



Due to the current covid-19 Pandemic and current local Government restrictions the Club's scheduled Annual General Meeting has been Postponed until further notice.

Details of the Club's interim arrangements are detailed within this News Journal and members are asked to carefully note these for the new season.

IT IS THE CLUB'S INTENTION TO RECOMMENCE ANGLING ON THE 1st MARCH 2021 SUBJECT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COVID-19 REGULATIONS PERMITTING.

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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN - 2021

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

It seems only a short time ago that I was corresponding with you regarding the 2020 season and at that stage there was no indication that a virus originating in China would impact on us all the way it has.

The newly elected Committee was only able to convene in January and February 2020 with the running of the club business which was subsequently handed over to its Directors to manage the Club's business matters during the pandemic period. As a Director along with Joe Curran and Brendan Downey, we were able to appreciate the earlier work carried out on the club's constitution. This has allowed the club to function until normal business can resume.

Once angling could proceed the fishing on the lough was superb providing a great source of outdoor relaxation for all during these difficult times. To this end I would like to thank Joe and Patrick Curran, Leonard Ervine, Damien Murtagh & Geoff Hylands for all their maintenance work around the lough fixing stiles, bridges, painting the various structures and the erecting of the new COVID-19 signage which allowed angling to restart when it was permissible to do so.

I appreciate that others would like to have been involved in this work, however with Covid-19, social distancing, etc., the work party was deliberately restricted to limit numbers.

I would like to extend a big thank you the Club's Boat Attendants Andy and Darrell who took on the face of the club at the Lough implementing the Club's rules in keeping our boat fishing running through very challenging times. After some consideration with Damien Murtagh and the Directors, the competitions were restarted and continued for the remainder of the season.

Congratulations to all those who took part and to the winners. We thank Damien for his work over this period. William Cochrane, as club's treasury again worked throughout the season, ensuring the club's accounts were all up to date.

As time moved on and the local Government Covid-19 rules evolved it became apparent that normal business would not be able to continue through the general Committee and the Directors would need to continue with the day to day running of the club. To this end some major issues had to be considered for example; Corbet stocking for 2021, the AGM and Membership fee collection. As you will have noted from the cover page an AGM will not be held at the end of January 2021 and it is hoped that this can be convened as soon as legislation allows.

Over the 2020 season sadly we became aware of the passing of club members, riparian members, family members and friends. On behalf of the Committee and its members, I would like to offer our sincere condolences to everyone impacted in this way.

As the latest restrictions continue, I would ask you to call a friend, shout over the fence to your neighbour, if only for a few minutes as there will be very few families who will escape the horrors of this devastating Coronavirus Pandemic.

Hoping we all can look forward to some normality and the chance to again enjoy our angling and the comradery it offers.

Tight Lines for 2021.

Sam Watt, Chairman

CLUB FEES 2021

Payment of Club fees for the 2021 season will be collected in the Clubhouse located at 2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PA.

Collection will commence from Monday, 15th February 2021. Opening times 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. on weekday evenings and Saturday's 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. Last payment date will be Saturday 27th February 2021.

POSTAL FEE PAYERS are asked to forward their payment and card to the Clubhouse, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope:

BANBRIDGE ANGLING CLUB LTD. 2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PA.

PLEASE NOTE: Members are responsible for their fees arriving on time, third party failures are not acceptable excuses. All honorary members must have their cards stamped for record purposes.

ALL FEES TO THE CLUB ROOMS ONLY. PLEASE NOTE CARD PAYMENT METHOD AVAILABLE

FEES NOT PAID BY 12.00 NOON ON SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 2021, WILL INCUR A £10.00 FINE AND ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BY 31st MARCH TO RETAIN MEMBERSHIP.

LATE PAYMENT OF FEES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY CARD, CHEQUE OR POSTAL ORDER PAYMENTS.

CLUB FEES 2021

Ordinary Members	£96.00
Associate Members	£96.00
Juvenile Members	£29.00
Ordinary Senior Members	£58.00
Senior Associate Members	£58.00
Junior Associate Members	£29.00

COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic Committee meetings were suspended in March 2020. Refer to points of interest notes for an update on the Club's current management arrangements during the Covid-19 period.

The outgoing Officers and Committee of Banbridge Angling Club Ltd. Wish all Club Members a Happy New Year.



POINTS OF INTEREST

CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2021

It was hoped prior to Christmas that the Club could still proceed with the Annual General Meeting on the usual date, Wednesday 27th Jan 2021. To facilitate numbers the Club Directors had looked at an alternative larger venue i.e. Leisure Centre, Council meeting rooms or a Church Hall to ensure correct social distancing requirements.

As you are all aware due to Covid-19 restrictions and regulations put in place during the Christmas holiday period stipulating that gatherings indoors are not permitted, travel limitations, etc., the Directors have agreed that the running of the Club, its rules, Committee Members, Officers, etc., be continued for the foreseeable future as previously determined by the AGM of the Club in January 2019 until such times as a Committee Meeting and the AGM can be convened safely and in line with local government Covid-19 Regulations at a future date.

Within this period the running of the Club and principal decision making to be continued by the Directors until such time as it is safe and permissible to do so.

The financial Accounts appended within this News Journal have been accepted and adopted by the Club Directors to ensure compliance with Companies House requirements in the absence of an AGM.

SENIOR MEMBERSHIP

To all members wishing to apply for senior membership, i.e. having reached the age of 65 years or over on or before 1st March in any given year, that it is the particular member's responsibility to make a formal

written application to either the Membership Secretary or Club Secretary to attain this category of membership.

DINNER DANCE

Due to Covid-19 and current lockdown and restrictions in place it has now been confirmed that the usual formal Dinner Dance and Prize giving night scheduled for the end of January 2021 has been cancelled.

A new date for a Senior Prize Winners night to be held early March 2021 has been discussed to award 2020 Competition Winners. This matter will be kept on review and further information provided in due course pending local government advice and restrictions in place at that time.

What we are hoping for is that if permissible a prize winner's night can be held in the Anglers Rest. Attendees at this function would be restricted to prize winners, their partners and a small number of Club officials. If at all possible, we would hope to extend the invitation to all members who would wish to attend, however at this time that would be wishful thinking.

With no formal Dinner Dance scheduled the Directors discussed how recompense could be offered to the Club's Riparian owners who in normal circumstances would have

received a free invitation to the Dinner Dance. After some discussion it was agreed that two vouchers for use at the Anglers Rest would be issued to all Riparian's with each voucher valued to reflect the cost of a Dinner Dance Ticket. These vouchers were duly issued to all Club Riparian's before the Christmas holiday break.

COLLECTION OF CLUB FEES - 2021

Directors proposed and have agreed to run the usual Club Fee collection over the last two weeks of February 2021, Local Government regulations relating to Covid-19 permitting.

PLAN A - COVID REGULATIONS PERMITTING

Collection of Club fees to take place at the Clubrooms 2a Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PA.

Systems will be put in place to ensure:

- Social distancing (2m) to include marker tape on floors and paving externally
- The use of Hand Sanitiser's at entry exit points provided by the Club must be used.
- All visitors to the premises to wear a suitable face mask or face visor. Please note for the protection of all if you have no face covering entry will not be permitted.
- Entrance to and exit from the premises will be via separate doors

To reduce contact with cash payments the use of card payments is being encouraged. Further cheque payments are also acceptable and for those members not wishing to visit the Clubrooms your fees can be posted to the Clubrooms for processing. If this is your preferred payment method please ensure you enclose your current membership card, cheque payment for the required amount and a suitable sized stamp addressed envelope.

Members paying fees will only be allowed into the Fee Collection Room one at a time and to exit the premises via a side emergency exit door.

PLAN B - COVID RESTRICTIONS PROHIBIT COLLECTING CLUB FEES AT CLUBROOMS

All Club Fee renewals to be by post only to include return of the members Club card, cheque or Postal Order payment for the required amount and a stamped addressed envelope posted or delivered to the Clubrooms, 2a Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PA within the time limits as detailed on the back page of this Journal.

CARD PAYMENT FACILITY

Members should note that the Club have now set up a card reader facility with the ability to take payments from Debit/Credit Cards.

The proposal going forward on this is to reduce our security risk in handling cash and to reduce bank charges in relation to the acceptance of cheques, etc.

While we have been encouraging all our members to use this facility to help the Club achieve their goals on security and charges Covid-19 has somewhat refocused our thoughts for health reasons moving into the 2021 season.

It is the Club's intention to phase out payment by cheque if possible, within the next two to three years, however for now thank goodness they are still available, and we are encouraging postal payments to reduce person to person contact over the fee collection period.

We very much hope our members will support us in these challenging times and hopefully we will all get back to some form of normality in due course.

Many thanks.

PURCHASING DAERA ROD LICENCES

The purchase of required DAERA Game and Coarse Rod Licences can be purchased via one of the following methods:

1. Telephone - 028 3833 9748 Payment taken over the phone.
2. DAERA 1 Mahon Road Portadown BT62 3EE open 10am -4pm Monday – Friday closed for lunch 1pm- 2pm.
3. <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/buy-rod-licences-permits-and-river-bush-day-tickets - DAERA link>
4. <https://elicense.loughs-agency.org/registerSelect.asp - Loughs Agency link>

Hope you find this helpful.

DAY TICKET SELLING OUTLETS

The Club's Day Tickets for the coming season will be available for purchase at the Lough Booking Office, Anglers Rest and the Spar Service Station, Ballydown.

We will continue to promote all our selling outlets on our Web Site and through social media.

Word of mouth is still very much a great communication method of this information and we would ask all our members to support us in this way.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT CORBET LOUGH

During the first Lockdown period a small work party have carried out much needed repairs to various access points, gates, bridges, etc., around the Lough together with co-ordinating Covid-19 compliant Health & Safety Signage, etc., to ensure the Covid message was delivered to all our members while visiting Club waters.

The Directors would like to thank everyone for their patience and adherence to the guidelines. As you are aware the Covid virus is still the number one topic of discussion and we believe unfortunately that we will still be operating under some restrictions including social distancing, etc, come the new season.





>> CORBET LOUGH SECURITY GATE TO THE NEWCASTLE SHORE OF THE LOUGH

By now most of our members are aware of a recent private house development on the

Newcastle shore of the Lough complete with a private access road.

In providing this the owners of the property have been experiencing some problems in relation to members of the public accessing this land, using it for their own recreational purposes and access the grounds of the dwelling house much to the owner's annoyance.

To this end the Council in conjunction with the owners have erected a pedestrian access gate leading onto the footbridge over the old race which was used to fill the Lough from the River Bann in days gone by.

The gate has been fitted with a Mechanical lock which will require a code number to access. This code number will be given to all members when paying their Club fees in February. That said it is anticipated that this gate may be removed at the start of the season for Covid-19 health reasons.

We would ask our members to respect the

land-owners wishes in this respect, exercise care in the use of this gate and to ensure the gate is kept shut after use once it is finally put in place.

Access around the Lough by members is restricted to the Lough shore only.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this respect.

JUVENILE PRIZE NIGHT

Unfortunately, due to restrictions it was not possible to hold the Juvenile Prize giving night for the 2019 winners in June last year.

The Directors had tried to schedule a possible date in for January / February 2021 however it was now accepted that with the new Covid-19 Lockdown period and restrictions currently in place that this is not now possible.

A new date possibly mid-March has been suggested however this matter to be kept on review and members notified of a rescheduled date.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS – (GDPR)

It is now the law that all organisations demonstrate that they work in compliance

with the current General Data Protection Regulations which in general terms means that our Club needs your permission to hold and store any information it has relating to your membership with Banbridge Angling Club.

This for most within the Club is holding your name and address on file to allow the club to keep in contact with you. The Club continue to maintain compliance in this respect and all new members joining the Club are requested to complete the Club's GDPR declaration to allow their contact information to be stored for future use.

Please note the Club will not share any contact or other information held on file about members with third parties.

CLUB WEB SITE

The Club's Web Site continues to grow from strength to strength. For easy access to

all Club matters and information this is an invaluable asset and would commend to all members and those interested in joining up.

For more information on Banbridge Angling Club, see our website at

2020 ADULT COMPETITION REPORT

In light of the COVID-19 restrictions the Club was not able to run its full competition programme in 2020. However, when the restrictions were eased Damian Murtagh, Competition Secretary and his assistants worked to put together a shortened competition programme which was fully compliant with the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

In August 2020 it was great news for the competition anglers to get back to fishing and to get the competitions up and running again. Although it was a shortened competition programme with only eight individual competitions, fished primarily at the Corbet Lough, it was still as competitive and enjoyable as ever. There was a good spread of individual competition winners but in the end Roger McClements, who won a competition and also

finished in the top 3 in most competitions, took the accolade of Adult Angler of the Year 2020 with 13 points. Martin Dynes and Wilson Clinghan were in joint 2nd place with 9 points. Roger is a committed and skilful Club competition angler who rarely misses a Club competition. He is also a perfectionist in studying the water and the conditions and he catches fish when other good anglers struggle. This is the third occasion that Roger has taken the prestigious accolade of Adult Angler of the Year. His previous successes were in 2014 and 2017. Roger was also the Club's Juvenile Angler of the Year back in 1984 and 1987 and he is one of only a handful of anglers who have been both the Club's Juvenile and the Adult Angler of the Year.

Damien Murtagh
Competitions Secretary

Bobby Bleakley Cup

Martin Dynes	2.438
Roger McClements	2.274
David McCandless	1.522

Linda Clinghan Shield

Eugene Curran	1.260
Donald McClearn	0.954
Joe Curran	0.808

Jordan Cup

Martin Dynes	1.530
Sam Grant	1.022
David McCandless	0.662

Shooter Cup

Sam Grant	5.247
Wilson Clinghan	5.163
Noel Burns	4.775

Gowdy Cup

Wilson Clinghan	2.534
David McCandless	1.788
Colin Crothers	1.732

Bruce Carson Cup

Roger McClements	2.070
Dessie Graham	1.726
David McCandless	1.054

Toasty Jordan Shield

Henry McKnight	2.516
Rodger McClements	1.818
Derek Burns	1.692
Sam Grant	1.692

ANGLER OF THE YEAR - SENIOR 2020

Roger McClements	13
Martin Dynes	9
Wilson Clinghan	9
Sam Grant	7
David McCandless	5
Henry McKnight	3
Eugene Curran	3
Trevor Jones	3
Dessie Graham	2
Donald McClearn	2
Derek Burns	1
Noel Burns	1
Colin Crothers	1
Leonard Ervine	1
Joe Curran	1

Hanlon Cup

Wilson Clinghan	2.062
Roger McClements	2.028
Leonard Ervine	1.980

Hugh Savage Cup

Martin Dynes	5.004
Roger McClements	4.876
Sam Grant	4.365

Dominic Downey Cup

Trevor Jones	2.750
Roger McClements	2.682
Wilson Clinghan	1.902

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the anglers who attended and supported the 2020 competition programme.

Wishing you good luck, health and tight lines for the 2021 competition season.

Damien Murtagh Competition Secretary



2020 JUVENILE COMPETITION REPORT

In the Juvenile Angler of the Year 2020 competition Sam Curran had a fantastic season. He deservedly took the Juvenile Angler of the Year 2020 title with 8 points finishing ahead of Patrick Curran, last year's Angler of the Year, who had 6 points. Sam is a great young angler who has been well mentored by his father Derek. He is a very competent fly fisherman from both the boat and shore and he regularly catches fish at the

Corbet Lough. This is Sam's first Angler of the Year title and I am sure that he will go on to win many more competitions in the future.

JUVENILE ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2020

Sam Curran	8 Points
Patrick Curran	6 Points

McComb Cup

Patrick Curran	1.398
Sam Curran	1.092

Wilson Clinghan Cup

Sam Curran	1.060
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Carson Cup

Sam Curran	0.846
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Graham Cup

Patrick Curran	0.952
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2020 JUNIOR COMPETITION REPORT

The Club's junior competitions which are normally fished over the early season and summer months were almost over before the competitions recommenced. However Damian added in a few new competitions and the young anglers came out and fished well getting some nice fish. It was great to see how keen they were and there were a couple of new faces this season. Hopefully we will see them back next season. In the end it was a very tight competition. Elijah Parks took the

accolade of Junior Angler of the Year 2020 with 8 points just one point ahead of Jayden Smyth in second place. This is Elijah's first Angler of the Year title.

JUNIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2020

Elijah Parkes	8 Points
Jayden Smyth	7 Points

Percy Trophy

Elijah Parks	2.010
Jayden Smyth	1.933

Corbet Lough Junior Cup

Jayden Smyth	2.332
Elijah Parks	0.802

CLUB DONATIONS

Donations to the club during 2020 were received from the following members:

W. B Davidson, R. A Mackey, V. Kirk, P. Nicholson, J. Hamilton, Dr G. Cocks, R. Lennon, K. Cole, P. Ward, W. Beattie, D. Aklexander, P. Ward, G. Clydesdale, P. McAlister, J. Warren, D. McCandless, C. Stevenson, I. Boyd, D. McClearn W. Clinghan, D. McStraw, W. McKee, S. Heslip, B McCullough & J. McCandless.

CLOSING NOTES

On behalf of the members I wish to thank our Club Officers, Committee and Bailiffs who have given so much of their time and services for the good of the Club and Angling.

Our thanks go to our Riparian owners whose lands we use, those members who have helped the Club physically and financially

over the past season, and everyone who has contributed to the good of the Club.

For the 2021 season I wish our Members health and tight lines.

J. R. Curran
Honorary Secretary

