



NEWS JOURNAL 2026 EDITION

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held in

THE CLUBHOUSE

2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Banbridge
on

MONDAY, 26th January 2026
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 (2026 Rules and Day Tickets).
8. Corbet Lough Boating Rules (2026)
9. River Bann (2026 Rules and Day Tickets).
10. Club Fees 2027.
11. Any other business.

Chairman's Message

As I had reported in last year's notes, fishing all around is very much weather dependent. The 2025 season's weather was more favourable resulting in the Corbet lough presenting as a top-class angling facility with excellent hard fighting Brown and Rainbow Trout being caught, including some larger fish in the 5 to 7lb range.

One of the issues we have been dealing with at the Corbet is the presence of Argulus fish lice. Some tried and tested suggestions in managing their numbers with no environmental impacts is via the placement of Black plastic pipes positioned around the lough as egg laying sub-strata. The pipes are left in the water for approximately two weeks and then rotated exposing the egg strings to the atmosphere killing off the eggs thus helping to reduce their numbers. We have seen a dramatic increase in weed growth in the lough and are currently investing options to purchase a powered weed cutter for Club use. The cutting of weed will be a labour-intensive exercise and if anyone would like to help, please let the committee know or when renewing fees.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fish supplier Glen Oak Fishery, and the Corbet Lough Boating Attendants Wilson Clinghan & Damian Murtagh for a sterling job in assisting our Boat and shore anglers at the Lough, as well as providing the weekly fishing reports being posted on Facebook.

The committee have worked hard over the last year in managing the Clubs business affairs which continue to increase year on year. As well as obtaining a grant to carry our survey work on the River Bann and Corbet Lough, this hopefully will lead to more investment in the river and lough.

I would like to thank our elected Committee members for their support and work carried out over the year, all on their own free time. I would invite anyone wishing to help in the day to day running of Banbridge Angling Club to put their name forward at the AGM or the collection of fees. It can be very satisfying in knowing you have helped the club grow and progress.

I would like to thank our Honorary Secretary Joe Curran, for his continued support in the role of Secretary and to his dedication to the ever-growing business side of the Club. His work recently helped secure a Water Quality improvement grant to the value of £28,500 for the Upper Bann area being shared between Banbridge, Rathfriland and Clonduff Angling Clubs, as well as securing the renewal of our fishing lease on the Corbet Lough for the next 20 years plus countless other jobs involved in keeping the wheels turning for the Club.

Our governing body the Ulster Angling Federation keep us informed on their efforts to protect and improve angling. In one of their recent reports obtained via DAREA this detailed the quantity of fish that has been removed from Lough Neagh by netting over a 10-year period up to 2024, being 121.5 metric tonnes of Trout, with a total of 3,797 metric tonnes of all fish species.

I would like to thank the UAF for their continuing work in the protection of angling.

A big thank you to all our riparian landowners along the River Bann for their continuing support in allowing us access to the river. I would remind all anglers if entering through gates to ensure they close the gate behind them or to leave the gate as you find it.

In every committee meeting we ask for any bereavements to be noted, and sadly these are becoming too frequent. For those members we may have missed we apologies and offer our sincere condolences to all those members and family friends who are no longer with us.

Happy new Year and tight lines to everyone for the 2026 season. Get out and go fishing it is good for you!

Sam Watt, Chairman

2025 Adult Competitions

Bobby Blakley Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 2.582kg
2nd Wilson Clinghan 2.354kg
3rd Frank Kearney 2.259kg

Bruce Carson trophy - Corbet Lough

1st Raymond Cherry 3.270kg
2nd Roger Mc Clements 2.434kg 3rd Keith Gibson 2.040kg

Angela Murtagh Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Frank Kearney 3.968kg
2nd Roger Mc Clements 3.466kg
3rd Jack Russell 3.402kg

Dominic Downey Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Roger Mc Clements 3.156kg
2nd Keith Brown 2.780kg
3rd Keith Gibson 2.564kg

Linda McCandles Cup - River Bann

1st Roger Mc Clements 37cm
2nd Wilson Clinghan 32cm
3rd Conor Braniff 30cm

Jos Willis Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Jack Russell 4.014kg
2nd Frank Kearney 2.692kg
3rd Donald Mc Clearn 2.218kg

Jim Iedlie Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 3.010kg
2nd Derek Burns 2.868kg
3rd Joe Curran 2.678kg

Patsy Mc Givern Shield - Corbet Lough

1st Raymond Cherry 2.956kg
2nd Brendan Downey 2.790kg
3rd Lenny Murray 2.688kg

Linda Clinghan Shield - Lough Melvin

1st Dessy Graham 4 fish
2nd Eugene Curran 3 fish
3rd Freddy Steele 2 fish

Boat Anglers Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Raymond Cherry 8 fish
2nd Donald Mc Clearn 8 fish
3rd Wilson Clinghan 5 fish
Raymond winning with longest fish

Brendan Downey Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 3.302kg
2nd Sam Grant 1.520kg
3rd Leonard Ervine 1.210kg

Dessie Smyth Cup - River Bann

1st Roger Mc Clements 37 cm
2nd Wilson Clinghan 34 cm
3rd Eugene Curran 34 cm
Wilson's fish caught in quicker time for second place

Woods/Mc Clory Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Sam Grant 1.762kg
2nd Colin Crothers 0.878kg
3rd Lenny Murray 0.714kg

Straghan Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Stevie Clarke 5.476kg
2nd Wilson Clinghan 2.780kg
3rd Lenny Murray 2.562k

Jordan Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Lenny Ervine 3.068kg
2nd Roger Mc Clements 2.000kg
3rd Brendan Downey 1.954kg

Shooter Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Roger Mc Clements 3.122kg
2nd Dessy Graham 2.200kg
3rd Noel Burns 1.860kg

Hanlon Cup- Corbet Lough

1st Colin Crothers 2.760kg
2nd Donald Mc Clearn 2.708kg
3rd Raymond Cherry 2.368kg

Toasty Jardine shield - Corbet Lough

1st Wilson Clinghan 2.822kg
2nd Colin Crothers 2.264kg
3rd Derek Burns 2.244kg

Hugh Savage Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Geoff Hylands 3.679kg
2nd Dessy Graham 2.758kg
3rd Colin Crothers 2.298kg

Gowdy Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Dessy Graham 3.728kg
2nd Roger Mc Clements 3.598kg
3rd Donald Mc Clearn 1.326kg

Otterburn Trophy - Riverbann

1st Geoff Hylands 42cm
2nd Roger Mc Clements 36cm

SENIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2025

Roger Mc Clements 22pts
Geoff Hylands 15pts
Wilson Clinghan 13pts
Raymond Cherry 10pts
Dessy Graham 10pts
Colin Crothers 8pts
Frank Kearney 6pts
Donald McClearn 6pts
Sam Grant 5pts
Derek Burns 5pts
Jack Russell 4pts
Leonard Ervine 4pts
Stevie Clarke 3pts
Keith Moffitt 3pts
Brendan Downey 3pts
Eugene Curran 3pts
Lenny Murray 3pts
Keith Brown 2pts
Keith Gibson 2pts
Joe Curran 1pt
Noel Burns 1pt
Freddy Steele 1pt
Conor Braniff 1pt

2025 Juvenile & Junior Competitions

JUVENILE COMPETITIONS

Carson Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Louis Clarke 1.986kg

Joe Curran Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Rhys Aitken 1.872kg

Corbet Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Jacob Heslip 3.164kg

Barlow Shield - Corbet Lough

1st Louis Clarke 0.710kg

Graham Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Jacob Heslip 1.660kg
2nd Alfie Wallace 0.506kg

Super fry Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Malachy Mc Kinney 0.766kg

Jardine Cup

Riley Craig 1.966kg
Heaviest fish out of competition for Juvenile

Coburn Cup

Most improved Juvenile Angler
Jamie Cooper

JUNIOR COMPETITIONS

Ideal Flooring Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Pearse Downey 1.066kg

Percy Trophy - Corbet Lough

1st Elijah Park 1.340kg
2nd Jacob Heslip 1.196kg

Dr Cocks Shield - Corbet Lough

1st Elijah Park 1.324kg
2nd Xavier Mackle 0.422kg

Martin Dynes cup - Corbet Lough

1st Elijah Park 0.734kg

Corbet Cup - Corbet Lough

1st Pearse Downey 2.328kg

JUVENILE & JUNIOR ANGLER OF THE YEAR LEAGUE TABLE 2025

JUVENILE

Jacob Heslip 6pts
Louis Clarke 6pts
Malachy Mc Kinney 3 pts
Rhys Aitken 3pts
Riley Craig 3pts
Alfie Wallace 3pts

JUNIOR

1st Elijah Park 9pts
2nd Pearse Downey 6pts
3rd Xavier Mackle 2pts
4th Jacob Heslip 2pts

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 2025 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

26th January 2026

Club Fees 2026

CLUB FEE RENEWALS

Payment of Club fees for the 2026 season will be collected in the Clubhouse located at 2a Kiln Lane, Havelock Park, Lurgan Road, Banbridge, BT32 4PD.

Collection will commence from Monday 16th February 2026.
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 28th February 2026.

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 2026,
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 2026

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 2026 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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Club Donations

**Donations to the club
during 2025 were
received from the
following members:**

J McCandless	H McKnight
G Hylands	C McAlister
B McGrath	W McCarrison
C Stevenson	J Hamilton
M Toman	V Kirk
D Hillary	D Hamilton
R Jamison	W Craig
S Moore	D Burns
R A Mackey	D A Donaldson
G Vennard	R Weir
P Wilson	S McCue
D McClearn	
I Boyd	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the anglers who attended and supported the 2025 competition programme. Wishing you good luck, health and tight lines for the 2026 Competition season.

**Damien Murtagh Competition
Secretary**

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...