

Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited

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Note from the Chairman:

Hello to everyone,

Here we are again with Christmas just over and undoubtedly too much food and drink for some of us and perhaps some fishing related presents under the tree. And then not long after that, some of you will begin to organise your tackle bags and prepare the gear for the upcoming 2023 season. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Just to re-cap on events during the year;

You will remember we had a heavy algae bloom early in the season due to the better weather and more sunshine at the start of the year - algae thrives in sunshine. Combine this with a few cancelled work party dates due to poor turnout (which meant the straw was not put out on the lake) and the algae already had a grip within the water. For those of you not familiar with the use of barley straw, it takes about 6 weeks for the straw to ferment before it starts to perform against algae and this year the algae took hold before we had a chance to get the straw in.

I'm sure you're all aware of the increase in global warming and indeed this year was the warmest on records and made the fishing difficult during the summer months. Although those who endeavoured and varied tactics to fish deeper water, fared well despite the temperatures. This season also saw a considerable increase of larger fish caught and hopefully this will only get better with the coming seasons.

We also tagged a number of fish this season and I don't know of another private trout fishery in Ireland doing this. Data will begin to come in after March 2023 when we ask you to record the number on the tag and accurately measure and weigh any tagged fish you catch and then return alive. This will give us such information as how long fish can live, how fast the fish put on weight, the best months to stock. And the last point brings me to explain why trout are not stocked during hot summer months. The suppliers are not prepared to travel with fish in hot weather in case they get delayed in traffic or an accident which can lead to overheating and the fish perishing. Also, it can be fatal to fish when they are removed from a well oxygenated tank and put into warmer water that may have a lower oxygen level, due to long hot spells of weather.

A slightly thorny issue is that of money. You're all very aware of increases in the cost of living, but unfortunately we have had to increase the club fees this year by £20 to £150, which I'm sure you will agree is still great value for a lake with such excellent fishing and facilities. There will be no increase to other junior membership fees. If you can pay your fees by BACS that would considerably ease the pressure on our secretary. Bank details are below.

Can I urge you all to begin using Facebook and join the DDAA Ltd page [\(1\) Downpatrick and District Anglers Association \(DDAA\) | Facebook](#). You can receive updates and other news as well as dates for stockings and work parties within seconds of me posting it.

Lastly and on behalf of the Committee, I would like to send our condolences to the families of the following members who sadly passed away this year, Sean Fitzpatrick, Henry Brown, Ian Patterson and Bill Beckett. Tight lines wherever you are now.

David Stewart DDAA LTD Chairman

Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** will take place at:

Denvirs Hotel, Downpatrick premises on Thursday, 19th January 2023 @ 7:30pm.

If any member wishes to place a motion before the members or an item on the Agenda, they must give written notice to the Secretary no less than 14 days before the meeting. If any member wishes to serve on the Management Team or wishes to nominate another member to serve, then written notice with a proposer and seconded should be sent to the Secretary 21 days before the meeting. Nominations will not be accepted at the AGM. An Agenda will be prepared for the Meeting; only items which appear on the Agenda will be discussed and voted on as appropriate. All correspondence should be sent to the Company Secretary, Ryan Green.

If the AGM is forced to cancel, then there will be no change to the Management Team. Last year's Minutes will be available to view on our website shortly at the following address: [Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited | Home Page \(ddaaltd.co.uk\)](http://Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited | Home Page (ddaaltd.co.uk))

The Financial Report for the year up to 31st October 2022 as prepared by our Treasurer David Linter has been lodged at Companies House by McGrady Accountants. If there is no AGM, this statement is proposed by D. Stewart (Chair) and R Green (Secretary). If we receive no objections then they will be considered adopted, otherwise, they will be presented at the AGM for adoption.

All correspondence should be sent to the Company Secretary, Ryan Green – 128 Loughinisland Road, Annacloy, Downpatrick, BT30 8JJ

Directors & Management Team

The three Directors of the Association are;

- Chairman: David Stewart
- Treasurer: David Linter
- Secretary: Ryan Green

Together with President Paul Hanlon and the management team; George Freely, Ronnie Rodgers, Terry McDermott, Eamonn O'Rourke, Ray Crane, Ian Hastings, Phil Armstrong, and Danny Mageean.

At the AGM, three members of the Committee will retire from office, however, if the AGM is cancelled and therefore not affording the members an opportunity to vote for management positions, this process will be postponed until an AGM takes place.

The position of President is continuous.

Temporary redesignation of Loughinisland Lake

On the 7th December 2022, the Club were granted permission to temporarily designate Loughinisland Lake as a rainbow fishery, therefore, this fishery can operate without an annual close season for the purposes of angling for Rainbow Trout. I have attached a copy of the Permit which runs up to the end of February 2023 and the Committee can then re-apply for the same permit for the 2023/24 game angling close season. The lake is now open for fishing all year long and already reports are coming in of some terrific fishing. At the moment this is a trial, and boats are shared with the pike anglers and signed out on a first come basis without the use of the four hour rule, however, when 1st March arrives this rule will once again apply.

Private Boat Berth/ Jetty

Following the new regulations that were introduced regarding the frequency of use of these boats during trout season, there were three members that didn't meet the criteria in 2021 and therefore had to offer up their place. The vacancies were filled using the private berth waiting list.

In future, members will not be reminded of the need to use their boats 8 times between the 1st March and 31st October, but will automatically lose their right to a private berth.

Policy for Pike Fishing Permits

- A pike fishing permit register has been introduced, a total of 30 permits will be made available.
- Current permit holders for 2022/23 will automatically be registered for a permit and will continue to receive one on receipt of fees payment.
- A waiting list system has been put in place for those who want a permit.
- Applicants must be current DDAA members for at least 2 years and have demonstrated that they are trout anglers.
- Pike anglers must fish a minimum of 8 times during the pike season or they will automatically lose their place.
- Pike fishing permit fees (currently £25) must accompany the annual membership subscription (currently £150) and must be paid by 1st February annually.

General Information

Catch Returns

You can check our website for the annual catch returns for 2017-2022 inclusive at the following link:
[Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited | Catch Returns \(ddaaltd.co.uk\)](http://Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Limited | Catch Returns (ddaaltd.co.uk))

Club Member - Information Update

Are your details up to date? Have you changed your address? Have we got your email address?

These are important as we intend to make greater use of both email and website for receiving and imparting information.

Renewal of 2023 Memberships: Now due

Adult Membership	£150	Private Boat Owners £13 to be paid along with your membership.
Junior Membership	£12	An additional fee of £13 is required along with a completed Bank Fishing Registration Form for bank fishing unaccompanied by an adult member.
Pike Permit	£25	To be paid with your membership fees.

Payments by cheque or postal order can be forwarded to Ryan Green, Secretary. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope for prompt return. **Important Note: Cheques must be made out to DDAAALTD.**

Electronic Banking (BACS)

We are pleased to inform you that DDAA Ltd are now able to receive payment by BACS.

Important note: We have over 170 members and many share the same surname so please ensure the payment reference is your surname and the first two initials of your first name ONLY e.g. Green Ry

I will be able to work out what the payment is from the amount.

BACS Details;

Please email ddaaltd1954@gmail.com for bacs details.

If your membership or pike permit fees are unpaid by 14th February 2023, your place will be allocated to the next on our waiting list. A reminder email or text will be sent on 1st February.

Guest Day Tickets

Guest day tickets priced at £15 can be purchased by members from the following outlets;

- **Spar**
7 Saintfield Road, Crossgar
- **Mace Service Station**
41 Annacloy Road, Annacloy
- **Tight lines**
198-200 Albertbridge Road, Belfast
- Pike guest day-tickets are available to members, priced at £10 each, from Mace Service Station, Annacloy.