaple by a trout fisherman in early May. Unfortunately, low rainfall persisted through the summer putting a halt to any further action for salmon fishers.

Early September saw the first significant rise of water since the spring and with it the numbers of salmon caught. Both beats fished steadily for the remainder of the season, with catches following each rise in river levels. Kemnay recorded a total of twenty six salmon and grilse and Pitcaple eight – for a seasons total of thirty four fish. Although these numbers are low compared to historical numbers from the beats, the lack of rain throughout the season significantly impacted the catches of spring salmon and grilse. On a positive note, however, good numbers of salmon were seen running through the beats just as the season came to an end.



Millpond Fishery
Report by Ash McKinnon



A great year at Millpond, with loads of fish caught and many satisfied anglers.

The year started very cold, but the fish were not put off in the slightest, cold weather tactics, slow lures and indicator tactics doing well, as the weather slowly warmed the fish moved up in the water, when the annual hatch of Hawthorns appeared in early spring the fishing was fantastic, I witnessed one anger take 20, right off the top!, this bonanza lasted for 2/3 weeks.

Inevitably as the summer weather sent the water temp. up and the Oxygen levels down, things got more challenging! along with the heat came an unprecedented bloom in weed growth worse than anything seen in previous years, but thanks to some serious graft by a few of the members and Mike the owner we managed to overcome it, took a while but the result was well worth it.

In September we held a competition for the Junior members. Despite the weather being less than perfect, we had a fantastic day, all the juniors caught fish, and everyone went home with a prize. A lot of work by dedicated individuals made it all seem magical. Roll on the next one.

Millpond saw another stocking of rainbows in late October, these were of a bigger stamp than the norm. with some over the 4lb mark, there has certainly been some serious

rod-bending action of late. We have also secured a lease for our new Bothy at the pond, put the heater on when you get there and you'll have a nice warm place to have a cuppa and or your lunch, I've been in the process of "Doing" the place up, there are a few home comforts there now, a couple of notice boards on the wall to record your day and maybe let other anglers know what's working (or perhaps what's not) or any other observations, i.e., evidence of predators etc. So here we are back to winter again, wrap up warm and you'll have a great day at our lovely little stillwater, or just come out to the bothy for a cuppa and a "gas", many a monster will be hooked and lost in that bothy in the next year I'll bet.

Loirston Loch
Report by Kenny Riddell



This season the first rainbow trout was caught on the 24th of April 2022, a nice over wintered fish about 2lbs, from then on as the weather improved so did the catches. The first stocking of Forgue Fish Farm rainbow trout went ahead as planned on the 19th April once the cormorants went back to sea, fish all about the 2-3 lbs mark with a few slightly heavier fish. The second stocking took place on the 27th of April with another load of rainbow trout from Forgue Fish Farm, again most of the fish around the 2-3lbs mark, with some 4lb

The annual weeds started making an appearance slightly earlier in late May early June, which caught us out a little as we have arranged for the Aquatic weed contractor to be on site to carry out the weed control on the 23rd & 24th May

The Aquatic weed contractor carried out the weed control, which once again gave us some clear areas to fish. The committee have again committed to the contractor being on-site at Loirston Loch to again tackle the weeds in 2023.

Once the weeds had been cut, we again stocked the loch on 11th May, which gave our members some great sport during the coming months. The loch continues to be a very popular place and the committee continues to fund the improvement program for the next 5 years.

Banchory Devenick and
Garthdee
Report by Beat Convenor Alex Skakle

It a slow start fishing in the Spring even with good water and mild weather. What early fish entered the river at



this time were soon chased upriver by the seals. However, I managed one or two

outings and was rewarded by a seatrout towards the end of April. As the season moved forward more seatrout entered the river with June and July producing more seatrout with the Pumphouse pool being the most productive pool. Come the late summer Grilse appeared along with more Salmon in early October and many in double figures. If there were more fishing effort on these two beats, I am sure there would be improved catches.

Some remedial bank maintenance has been done to both gates and signs however, the beat will be surveyed again before the season starts. I am sure this cold weather will hold fish back in the lower reaches.

Upper Fintray Report

by Beat Convenor

John Stephen

Brown Trout: Although returns were slightly down on the 2021 season, once again Upper Fintray proved what an asset it is to the Association with steady sport right through the season, including good specimens to the 4 pound mark. All were taken, of course, on fly, with the usual Don patterns proving popular with members fishing traditional dry and wet fly methods while modern nymphing approaches also paid dividends.

Sea Trout: Total returns of these migratory fish were also down on the previous season with river levels undoubtedly contributing to that. However there was sport from early running fish. As always, the sea trout which run the Don are invariably in good condition and there are few angling experiences to beat the anticipation of a savage take when fishing down a glide in the gloaming, knowing, due to earlier noisy rises, that there

are sea trout in the pool or run. Roll on the new season! Salmon: Members who have fished Upper Fintray for many years will know how the beat can change following spate events. An example of this can be seen at the lower island, where, formerly, the main flow was into the far (right) bank where a deep cutting held good brown trout. Over the last few years, the main flow has diverted to the near (left) bank which now gives a good chance of sport in slightly higher water levels.

The most obvious illustration of this though must surely be at the upper section of the beat. In recent years up until 2022, the deep run at the opposite (right) bank, which formerly held many salmon, especially at the back end of the season had become silted up and relatively becalmed, meaning few fish were resting in that area. The river however, has apparently changed again and new channels have been formed resulting in numbers of salmon and grilse again being landed from the section from the burn at the top of our beat and down past the upper island, the best being a well-conditioned fish of 12 lbs in October. Unfortunately, my own miserable contribution to the total was a 3 lb grilse in full spawning dress on the last day of the season! Perhaps I'll do better in 2023!

Upper Stoneywood Report

by Beat Convenor

John Stephen

Over the previous close season a large tree with appendant vegetation had lodged in the middle of the river just out from the burn at the top run. This obstruction, while changing the flow, had not spoiled the area unduly as trout could be seen rising steadily when hatches of fly were drifting

downstream. The rest of the beat was unaffected.

Despite having promise Upper Stoneywood was again very lightly fished in 2022 with only a few brown trout featuring in catch reports.

An area of general concern here is that there were no reports of even salmon "nil" returns from the beat and it is known that there was some salmon fishing taking place. It cannot be over emphasised that the ADAA is obliged by law to report all salmon fishing activity, so members, please report when you have been on the river with salmon gear, even if you do not catch any fish

Finance

Despite the challenging year, with rising costs in all areas of managing the Associations business, members will note when looking at our end of year accounts that we show a small surplus. This is due to good corporate governance. Paul Toseland, our Secretary and Treasurer keeps a firm hand on all the Associations income and expenditure. The accounts are made available at the AGM and published on the website for all to see. Should clarification on any item in the accounts be needed Paul will be available at the AGM to answer members questions.

Members will note that our income from membership fees for this year is down from last year by some £12,000, and that our river assessments have increased by £13,000. Given the cost-of-living increase for the coming year and an anticipated increase in our river assessments, to meet this additional expense the Association must increase its income. Our main source of income for the Association is by its annual membership subscription fee. Therefore,

fees for the coming year will have to be increased. It is up to the membership at the AGM to set the annual fees. Junior membership, aside there are two sets of membership subscription fees, Full Senior Member and Senior Citizen Member. As our Constitution states there is a reduction

in annual fees for the Senior Citizen members and given that nearly thirty percent of our fee-paying members are in the Senior Citizen class, perhaps this is an area of increasing additional funding could be addressed, a sort of levelling up perhaps? It is up to the membership to decide.

Whatever the opinion members have on the Association's annual fees, see the poster below as it clearly shows that there is value for money by being a member of the Aberdeen and District Angling Association.



Being a member of the Aberdeen and District Angling Association

You will be a member of the largest Angling Association in Scotland
The ADAA offers fantastic fishing on both still waters and over 40km of riverbank for Salmon, Grilse, Seatrout and Brown trout in the Northeast of Scotland.

Fish the mighty river Dee arguable the finest river to offer fly fishing for salmon in Scotland

Spin or worm after a sudden spate on the river Feugh, the river Dee's largest tributary.
Meander along the miles of riverbank on the tranquil river Don renowned for its wild Brown Trout fishing with fish up to 7lb and don't be surprised if you catch some salmon for the river Don also has good runs of salmon and seatrout too.

There's spectacular Seatrout fishing on the acclaimed river Ythan with three separate beats on this small and very productive Aberdeenshire River, also noted for its Finnock.

The Association also offers members the unique opportunity of saltwater Estuary fishing for seatrout in the famous Machar Pool at the mouth of the river Ythan where it enters the North Sea.

And if its loch fishing look no further, as the Association has two Stillwater fisheries one in the City of Aberdeen and one in the Shire each regularly stocked with hard fighting rainbow trout.



There is also the opportunity to invite a friend to join you on a day's fishing as the Association offers "Members Guest" permits free of charge.



The Association organises several events throughout the year, competitions for both junior and seniors are held on the Associations various river beats and lochs. Away days to different fishing venues such as Loch Leven and the Lake of Mentieth. There are fly tying classes, educational meetings, river walks and lots more all organised in the "Bothy" by the river Dee.



The Association has a Permit Exchange agreement with three other angling clubs. As such ADAA members can fish the river Ness as guests of the Inverness Angling Club. Members can fish the upper river Connion and Blackwater as well as Loch Achonachie, Loch Meig and Loch Scardroy from either bank or boat as guests of the Loch Achonachie Angling Club. There is also the opportunity for members to fish the lower river Beaully as guests of the Beaully Angling Club.



The Association is managed by a dedicated committee who meet regularly in the Association's Bothy situated on the banks of the river Dee in Aberdeen. This unique HQ for the Association is steeped in fishing history as it was once a salmon netting station. Though all netting is now in the distant past the building hosts a committee room, kitchen, and toilet. There is an integral garage and workshop housing all the necessary equipment and plant required to manage the Associations vast portfolio of fishing's. The Association has representation on the River Dee, River Don, and the River Ythan Salmon Fishery Boards.

The ADAA an Association managed by anglers for anglers and all for just **£250 per annum** (2022 subscription rate concessions apply)



Arguably, the best managed angling association in Scotland. ***"Trout and Salmon magazine"***



To conclude and as previously stated it has been a challenging year for all of us in many ways. Following the restrictions of COVID and now the cost-of-living crisis, made even worse by Putin's illegal war in Ukraine pushing energy prices even higher, the Association is no different and these problems along with environmental and weather problems must be addressed. I wish to thank the support of the Committee who have put in endless hours of their time in running the Association for members. Being a member of the Committee is very rewarding and perhaps more of the membership should be more engaging with the Association and come forward as a committee member.

For your information the latest river reports from the River Dee the River Don and the River Ythan can be obtained on their relevant websites

Well, there we have it another year past, as an optimist as all anglers are reconned to be, it has not been all doom and gloom, we have all experienced our highs and lows.

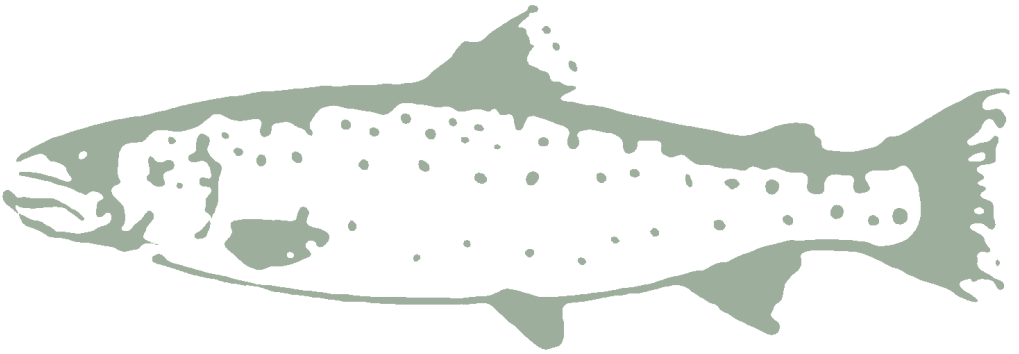
We look forward to a new year and a new season hopefully with better prospects, I am sure.

Wherever you fish this coming season, may there to be a light wind behind you and a rising fish in front of you.

Tight lines and a Happy New Year to you all

Paul Adderton
President





ADAA Gift Vouchers

Following a request from several members we have made these available via the ADAA shop on the website www.adaa.org.uk.

Vouchers are available in sums of either £25 or £50 and you can buy as much as required. All you need to do is make your purchase and identify the name of the person the voucher is for. You will receive an email after purchase which is the voucher. No separate documents will be issued.

Direct Debit Membership 2023

Please remember that you do not have to do anything if you currently pay by Direct Debit. Payment for next season will be taken at the same intervals as currently i.e. in 1 instalment or in 10 monthly instalments.

Please also make sure we have your current address and date of birth on our records, especially if you have recently moved or you think you may qualify for senior membership rates next season.

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