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PRESENTATION EVENING

The Association is pleased to announce that a presentation evening will be held for our members on: **Thursday 24th January, commencing at 7.30pm at the Heronston Hotel, Bridgend.**

We are incredibly lucky to have secured the time of three individuals who make a real difference to fisheries in Wales and will be carrying out individual presentations regarding their specialist areas of knowledge:

'Salmon stocking: ecology, angling and all that' – Dr Kyle Young, Water Framework Directive Adviser. Environment Agency Wales.

'Fish passage and habitat improvements' – Mr Dave Charlesworth, Sustainable Fisheries Projects Manager. Environment Agency Wales – South West Region.

'Natural Resources Wales – Implications for Fisheries Management' – Mr Paul Varallo, Area Monitoring Environment Manager. Environment Agency Wales – South West Region.

These three topics are particularly relevant to the River Ogmore and the Association and prove a fascinating insight into the way rivers should and can be managed to enhance fish stocks. In the latter presentation, Mr Paul Varallo the person responsible for Fisheries in our region will be touching upon the forthcoming merger of the Environment Agency, Countryside Council for Wales and The Forestry Commission into a single environmental body – Natural Resources Wales. This could have major implications for fisheries in Wales.

We would urge all members to attend on this evening. You will not be disappointed!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The annual general meeting of the Association will be held on:

Thursday 31st January commencing 7.30pm at The Heronston Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend, CF35 5AW.

Agenda:

- Chairman's address
- Secretary's report
- Treasurer's report
- Council members retiring
- Members standing for council election
- Any other business (at the Chairman's discretion).

Any member wishing to stand for the election of council member, must apply in writing, stating his/her willingness to apply. This application must be received by the Association Secretary at the Company address, not less than seven, or more than twenty-one days before the date of the AGM. Please note that a letter of proposal from a fully paid adult member must accompany any person's application for council membership.

Yours Sincerely,

Wynne Griffiths
Hon Secretary.

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FINALLY....

It has been a busy season with the Association embarking on many new projects and initiatives which we hope will only benefit the Association and river for years to come. Please make an effort to attend the AGM in January where these issues will be outlined more fully.

At the time of writing it is pleasing to report that much spawning has taken place on our tributaries in the last week. This has been closely monitored by Andrew our Head Bailiff. Personally, I was lucky to have witnessed a pair of Sewin spawning recently. This was a stark reminder to me how lucky we are to have migratory species on our river and how we must protect their habitat and enhance our stocks for future generations of Ogmore Anglers.

I firmly believe that our members are amongst the most conservation minded in Wales, which is once again borne out in the 2011 catch data from the Environment Agency. The release rate for Salmon and Sewin was the highest in the South West region and amongst the highest in Wales.

Keep up the good work!

Yours Sincerely,

Wynne Griffiths - Hon Secretary



Don't forget to keep an eye out for your membership renewal pack which will be hitting your doorsteps in January along with the formal notice for the 2013 Annual General meeting.

FISHING REPORT.

Sport in the second half of the season was encouraging with favourable water levels. The average size of Sewin was bigger than last year on the whole with many fish in the 3-4lb range. There were many reports of larger fish including one 12lb. Salmon catches have once again increased with numerous reports of double figure fish the biggest being 16lb. Members are reminded to enter their catches into the big fish competition. Please contact the Secretary for further details.

IN BRIEF...

CATCH RETURNS

Members are reminded that they will need to complete catch returns to renew their membership in January.

Catch returns provide invaluable information regarding fish populations and the general health of the river and assist us when deciding on stocking policy

Please be honest when completing these as there is no benefit in providing false information. All information provided will remain anonymous with only the collator viewing the info.

MINK TRAPPING

The population of mink along the river have exploded in the last 12 months. Our Head Bailiff has been busy trapping these with around 20 caught to date.

The Environment Agency recently provided the Association with new traps along with training for several of our Bailiffs.

Mink are a general nuisance on the river. This non native species will predate on fish, birds and rodents and interfere with the river corridor eco system

POLLUTION UPDATE

The Association during the course of the season has made representations to the Environment Agency for pollutions on the Ewenny at Fords and the Ogmore at Blackmill.

The Chairman and Conservation Officer have met with Fords Senior Management to resolve issues on the Ewenny.

The Secretary and the Conservation Officer recently met with Dwr Cymru at Blackmill to discuss discharges from the storm tanks. Details to follow.....

Congratulations to members for helping the River Ogmore to achieve one of the highest return rates for Salmon and Sewin in Wales for the 2011 season.