

Let's Go Fishing!!!!

1. The Covid-19 situation

At long last we have been given the go-ahead to resume our angling. From 12.01 am on Friday 29th May 2020 we piscatorial types can once again venture out, rod in hand on river and loch in Scotland, subject to certain restrictions of course. These restrictions, as they affect us here in the north-east, have been widely circulated already, and, as representatives of the Aberdeen and District Angling Association we must all ensure we follow the guidelines to the letter, keeping safe at the same time.

The updated rules are appended to this newsletter and there are notices in car parks and on huts and benches on our beats to further convey the necessary messages.

2. Some Updates:

1. To comply with such demands as social distancing needs there are new session times in place on Garthdee, Culter and Millpond. You will see them when you book fishing slots online.
2. At Cocker's car park on Upper Parkhill there are new locked gates. Illegal fly tipping during the lockdown necessitated the fitting of these and members will know the combination code required to gain access to the car park (which is in the rules booklet).
3. At the Loch of Loirston improvements made over the lockdown period include upgrades to access, tree cutting and the installation of straw bales to help control weed growth.
4. Stocking at both Millpond and Loirston Loch has been carried out recently.

3. General

Although the dry spell continues unabated there have been sightings of running salmon on Don and Dee. Sea trout will soon be making an appearance and improving hatches of fly at certain times of day and evening when conditions are right have brought brownies on to the rise. All in all, an enticing prospect, and I'm sure we are all itching to get the rods out and head for the river or lochside.

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4. In Conclusion

The Coronavirus problem has not been defeated yet of course, many people in the country, especially those at the forefront in the NHS and care homes for instance are still fighting the good fight. We must not forget that, but we anglers in the ADAA, and others like us, now can show that we can act responsibly when given the chance and the deserved opportunity to pursue our gentle art

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Let's go fishing! Tight lines to all our members!

John Stephen, Dyce.

As previously, if any members have anything they would like to see included in a future newsletter, please let me know. My email address is:

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Additional Rules in line with Scottish Government Guidelines

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

Social Distancing. At all times adhere to the minimum 2 metres social distancing guidelines.

Travel to and from waters by private vehicle. Any passengers must be from the same household and Scottish Government social distancing rules must be observed.

Parking and social interaction. On arrival and departure at a water this must be responsible and consistent with Scottish Government social distancing rules.

Water access and use. Anglers must not share fishing tackle or equipment, except with members of the same household.

Gates and stiles are common on waters, and where they need to be used, appropriate sanitation measures should be taken by anglers, including use of gloves and disinfectant hand gels as appropriate.

Fishing huts and the bothy present the highest risk of social interaction, and as such these shall remain closed until such time as Covid-19 restrictions are consistent with social interaction of this sort. Food and drink should be consumed in a manner consistent with social distancing rules.

Parkhill Fishery is also closed until further notice as it is not possible to manage it in a safe way in line with advice and guidelines from the Scottish Government at the present time.

Note. These, along with all other current rules, are under continuous review and possible amendment to be consistent with current advice and guidelines from the Scottish Government and National Angling Bodies

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