



Downpatrick & District Anglers Association Ltd.

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Newsletter: Winter 2014

Note from Chairman

Welcome to our winter newsletter, the Chairman and the Board would like to wish all member's a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

First, the good news:

The D&DAA was incorporated on the 14th October 2014 and with effect from the 1st January 2015 is a Limited Company by Guarantee. We will now be referred to as Downpatrick and District Anglers Association Limited. My personal thanks to the members of the small sub-committee who progressed these changes on behalf of our members.

The bad news:

After many years serving as Association Secretary, Tony Clarke has resigned that office on health grounds; he will continue to remain as a Director of the Company. Tony's input has been greatly appreciated not only by the Committee members but all members of our Association. We all wish him improved health for the future.

Noel Taggart who has been acting assisting Secretary has been appointed by the Directors as Company Secretary and we wish him every success in his new role. All future correspondence to Noel Taggart, address as per letterhead.

John Digney, a Committee member for some years has decided not to let his name be put forward as a Director within the new Company. The Directors would like to thank John for his contribution to the Association at Committee level over the years that he has served us and wish him continuing tight lines for the future.

Eamonn O'Rourke, Chairman

A.G.M

Thursday 22nd January 2015 @ 7:30pm

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

The Downpatrick Cricket Club premises on **Thursday, 22nd January 2015 @ 7:30pm.**

If any member wishes to place a motion or an item on the Agenda, they must give written notice to the Secretary **no less than 21 days** before the meeting. An official Agenda will be prepared for the Meeting; **only** items which appear on the Agenda will be discussed and voted on as appropriate.

As this is the first year that Downpatrick and District Anglers Association Limited have been incorporated and in the

interests of stabilising the Company during this inaugural period, the DDAA Committee agreed that no sitting Directors will retire this year. There are however 4 current Director vacancies; the Board would invite nominations, together with a proposer and seconder (both of whom must be members of not less than one year), to be submitted through the Company Secretary or alternatively can be undertaken on the night of the AGM. All correspondence should be sent to the Company Secretary, Noel Taggart.

The Directors of the Club are the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and not less than four or more than eight other members of the club elected as provided in these Articles.

The First Directors and Officers of the Club for 2015 are:

- President : George Massey
- Chairman: Eamonn O'Rourke
- Vice-Chairman: Paul Hanlon
- Treasurer: David Woodrow
- Secretary: Noel Taggart

together with John Hanlon, Colin Ross, Lawrence Taggart, Tony Clarke

At every subsequent Annual General Meeting of the club, 3 Directors of the club must retire from office. The retiring Directors shall be eligible for re-election.

The Officers of the Club, other than the President, must be appointed by the Directors.

Renewal of Membership, NOW DUE

Adult Membership	£120	Private Boat Owners Insurance £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.

Payments can be made and forwarded to Noel in advance of the AGM or alternatively, at the AGM. Cheques **must** be made out to: ***'Downpatrick and District Anglers Association Limited'***.

Failure to renew your membership by the 1st February 2015 will mean that your place will be allocated to the next on the Waiting List.

Fishing Competition

Our annual fishing competition attracted 40 anglers this year; three sessions were fished during the day with most member and guest boats landing fish! Top members bag went to our Club Secretary, Tony Clarke who posted a bag of 3 fish weighing in at 3.65lbs. Top guest bag weighed in at a whopping 5.54lbs and fell to Ernest McCann. Top junior angler was Curtis Quinn with a 3 fish bag of 2.83lbs; best rainbow weighed in at a hefty 5.11lbs to Curtis's dad Arthur and best brown fell to Colm Gilgunn weighing in at 1.87lbs.

With competition fees, very generous donations from guests and members who were unable to fish, prize donations for the competition itself and the impromptu raffle held on the day - we raised in excess of £1300 which was generously topped up to **£1500** by a unanimous vote of the DDAA Committee. All proceeds have been forwarded to and received by Prostate Cancer UK.

Thank you all for your continuing support and painting our sport in great light.

Website Development

Downpatrick and District Anglers Association Limited will launch our new website in conjunction with the start of the 2015 fly fishing season. The website is currently in the process of being developed and will aim to provide a more interactive and informative platform for both our members and visitors. We would ask that you pay us a visit at www.ddaaltld.co.uk and would welcome your comments and thoughts which can be fed back to the website administrators via the feedback page. Additional pages and features will be added in the near future just as soon as the content has been agreed.

End of Season Work Party, Saturday 1st November 2014

Many thanks to those members who attended and gave willingly of their time and effort to clean the boats, pick litter and generally clean up the Loughinisland Boathouse and surrounding areas. The group then proceeded to Magheralagan, cleared away brush for a new pathway along the riverside, giving access to the far bank for Anglers. A first stocking of Rainbows for Magheralagan took place.

No longer can Anglers use the footbridge which is now on private property in a gated garden. Please walk along the riverside from the road bridge. Do not park your cars in this area as it is used as a turning space for farmers and an entrance to a car dismantlers. Park on the verge of the road at the lakeside and walk along to the entrance.

Date for your Diary:

Pre-Season Work Party, Saturday 28th February 2015 @ 10am, meeting at the Boathouse

Please come along, bring your own tools, clear away brush etc. and prepare for the forthcoming season.

Tree survey: A tree maintenance consultant recently carried out a survey and reported that the biggest problem that we currently have is the ivy on our trees right along the roadway and into our property. The advice is to clear the ivy from the trees to prolong their health; volunteers will be required to help clear the ivy as this will be too expensive to contract out.

Day Tickets

Day Tickets can be purchased from the following outlets:

Village Tackle

55a Newtownbreda Road, Belfast

SPAR

7 Saintfield Road, Crossgar

Kelly's Hardware

54 Market Street, Downpatrick

McGraths Service Station

41 Annacloy Road

Tight Lines

198-200 Albertbridge Road, Belfast

10% Discount for Members

10% discount is available to all DDAALTD Members on fishing tackle and accessories upon production of their Membership Card at the following outlets:

Village Tackle – Belfast

Kelly's Hardware – Downpatrick

Tight Lines - Belfast

**Please continue to support these outlets
and take advantage of your membership
discount.**

Membership Details:

Thank you to those members who have updated their contact information; I have updated our records accordingly. If any of your details have changed, can you contact the Company Secretary directly or download a 'membership update' form from the Library page on our website and send it to the following email address: ddaaltd@btinternet.com

We would encourage you to update us with your current contact email address if you have one; I have sent a 'test' email to those of you who have supplied me with one however there are some members who have yet to reply! If you have supplied us with an email address and have not had any communication from me during December 2014, can I ask that you email me at: ddaaltd@btinternet.com and I will update your contact email address accordingly!

Noel Taggart: Company secretary