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Barrow Angling Association Ltd



Barrow Angling Association Spring 25 Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to the new season.

So, what has changed? Well, we now have Harlock back after completion of the dam overflow upgrade. To kick start this premium brown trout water we will undertake 2 early stockings (18th March & 22nd April). This should provide some excellent fishing. Detailed below are the stocking dates for all waters. You are welcome to come along and assist with the stockings, they normally start at Pennington at 1030 moving then to Poaka followed by Ireleth.

We are looking to organise a couple of evening fishing events to substitute for the Open Days. The Open Days in recent years, have not attracted new members so we are trying a different approach. It is intended to hold a 2, maybe 3 hour weekday evening match on Poaka. This will be a light touch competition with a trophy for the winner. You are encouraged to invite your friends and family to this event. There will be no entry fee and you do not have to be a member to enter. The aim is to introduce fly fishing to non-members and also to encourage existing fly fishermen to join the club. If the event is well supported, we will look at holding a second one. All the trout we stock in our waters are funded by the membership fees so having a healthy membership provides plenty of fish to catch.

There are no rule changes this year but please remember you cannot take brown trout from any water other than Harlock and you are encouraged to return any fish over 2 pounds in weight to maintain a good head of sizeable fish for sport fishers.

Please continue to provide catch return details in the signing in books as this helps us monitor the fishing on the waters. Last year's catches averages were:

Poaka - 1.5 fish per visit

Pennington – 1.2 fish per visit

Ireleth – 1.5 fish per visit

It was encouraging to see those hardy anglers who fished over winter averaging at least one fish per visit.

Stocking dates for 2025 are:

18th March

8th April

22nd April

20th May

3rd June

24th June

8th July

2nd September

30th September, Ireleth only

In total we will stock 1,700 fish in March and a further 1,300 in April. To catch early season fish you may want to read the Chairman's tips detailed at the end of this Newsletter.

Please note, we also have exchange tickets with Appleby on the river Eden, Millom Angling and we are also looking at the Vale of Clwyd for an exchange arrangement. If you are into Sea Trout fishing then this Welsh club has some excellent runs. You can book exchange tickets on Clubmate. Its really easy to do.

Birdwatching permits were a success this year with no negative reports therefore, we will continue to allow a limited number of permits in 2025.

If you haven't renewed your angling membership for 2025/6, please remember the new season starts on 01 April 2025 and you must have renewed by this date to fish BAA's waters.

Sam Greenway is standing down as Communications and Membership Secretary. Sam has been fundamental in improving our Facebook pages and websites. He also was the driver for introducing Clubmate. So a big thanks to Sam. We are looking for a volunteer to undertake the Comms role so if you are interested and IT , then we will welcome you. In the meantime, the Club Secretary, George Teasdale, will undertake the Communications role in addition to his other duties. So for communications, instead of calling Sam please contact George on georgeteasdale@btinternet.com or call him on 07801790978. From 01 April our Treasurer, Jim Cannell will take over the role of Membership Secretary in addition to his Treasurer responsibilities. Jim can be contacted for membership issues by email at jimcl@hotmail.com or on 07759148995.

We intend to send 3 Newsletters a year. Your feedback on their content, or in fact any suggestions on what to include in the Newsletter will be most welcome. The Executives and Committee hope you will enjoy your fishing on one of the most picturesque and idyllic set of club waters in Britain. Well-stocked, private car parks, not overfished and compared to other clubs, excellent value.

Chairmans' Tips for early season fishing:

You don't need to use sinking lines, a floating line with as long a leader as you can cope with and a weighted fly, will catch fish. Give the fly time to sink and not too fast a retrieve. If using a sinking line, fast intermediate or slow sinker will be best and you can retrieve a little faster.

Flies- Lures: basically, use black and green. Pitsford Pea, Viva, various black green Fritz Cormorants, Undertakers etc. Cat's Whiskers, Dawsons Olive, gold-head blue flash Damsels can also work.

Nymphs: Hares Ear plain and gold-head, Hog Lice pheasant tail, Jack Ketch bloodworm, small tadpoles and Dawl Bachs. Blobs and Boobies can also be productive. If fish are moving, try small dries. Griffith Gnat and Loch Scuttles are good as are small 16/18 black spiders.

Oh, and don't forget, we only allow barbless or de- barbed hooks on our waters.

Tight Lines