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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in

THE CLUBHOUSE

2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Banbridge
on

MONDAY, 27th January 2025
at 7.30p.m. sharp to 10.30p.m.

The Agenda will be as follows:

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes of the last A.G.M.
3. Secretary's Report.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Competition Secretary's Report.
6. Election of Officers.
7. Corbet Lough (2025 Rules and Day Tickets).
8. Corbet Lough Boating Rules (2025)
9. River Bann (2025 Rules and Day Tickets).
10. Club Fees 2026.
11. Any other business.

Chairman's Message

While fishing at Corbet Lough started out well and continued to fish well up to August the season again was impacted by re-occurring climatic events affecting for angling and as a result, boating was unfortunately withdrawn for the month of October. The Committee have agreed to an increase in spend for fish stock for the 2025 season raising our purchase for Rainbow Trout to £21,000, plus £1,000 for Brown Trout with stocking periods similar to the 2024 season and the option to hold back on stocking if the conditions are not favourable. This may also result in some changes to rules on the Corbet Lough. We are hoping to set up a trail for the reduction of Argulus in the lake. As per the attached link.

<https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/things-to-do/fishing/caring-for-our-fish/guide-to-fish-health/argulus-fish-louse>.

With reference to the ongoing issues in the Corbet Lough, many of these are manmade and will need a manmade solution to resolve. As we have indicated in previous notes, a trail using Aluminum Sulphate has been carried out in conjunction with the ABC council on other waters. We now need our Councillors and MLA's to push for the approval to use of this product. See the attached link.

<https://catchmentcare.eu/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Lake-Remediation-via-Phosphorus-Fixing-Chemicals.pdf>.

I would again like to thank everyone who puts themselves forward in the operational needs of the Angling club and helping to deal with the various issues in its day-to-day operation. Currently we appear to have a reduced Committee size from what we would normally operate with further compounded by the fact that it is very much an aging Committee with the exception of one or two individuals. I would like to invite more support from our members to come forward and help in some way in the support of the Club at Committee level, with a special invitation to the Youth within our membership which is very much needed to secure the future of our Club.

On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank our Riparian owners and farmers for their continued support allowing access along the river Bann and Corbet Lough so that we can enjoy our sport.

As in last year's report I had touched on the work carried out by The Ulster Angling Federation. They continue to press in every direction in the support of angling, and we thank them for their work in this respect. The Federation have recently highlighted that the N. I. Public Angling Estates (DAERA-controlled waters) will again not be stocked in 2025. With DAERA in control of the Public Angling Estate and receiving over £500,000 from Rod Licences and Angling Permits in the 2024 season we are reading from the Federations bulletins that little or no of money from Licences and Permits being reinvested back into Angling.

The collection of fees will be as detailed within this News Sheet. Postal renewals will also be accepted.

The committee would like to offer our sincere condolences to families and friends of those deceased members who are no longer with us. With our membership spread all over the country we are sometimes not aware of their passing and in sending this news sheet out we hope not to cause any offence.

Happy new Year and tight lines to everyone for the 2025 season..

Sam Watt, Chairman

2024 Adult Competitions

Bobby Blakley Cup Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 3.362kg
2nd Donald McClearn 3.304kg
3rd Roger McClements 3.234kg

Angela Murtagh Cup Corbet Lough

1st Frank Kearney 3.454kg
2nd Roger McClements 3.104kg
3rd Brendan Downey 2.846kg

Bruce Carson Trophy Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 2.918kg
2nd Donald McClearn 2.910kg
3rd Leonard Ervine 2.856kg

Linda McCandles Cup River Bann

1st Darrell Alexander 3.296kg
2nd Geoff Hylands 2.998kg
3rd Derek Burns 2.526kg

Dominic Downey Cup Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 4.192kg
2nd Keith Brown 2.942kg
3rd Keith Gibson 2.758kg

AIB Cup Lough Lene Collinstown Co Westmeath

1st Geoff Hylands 3.060kg
2nd Conor Kelly 2.800kg
3rd Eugene Curran 2.762kg

Jos Willis Cup Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 3.272kg
2nd Keith Gibson 2.412kg
3rd Martin Bushe 1.616kg

Straghan Cup Lough Sheelin

1st Andy Holden
2nd Joe Curran
3rd Sam Watt

Patsy Mc Given Shield Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 3.446kg
2nd Colin Crothers 2.898kg
3rd Noel Burns 2.144kg

Jim Ledlie Cup Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 3.144kg
2nd Geoff Hylands 2.828kg
3rd Keith Gibson 2.812kg

Otterburn Trophy Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 3.158kg
2nd David McCandless 2.454kg
3rd Dessie Graham 2.024kg

Boat Anglers Cup Corbet Lough

1st Sam Watt 9 fish
2nd Donald McClearn 8fish
3rd Stevie Clarke 8fish
Donald McClearn winning second as he caught his first fish in faster time

Jordan Cup Corbet Lough

1st Dessie Graham 3.102kg
2nd Colin Crothers 2.308kg
3rd Martin Dynes 1.942kg

Woods / McClory Cup Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 2.418kg
2nd Martin Dynes 2.020kg
3rd Frank Kearney 1.830kg

Linda Clinghan Cup Spelga Dam

1st Wilson Clinghan

Dessie Smyth Cup River Bann

1st Roger McClements 33cm
2nd Keith Gibson 26cm

Shooter Cup Corbet Lough

1st Roger McClements 2.960kg
2nd Geoff Hylands 2.872kg
3rd Colin Crothers 2.432kg

Hanlon Cup Corbet Lough

1st Keith Brown 1.258kg
2nd Trevor Jones 0.958kg

Hugh Savage Cup Corbet Lough

1st Derek Burns 2.332kg
2nd Keith Brown 2.110kg
3rd Geoff Hylands 2.058kg

Toasty Jardine Shield Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 2.142kg
2nd Roger McClements 2.064kg
3rd David McCandless 1.814kg

Gowdy Cup Corbet Lough

1st Wilson Clinghan 2.330kg
2nd Roger McClements 2.328kg
3rd Dessie Graham 1.894 kg

Kerr Cup

Heaviest Game fish of the year
Geoff Hylands 5lbs 5oz

SENIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2024

Roger McClements	31pts
Geoff Hylands	22pts
Keith Brown	7pts
Donald McClearn	6pts
Wilson Clinghan	6pts
Keith Gibson	6pts
Colin Crothers	5pts
Dessie Graham	5pts
Frank Kearney	4pts
Derek Burns	4pts
Sam Watt	4pts
Darrell Alexander	3pts
Andy Holden	3pts
David McCandless	3pts
Martin Dynes	3pts
Joe Curran	2pts
Trevor Jones	2pts
Conor Kelly	2pts
Leonard Ervine	1pt
Brendan Downey	1pt
Eugene Curran	1pt
Martin Bushe	1pt
Stevie Clarke	1pt
Noel Burns	1pt

2024 Juvenile & Junior Competitions

JUVENILE COMPETITIONS

Joe Curran Cup Corbet Lough

1st J Cooper 1.360kg

Barlow Shield Corbet Lough

1st K Hassan 1.824kg

2nd T Hanna 1.582kg

Corbet Cup

1st K Hassan 1.842kg

2nd T Hanna 1.716kg

Jardine Cup

Heaviest Game fish of the year

Jamie Cooper 1.856kg

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Corbet Lough Cup

1st Elijah Park 2.882

JUVENILE & JUNIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2024

JUVENILE

Kahild Hassan 6pts

Jamie Cooper 6pts

Tyler Hanna 4pts

Kahild wins on count back of weight of fish

JUNIOR

Elijah Park 3pts

Club Donations

Donations to the club during 2024 were received from the following members:

J McCandless	W Wilson
D Hillary	C Stevenson
B Mackey	D Lucas
R McGrath	W Craig
J Hamilton	A Donaldson
M Shields	B McConville
R Weir	G Bingham
G Hylands	J Lennon
R Jaminson	G Vennard
S Moore	M Toman
D McClearn	I Boyd
C McAlister	M Bentley
D Burns	F Grant

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the anglers who attended and supported the 2024 competition programme. Wishing you good luck, health and tight lines for the 2025 Competition season.

Damien Murtagh Competition Secretary

Banbridge Angling Club Ltd.

Accountants' Report on the Unaudited Financial Statements to the Directors of **BANBRIDGE ANGLING CLUB**

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31st October 2023 and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these unaudited financial statements, in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information supplied to us. **SM Vint & Company:** Chartered Certified Accountants and Registered Auditors.

8 Newry Road, Banbridge, Co. Down BT32 3HN
3rd January 2025

Club Fees 2025

CLUB FEE RENEWALS

Payment of Club fees for the 2025 season will be collected in the Clubhouse located at 2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PD.

Collection will commence from Monday 17th February 2025. 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 Friday 28th February 2025

All POSTAL FEE PAYERS are asked to forward their Cheque / Postal order payment, Club Card and recent photo enclosing a stamped addressed envelope to the Clubhouse:

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

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.

FEES NOT PAID BY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025, 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 2025

Ordinary Members - £110.00
Associate Members - £110.00
Juvenile Members - £33.00
Ordinary Senior Members - £99.00
Senior Associate Members - £99.00
Junior Associate Members - £33.00

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 2025 season I wish our members health and tight lines.

J. R. Curran
Honorary Secretary



This edition of the Club's News Journal was compiled and edited by Joseph Curran for and on behalf of Banbridge Angling Club Ltd.

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We would ask that our members support our sponsors throughout the forthcoming season.

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The outgoing Officers and Committee of Banbridge Angling Club Ltd. Wish all Club Members a Happy New Year, health and tight lines for the forthcoming season...